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Legislative Post Audit Committee
January 12, 2022**

Call to Order

Welcome – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kristey Williams at 12:01 p.m. in Room 546-S of the Statehouse. Committee members present:

Rep. Kristey Williams, Chairman
Rep. John Barker
Rep. Tom Burroughs
Rep. Jim Gartner
Rep. John Toplikar

Sen. Caryn Tyson, Vice-Chair
Sen. Ethan Corson
Sen. Rob Olson
Sen. Mike Thompson
Sen. Mary Ware

Performance Audits and Evaluations

Study of Taxation and Exemption Issues – Heidi Zimmerman, Principal Auditor, presented the findings from the audit and answered questions from the committee.

This audit will be distributed to all legislators.

Presentation by the Department of Commerce

As required by K.S.A. 74-50,228, Chairman Williams recognized Bob North, Chief Counsel for the Department of Commerce, for an annual presentation of economic development programs administered by the department.

Consent Calendar

Kristen Rottinghaus, Deputy Post Auditor, reviewed the consent calendar. The consent calendar included approval of the December 16, 2021 meeting minutes and acceptance of the completed performance audit presented at today's meeting. There were no objections, so the items were approved.

Committee Organization

Electing Committee Leadership – Chris Clarke, Post Auditor, reviewed the process for electing new leadership.

Chair: Representative Williams opened the floor for nominations. Senator Thompson nominated Senator Tyson for Chair. Representative Barker seconded the motion. Representative Williams opened the floor to other nominations. Representative Toplikar nominated Senator Olson. Senator Olson seconded the motion. Representative Williams called for a vote. Senator Olson was elected by a majority of the members.

Vice-Chair: Representative Williams opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair. Representative Barker nominated Representative Toplikar for Vice-Chair. Senator Olson seconded the motion. Representative Williams opened the floor to other nominations. Representative Gartner nominated Representative Burroughs. Representative Burroughs seconded the motion. Representative Williams called for a vote. Representative Toplikar was elected by a majority of the members.

Executive Subcommittee member: Representative Williams opened the floor for nominations for the third Executive Subcommittee member. Representative Barker nominated Representative Burroughs. Senator Olson seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Representative Williams called for a vote. Representative Burroughs was elected unanimously.

Additional Business

Update on Recommendation Follow-Up Report – Chris Clarke, Post Auditor, told the committee that we received additional information from the 3 counties that had not responded to the December 2021 audit recommendation report. LPA updated its website to show that information.

Date of next meeting – Chris Clarke, Post Auditor, outlined the reports LPA will be ready to release during the session. She indicated she would work with Chairman Olson to identify dates for several committee meetings during the session to release those reports. She will communicate those dates to members at a later time.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Nicole Blanchett, Secretary
Legislative Post Audit Committee

date

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