

**MINUTES**  
**Legislative Post Audit Committee**  
**January 21, 2026**

**Call to Order**

**Welcome** – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Thompson at 12:07 p.m. in Room 546-S of the Statehouse. Committee members present:

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

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

**Performance Audits & Evaluations**

**Property Tax Exemptions** – Samuel Dadds, Senior Auditor, presented the findings from the audit and answered questions from the committee. Bob Kent, Director of the Division of Property Valuation at the Kansas Department of Revenue, answered questions from the committee.

**SNAP, Part 1: Error Rates** – Heidi Zimmerman, Principal Auditor, presented the findings from the audit and answered questions from the committee. Dr. Carla Whiteside-Hicks, Director of Economic and Employment Services at the Department for Children and Families, answered questions from the committee.

The 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 January 13 meeting minutes and acceptance of the completed performance audits presented today. There were no objections, so the minutes and audits were approved. Senator Pettey abstained from voting on the minutes.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Kristen Rottinghaus, Deputy Post Auditor, announced the committee's next meeting is January 28. The committee discussed tentatively

scheduling another meeting on February 4 to hear two IT security audits.

Kristen also updated the committee on the survey LPA staff sent to all legislators last week. The survey was not delivered due to the legislature's email settings. Kristen informed the committee LPA staff are working with the legislature's IT staff to resend the survey by the end of the week.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

*Whitney Watson*

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Whitney Watson, Secretary  
Legislative Post Audit Committee

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