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Legislative Post Audit Committee  
6/29/21**

**Call to Order**

**Welcome by the Chair.** The meeting was called to order by Chair Representative Williams at 10:04 a.m. in Room 546-S of the Statehouse. Committee members present:

Rep. Kristey Williams, Chair	Sen. Caryn Tyson, Vice-Chair
Rep. John Barker	Sen. Ethan Corson
Rep. Tom Burroughs	Sen. Rob Olson
Rep. Jim Gartner	Sen. Mike Thompson
Rep. John Toplikar	Sen. Mary Ware

**Performance Audits and Evaluations**

Josh Luthi, Principal Auditor, presented the findings from the audit *Reviewing Foster Care Case Plan Tasks and Permanency Outcomes* and answered questions from the committee.

Melinda Kline, DCF Deputy Director of Permanency, and Kristine Wheat, DCF Interim Audit Services Director, appeared via Webex to address the committee's questions.

Macie Smith, Auditor, presented the findings from the limited-scope audit *Comparing the Impact of COVID-19 on Death Rates During Certain Months of 2019 and 2020* and answered questions from the committee.

Both audits will be distributed to all legislators.

**Statutory Performance Audit Requirement**

Kristen Rottinghaus, Performance Audit Manager, reviewed the audit proposal that addresses the audit provision included in 2021 Senate Substitute for House Bill 2313.

Senator Olson made a motion to approve the audit. Senator Tyson seconded the motion; motion carried.

## **Consent Calendar**

Kristen Rottinghaus, Performance Audit Manager, reviewed the consent calendar. The consent calendar included approval of the May 5, 2021 meeting minutes, acceptance of the completed performance audits presented at the meeting, and consideration of two limited-scope audit proposals. No motions to object were offered, so the items were considered approved.

## **Executive Session**

The chair called on Justin Stowe to explain the executive motion process for the three IT security audits on the agenda. Justin listed the individuals who would be allowed to remain in the executive session for each agency report:

### **Legislative Post Audit**

- Justin Stowe, Legislative Post Auditor
- Katrin Osterhaus, IT Audit Manager
- Alex Gard, Principal IT Auditor
- Sagar Bhatia, Senior IT Auditor
- Bhavani Krishnakumar, IT Auditor

### **Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services**

- Jason Koehn, Chief Information Officer
- Jeff Maxon, Executive Chief Information Security Officer

### **Blue Valley School District, USD 229**

- Brian Daley, Chief Information Officer
- Stan Turner, Director of IT Solutions/Architecture
- Tyler Davis, Chief Systems Engineer
- Evan Nichols, Network Analyst

### **Emporia School District, USD 253**

- Allison Harder, Superintendent
- Rob Scheib, Assistant Superintendent for Business
- Paul Beadles, Director of IT Operations

Senator Tyson made the following motion:

I move to recess this open meeting for a closed meeting pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(a) to discuss matters relating to security measures that protect the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, Unified School District No. 229, Blue Valley, and Unified School District No. 253, Emporia, under the justification listed in K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(12)(C) because discussion of such matters in an open meeting would jeopardize such security measures; to resume the open meeting in Room 546-S at 12:04 p.m.; and to record this motion, if adopted, as a part of the committee's permanent records.

Representative Toplikar seconded the motion; motion carried. Adopted at 11:04 a.m. The open meeting resumed at 12:04 p.m.

After a quick break, the executive session was renewed. Senator Tyson made the following motion:

I move to recess this open meeting for a closed meeting pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(a) to discuss matters relating to security measures that protect the Unified School District No. 253, Emporia, under the justification listed in K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(12)(C) because discussion of such matters in an open meeting would jeopardize such security measures; to resume the open meeting in Room 546-S at 12:25 p.m.; and to record this motion, if adopted, as a part of the committee's permanent records.

Representative Gartner seconded the motion; motion carried. Adopted at 12:10 p.m. The open meeting resumed at 12:25 p.m.

Because of their confidential nature, copies of IT security audits are not distributed to any committees. Staff previously notified the Joint Committee on Information Technology and the Joint Committee on Kansas Security that these three IT audits have been completed and can be presented in executive session.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Justin Stowe, Post Auditor, noted he will work with the Chair to identify a date for the committee's next meeting in late August.

Justin Stowe also recognized Sabrina DeSantis as LPA's fellow and noted that LPA was celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

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Nicole Blanchett, Secretary  
Legislative Post Audit Committee

Date

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