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Legislative Post Audit Committee  
August 22, 2023**

**Call to Order**

**Welcome** – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sean Tarwater at 1:33 p.m. in Room 546-S of the Statehouse. Committee members present:

Rep. Sean Tarwater, Chairman  
Rep. Shannon Francis  
Rep. Jason Probst  
Rep. Tom Sawyer  
Rep. Patrick Penn\*

Sen. Caryn Tyson, Vice Chair  
Sen. Ethan Corson  
Sen. Mike Petersen  
Sen. Mike Thompson  
Sen. Mary Ware

\*Representative Penn was temporarily appointed to replace Representative Williams

**Performance Audits and Economic Development Evaluations**

**Work from Home** – Macie Smith, Senior Auditor, presented the findings from the audit and answered questions from the committee. Secretary Janet Stanek from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment answered questions from the committee.

**Rural Opportunity Zones** – Josh Luthi, Principal Auditor, presented the findings from the audit and answered questions from the committee. Trisha Purdon, Director of the Office of Rural Prosperity at the Department of Commerce, answered questions from the committee.

**African American Affairs Commission (Limited Scope)** – Katrin Osterhaus, IT Audit Manager, presented the findings from the audit and answered questions from the committee.

These audits will be distributed to all legislators.

**Consent Calendar**

Kristen Rottinghaus, Deputy Post Auditor, reviewed the consent calendar. The consent calendar included approval of the July 6 meeting minutes and

acceptance of the completed performance and economic development incentive audits presented at today's meeting. There were no objections, so the items were approved. Representative Penn abstained from voting on the minutes.

### **Additional Business**

**Date of next meeting** – Chris Clarke, Post Auditor, outlined the audit schedule, including audits LPA will be releasing at upcoming meetings and the audits LPA will begin soon. She said the committee's next meeting is scheduled for October 10. The committee discussed setting the time of the meeting to accommodate several other legislative meetings happening that day. Chris said she will work with the Chair and members to confirm a time.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

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Nicole Blanchett, Secretary  
Legislative Post Audit Committee

date

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