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Legislative Post Audit Committee
October 7, 2024**

Call to Order

Welcome – The meeting was called to order by Chair Caryn Tyson at 2:00 p.m. in Room 546-S of the Statehouse. Committee members present:

Sen. Caryn Tyson, Chair	Rep. Shannon Francis, Vice Chair
Sen. Ethan Corson	Rep. Jason Probst
Sen. Mike Petersen	Rep. Tom Sawyer
Sen. Mike Thompson	Rep. Sean Tarwater
Sen. Mary Ware	Rep. Kristey Williams

Performance Audits and Evaluations

Ford County Ballot Reconciliation 2024 Primary – Samuel Dadds, Senior Auditor, presented the findings from the audit and answered questions from the committee.

Ford County Election Security Practices 2022 General – Samuel Dadds, Senior Auditor, presented the findings from the audit and answered questions from the committee.

The Ford County clerk did not appear online to respond to committee questions. Chair Tyson requested the Revisor’s staff provide the committee with options regarding what actions it could pursue for the clerk not complying with the original 2022 audit. The committee preliminarily approved a conceptual limited-scope audit of Ford County’s 2024 general election.

TIF Districts – Cade Graber, Senior Auditor, presented the findings from the audit and answered questions from the committee. Mike Schrage, Salina City Manager, answered questions from the committee.

STAR Bonds – Andy Brienzo, Principal Auditor, presented the findings from the audit and answered questions from the committee. Bob North, Chief Legal Counsel at the Department of Commerce, answered questions from the committee.

These audits will be distributed to all legislators.

Legislative Post Audit Operations

Audit Schedule – The committee discussed two potential changes to the audit schedule. Senator Ware informed the committee she may want to rescind her audit request of the state’s hemp program due to changes in the way that program will be administered moving forward. The committee decided to reconsider this issue at its next meeting after receiving additional information from Josh McGinn, Assistant Secretary at the Department of Agriculture. Representative Probst made a motion to rescind his audit request of the Lay Caregiver Act. Representative Sawyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Representative Probst made a motion for Revisor’s staff to draft potential legislation to create an oversight and enforcement mechanism for the Lay Caregiver Act. Representative Sawyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The committee will review the draft legislation at a future meeting. Chris Clarke, Post Auditor, reviewed the audits LPA staff are currently working on and that remain in the queue for the remainder of this year.

Executive Session – IT Security Audit

Individuals allowed to remain in the executive session for the IT security report of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation were:

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- Chris Clarke, Legislative Post Auditor
- Alex Gard, Principal IT Auditor
- Kenzie Wilson, IT Auditor

Kansas Bureau of Investigation

- Kevin Mapes, Chief Information Officer
- William Smith, Assistant Director
- Bob Stuart, Executive Officer

Representative Francis 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 the security measures that protect the information systems of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation with the appropriate individuals 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 4:30 p.m.; and to record this motion, if adopted, in the minutes as a part of the committee's permanent records.

Representative Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried. Open meeting resumed at 4:30 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, the Joint Committee on Kansas Security, and the House Modernization Committee that these IT audits have been completed and can be presented in executive session.

Committee Follow Up

Dr. Carla Whiteside-Hicks, Director of Economic and Employment Services at the Department for Children and Families, returned to the committee to answer follow-up questions from members about the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) audit.

Consent Calendar

Kristen Rottinghaus, Deputy Post Auditor, reviewed the consent calendar. The consent calendar included approval of the September 10 meeting minutes and acceptance of the completed performance audits and IT security audits presented at today's meeting. There were no objections, so the items were approved.

Additional Business

Next Meeting Date – Chair Tyson told the committee LPA staff would canvass members about their availability for a meeting in mid-December.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Kristen Rottinghaus, Secretary
Legislative Post Audit Committee

date

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