

**MINUTES**  
**Legislative Post Audit Committee Executive Committee**  
**Via Webex**  
**September 11, 2025**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Francis at 10:03 a.m. via Webex. Committee members present:

Rep. Shannon Francis, Chair  
Sen. Mike Thompson, Vice Chair  
Sen. Pat Pettey, Ranking Minority Member

**Consideration of Legislative Post Audit's Budget Request**

Chris Clarke, Post Auditor, explained the division's budget request. K.S.A. 46-1103 requires the Legislative Post Auditor to prepare the division's annual budget request and revisions. The budget is first reviewed by the executive committee. Then the budget will be reviewed by the full committee at its next meeting. After approval by the committee, the budget request is submitted to the Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC) for its consideration.

Chris presented a budget memo that summarized the division's budget revisions for fiscal year 2026. The fiscal year 2026 revised estimate of \$3.7 million is within the amount appropriated by the Legislature. It is enough to fully staff the agency.

She also presented the division's fiscal year 2027 budget request of \$3.7 million.

Chris answered questions from the executive committee. Senator Thompson moved approval of the fiscal year 2026 revised budget and the fiscal year 2027 budget request. Senator Pettey seconded the motion. Motion carried. The full Legislative Post Audit Committee will review the budget at the next meeting.

**Post Auditor Evaluation Kickoff**

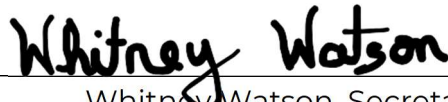
Per committee rule 5-1, the Legislative Post Audit Committee is supposed to conduct an annual performance evaluation of the Post Auditor between

August and December in a closed, executive meeting. LPA staff typically work with Tom Day, Director of Legislative Administrative Services, to send an evaluation form to members and compile results. The results would then be shared with the full committee and the Post Auditor at the December meeting. The committee directed staff to follow the same process this year.

The executive committee also discussed having LPA staff survey the full legislature in early 2026 for feedback on LPA's services and products.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

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Whitney Watson, Secretary  
Legislative Post Audit Committee

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