

MINUTES
Legislative Post Audit Committee
July 21, 2025

Call to Order

Welcome – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Shannon Francis at 09:10 a.m. in Room 546-S of the Statehouse. Committee members present:

Rep. Shannon Francis, Chair
Rep. Tom Sawyer
Rep. Sean Tarwater
Rep. Kristey Williams

Sen. Mike Thompson, Vice Chair
Sen. Mike Petersen*
Sen. Pat Pettey
Sen. Caryn Tyson

*Participated via Webex

Award Recognition – Chairman Francis recognized LPA staff for winning a 2025 Certificate of Impact Award from the National Legislative Program Evaluation Society for the 2023 audit of at-risk expenditures and statutory compliance.

Performance Audits & Evaluations

Free Lunch Student Counts – Heidi Zimmerman, Principal Auditor, presented the findings from the audit and answered questions from the committee. Dr. Frank Harwood, Deputy Director of Fiscal and Administrative Services at Kansas State Department of Education, answered a question from the committee.

Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Registries – Josh Luthi, Principal Auditor, presented the findings from the audit and answered questions from the committee. Jerry Smith, Director of Facilities and Licensing at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Lacey Hunter, Commissioner of Survey, Certification, and Credentialing at Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, and Chrisy Khatib, Deputy Director of Adult Protective Services at the Kansas Department of Children and Families, answered questions from the committee.

Transient Guest Tax Revenues – Macie Smith, Senior Auditor, presented the findings from the audit and answered questions from the committee. Michael Koss, City Attorney at the City of Overland Park, and Mark Manning, Director of Finance at the City of Wichita, answered questions

from the committee.

Office of Inspector General's Investigations (LS) – Matt Fahrenbruch, Auditor, presented the findings from the audit and answered questions from the committee. Steve Anderson, Inspector General at the Office of Inspector General, provided testimony and answered questions from the committee, Andrew Brown, Deputy Secretary at the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, answered questions from the committee.

Commerce BASE 1.0 and 2.0 Matching Funds (LS) – Cade Graber, Senior Auditor, presented the findings from the audit and answered questions from the committee.

Aging Disability Resource Center Contract Changes (LS)– Jonathan Jones, Auditor, presented the findings from the audit and answered questions from the committee. Leslie Anderson, Executive Director at Kansas Association of Area Agencies on Aging & Disabilities, provided testimony and answered questions from the committee. Andrew Brown, Deputy Secretary at the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, answered questions from the committee.

Follow Up Audit – Kristen Rottinghaus, Deputy Post Auditor, presented the findings from the audit.

The audits will be distributed to all legislators.

IT Security Session

Office of Information Technology Services (OITS) Presentation- Jeff Maxon, Chief Information Technology Officer at the Office of Information Technology Services, and John Godfrey, Chief Information Security Officer, presented information and answered questions from the committee.

Executive Session – IT Security Audits/Information

OITS- Questions and Answers

Individuals allowed to remain in the executive session for the OITS questions and answers were:

Legislative Post Audit

- Chris Clarke, Legislative Post Auditor
- Katrin Osterhaus, IT Audit Manager
- Alex Gard, Principal IT Auditor

Office of Information Technology Services (OITS)

- Jeff Maxon, Chief Information Technology Officer at the Office of Information Technology Services
- John Godfrey, Chief Information Security Officer at the Kansas Information Security Office
- Jared Harsin, Chief of Staff

Senator Thompson made the following motion:

I move that the open meeting of Legislative Post Audit Committee be recessed for a closed, executive meeting pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(a) to discuss matters relating to the security measures that protect the information systems of certain state agencies, including the posture of such agencies and findings related to the information systems of such agencies by the office of information technology services in prior audits, with the appropriate individuals pursuant to 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; that the committee resume the open meeting in room 546-S of the Statehouse at 1:50 p.m.; and to record this motion, if adopted, as part of the committee's permanent records.

Senator Pettey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Open meeting resumed at 1:50 p.m. Senator Thompson renewed the motion to return to executive session until 2:03 p.m. Senator Pettey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Open meeting resumed at 2:03 p.m.

City of Topeka- IT Security Audit

Individuals allowed to remain in the executive session for the IT security report of the City of Topeka were:

Legislative Post Audit

- Chris Clarke, Legislative Post Auditor
- Katrin Osterhaus, IT Audit Manager
- Alex Gard, Principal IT Auditor

City of Topeka

- Dr. Robert Perez, City Manager
- Mr. Avery Moore, Assistant City Manager
- Ms. Amanda Stanley, City Attorney

- Ms. Patricia Biggs, Deputy Director of IT
- Ms. Randi Stahl, Chief Information Officer

Senator Thompson made the following motion:

I move that the open meeting of Legislative Post Audit Committee be recessed for a closed, executive meeting pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(a) to discuss matters relating to the security measures that protect the information systems of the city of Topeka with the appropriate individuals from the legislative division of post audit and the city of Topeka, pursuant to 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; that the committee resume the open meeting in room 546-S of the Statehouse at 2:38 p.m.; and to record this motion, if adopted, as part of the committee's permanent records.

Chairman Francis seconded the motion. Motion carried. Open meeting resumed at 2:38 p.m.

IT Security Follow Up

Individuals allowed to remain in the executive session for the IT security follow up were:

Legislative Post Audit

- Chris Clarke, Legislative Post Auditor
- Katrin Osterhaus, IT Audit Manager
- Alex Gard, Principal IT Auditor

Senator Thompson made the following motion:

I move that the open meeting of Legislative Post Audit Committee be recessed for a closed, executive meeting pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(a) to discuss matters relating to the security measures that protect the information systems of Board of Indigents' Defense Services, Department of Education, Osawatomie State Hospital, Larned State Hospital, Kansas State Historical Society, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Kansas Corporation Commission, and U.S.D. 501, all which have been previously audited by the legislative division of post audit under direction of the legislative post audit committee, with appropriate individuals from legislative post audit and such agencies, pursuant to 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; that the committee resume the open meeting in room 546-S of the Statehouse at 2:55 p.m.; and to record this motion, if adopted, as part of the committee's permanent records.

Senator Tyson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Open meeting resumed at 2:55 p.m.

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

Consent Calendar

Kristen Rottinghaus, Deputy Post Auditor, reviewed the consent calendar. The consent calendar included approval of the May 12 meeting minutes and acceptance of the completed performance and IT security audits presented at today's meeting.

There were no objections, so the items were approved.

Performance Audit Requests

Kristen Rottinghaus, Deputy Post Auditor, reviewed an audit proposal requested by legislators prior to the committee's meeting and committee procedures for proceeding. The Education Funding Task Force requested a performance audit of bilingual funding and outcomes.

After discussion and questions, Representative Williams made a motion to approve the bilingual audit and move the extracurricular activities audit the committee approved at a prior meeting to the end of LPA's schedule. Senator Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Additional Business

Date of Next Meeting – Chairman Francis invited committee discussion about dates for the next committee's meeting. The committee tentatively decided to meet on September 16.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Whitney Watson

9/17/2025

Whitney Watson, Secretary
Legislative Post Audit Committee

date

All handouts and other documents referred to in these minutes are on file with Legislative Post Audit. Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim and have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.