

MINUTES
Legislative Post Audit Committee
May 18, 2026

Call to Order

Welcome – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Thompson at 1:01 p.m. in Room 546-S of the Statehouse. Committee members present:

Sen. Mike Thompson, Chair
Sen. Joseph Claeys
Sen. Cindy Holscher*
Sen. Caryn Tyson

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

*Participated via Webex

Performance Audits & Evaluations

Fire Marshal – Josh Luthi, Principal Auditor, presented the findings from the audit and answered questions from the committee. Mark Engholm, State Fire Marshal at the Office of the State Fire Marshal, answered questions from the committee.

TANF, Part 2 – 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.

IT Monitoring Report

Closeout IT Monitoring Report – Katrin Osterhaus, IT Audit Manager, presented the closeout IT Monitoring Report of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's (KDHE's) Early Childhood Data Integration and System Enhancement Project and answered questions from the committee. Janet Stanek, Secretary at KDHE, and Bob Doanes, Chief Information Officer, at KDHE, answered questions from the committee.

The memo will be distributed to all legislators.

Executive Session – IT Security Audit

Office of Information Technology Services IT Security Audit

Individuals allowed to remain in the executive session for the IT security report of the Office of Information Technology Services were:

Legislative Post Audit

- Chris Clarke, Legislative Post Auditor
- Katrin Osterhaus, IT Audit Manager
- Alex Gard, Principal IT Auditor
- Olivia Romig, Associate IT Security Auditor
- Kristen Rottinghaus, Deputy Post Auditor

Office of Information Technology Services

- Jeff Maxon, Executive Branch Chief Information Technology Officer, State of Kansas Executive Branch
- John Godfrey, Chief Information Security Officer, State of Kansas Executive Branch
- Jared Harsin, Chief of Staff, Office of Information Technology Services

Representative Tarwater 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 Office of Information Technology Services with the appropriate individuals from the legislative division of post audit and the Office of Information Technology Services, 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 2:40 p.m.; and to record this motion, if adopted, as part of the committee's permanent records.

Representative Francis seconded the motion. Motion carried. Open meeting resumed at 2:40 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 and the Joint Committee on Kansas Security 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 April 8 meeting minutes, acceptance of the completed performance audits presented today, and approval of one limited-scope audit request. The audit request included:

- Reviewing the Wichita School District's Spending on Extracurricular Sports

There were no objections, so the items were approved.

Additional Business

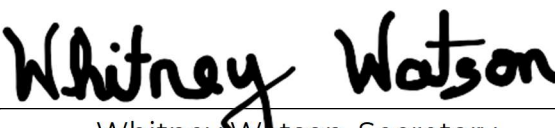
Revised Proposal – At their April 8 meeting, committee members voted to approve an audit of universities' diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) activities with a

conceptual amendment to revise the objective to determine whether select degree programs at select state universities require DEI-related courses to graduate. LPA staff revised the audit proposal and Kristen Rottinghaus, Deputy Post Auditor, reviewed the revised proposal for the committee.

Date of Next Meeting – Chris Clarke, Post Auditor, provided an overview of the upcoming audit schedule. Chairman Thompson opened the floor for discussion of the next meeting date. The committee decided that the next meeting will be July 8.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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Whitney Watson, Secretary date
Legislative Post Audit Committee

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