

PROPOSED MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COUNCIL
August 14, 2025

Members participating:

President Ty Masterson, Chairperson
Speaker Dan Hawkins, Vice Chairperson
Senator Chase Blasi, Majority Leader
Senator Tim Shallenburger, Vice President
Senator Dinah Sykes, Minority Leader
Representative Chris Croft, Majority Leader
Representative Brandon Woodard, Minority Leader

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ty Masterson at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 14, 2025, in Room 548-S, Statehouse.

1. Chairperson Masterson presented the minutes for the meeting of the Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC) held on July 7, 2025, for consideration and approval. Vice Chairperson Dan Hawkins moved that the minutes as presented be approved. House Majority Leader Chris Croft seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. Chairperson Masterson recognized Attorney General Kris Kobach who briefed the LCC on the State of New Jersey, et al. v. U.S. Office of Management and Budget, et al. lawsuit and a filing by the Governor of Kansas to join the lawsuit on behalf of Kansas. This filing by the Governor was done after the Attorney General's Office declined to pursue this lawsuit on behalf of the State of Kansas due to a legal finding by the Attorney General that the lawsuit did not have merit and the plaintiffs would not succeed. The Attorney General indicated that the State of Kansas had filed an amicus brief that argued that the Governor lacked the authority to represent the State of Kansas in this matter and her actions are in violation of Kansas law. The Attorney General stated that a statement by the LCC on this matter on behalf of the Legislature while the Legislature is not in session would be appreciated. Vice Chairperson Hawkins moved that the Legislative Coordinating Council determine (1) That the Kansas Attorney General has the sole authority to represent Kansas in litigation. The Governor's attempt to represent the interests of Kansas in New Jersey v. OMB is in violation of Kansas Law and (2) The State of Kansas should not be a plaintiff in the lawsuit of New Jersey v. OMB even if the Attorney General was representing Kansas as doing so would not be in the state's interest. Senator Majority Leader Chase Blasi seconded the motion. The motion carried. Senator Minority Leader Dinah Sykes and House Minority Leader Brandon Woodard asked to be recorded as voting no.
3. Chairperson Masterson recognized Ms. Shirley Morrow, Director of the Legislative Research Department, who described requests for interim committees, topics and meeting days by Representative Leo Delperdang, Chairperson of the House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications, pertaining to telecommunications and the Video Competition Act and Vice President Tim Shallenburger regarding a study on pharmacy benefit managers and the 340B program. Vice Chairperson Hawkins moved to approve

two interim committee days for the interim committee pertaining to telecommunications and two additional interim committee days for the House Select Committee on Government Oversight. House Majority Leader Croft seconded the motion. Senate Majority Leader Blasi made a substitute motion to approve the interim committees as stated in the original motion and add two interim committee days for the interim committee related to pharmacy benefit managers to be chaired by an appointee from the Senate. Senate Minority Leader Sykes seconded the motion. The motion failed. Chairperson Masterson moved to approve the original motion for interim committee days for the telecommunications committee and the House Select Committee with the addition of one interim committee day for an interim committee regarding pharmacy benefit managers. House Minority Leader Woodard seconded the motion. The motion carried. Vice Chairperson Hawkins moved that the House of Representatives Select Committee on Government Oversight be authorized as an investigating committee of the House of Representatives and, subject to the provisions of this motion, to exercise the powers of compulsory powers pursuant to K.S.A. 46-1004(c)(1). The subject of inquiry, study or investigation and any issuance of subpoenas and subpoena duces tecum by the House of Representatives Select Committee on Government Oversight shall be approved by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. House Majority Leader Croft seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. Gordon Self, Revisor of Statutes, who described the process that requires a unified school district to give notice to the Legislature of the intention of the school district to dispose of a school building and provide that the Legislature could acquire such school building. During the 2024 Legislative session, a provision became law whereby the LCC could review and consider, on behalf of the Legislature, such a notice of intention to dispose of the school building by a unified school district and provide authority for the LCC to deny the legislative option for the state to acquire the building. If such action by the LCC to deny the legislative option is approved, then the unified school district could proceed to dispose of the school building in question. On July 11, 2025, the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate received notice of the intent to dispose of a school building owned by U.S.D. 220. Vice Chairperson Hawkins moved pursuant to K.S.A. 72-1439(b)(2) to deny the legislative option for the state to acquire the school building used as preschool through 5th grade owned by U.S.D. 220, Ashland Public Schools, Ashland, Kansas. Senate Minority Leader Sykes seconded the motion. The motion carried.
5. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. Corey Carnahan, Secretary of the Senate, who provided a report on the publication and distribution of the House and Senate Permanent Journals. Mr. Carnahan reviewed information on the costs of the 2025 House and Senate Permanent Journals. Mr. Carnahan presented the joint recommendation of the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives that the Secretary of State be directed to order 150 copies of the Permanent Journals of the Senate and the Permanent Journals of the House of Representatives, and the cost for the two-volume set be \$80, plus tax and handling. Vice Chairperson Hawkins moved that such recommendation be approved. House Majority Leader Croft seconded the motion. The motion carried.
6. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. Tom Day, Director of Legislative Administrative Services who briefed the LCC on the legislative data storage center. Mr. Day stated that the technical services staff's main priority is continuing to provide technical support for the

various software and hardware platforms in use by staff and legislators at the Statehouse. Part of the ongoing process includes examining existing software and tools to improve operations. The staff is in the process of finding and removing duplicate services, and services items that need updated, to help reduce total expenditure and to make us more efficient as a unit. This process is ongoing and various duplicate services have already been removed. Specifically, the current data center will reach the end of its life in October 2025. Consequently, the hardware won't support new software updates needed for security and performance improvements. Additionally, vendor support for the software will end, leaving the Legislature without help for any major issues. Extended vendor support will cost approximately \$400,000 per year. We recommend moving our data center to Amazon Web Services (AWS). Vice Chairperson Hawkins moved to approve moving data center services to cloud environment with Amazon Web Services for \$245,000 annually and authorize the chairperson of the LCC to review and sign any required agreements. Vice President Tim Shallenburger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. Day who provided an update on the KLISS Modernization project. On July 7, 2025, the KLISS Modernization Project Steering Committee informed the Legislative Coordinating Council that the production deployment of the KLISS bill drafting system did not occur on June 30, 2025, as planned because the required functionality was not yet ready. The staff from the Office of Revisor of Statutes and the Application Services department are continuing to test the system as new releases are made available. Currently, there are still many complex bugs to be resolved and data validation work to be completed before a final decision can be made on a go-live date. The LCC directed the Steering Committee to work with the vendor to make significant progress toward having a session-ready system by September 2, 2025.
8. Chairperson Masterson recognized Mr. Day who provided an update on the search for the Legislative CITO. Mr. Day indicated that 12 applications for the position were received. The applications are being evaluated by legislative staff to identify applicants for interviews by the LCC Subcommittee on Administration. After discussion, Senate Majority Leader Blasi moved that Mr. Day be directed to repost the Legislative CITO position with an annual salary of an amount up to the highest salary of the Executive CITO and Judicial CITO. House Majority Leader Croft seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Upon completion of all business before the LCC, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by

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Approved by

President Masterson
Chairperson