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Legislative Post Audit Committee at a later meeting.*

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Legislative Post Audit Committee
July 8, 2026**

Call to Order

Welcome – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Thompson at 1:02 p.m. in Room 546-S of the Statehouse. Committee members present:

Sen. Mike Thompson, Chair
Sen. Joseph Claeys
Sen. Pat Pettey
Sen. Caryn Tyson

Rep. Sean Tarwater, Vice Chair
Rep. Shannon Francis
Rep. Stephanie Sawyer Clayton**
Rep. Kristey Williams

**Representative Sawyer Clayton was temporarily appointed to replace Representative Sawyer.

Performance Audits & Evaluations

Industrial Revenue Bonds – Matt Fahrenbruch, Senior Auditor, presented the findings from the audit and answered questions from the committee. Kristen Wheeler, Chair of the Board of Tax Appeals, provided testimony and answered questions from the committee. Bob Kent, Director of Property Valuation at the Kansas Department of Revenue, answered questions from the committee.

Extracurricular Activities Policies – Andy Brienzo, Principal Auditor, presented the findings from the audit and answered questions from the committee.

The audits will be distributed to all legislators.

Executive Session – IT Security Audits

Shawnee Mission School District (USD 512) IT Security Audit

Individuals allowed to remain in the executive session for the IT security report of the Shawnee Mission School District 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

Shawnee Mission School District

- Drew Lane, Executive Director of Information and Communication Technologies
- Bill Shaffer, Director of Network Infrastructure, Technical and Information Security 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 Shawnee Mission school district with the appropriate individuals from the legislative division of post audit and the Shawnee Mission school district, 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 3:00 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 3:00 p.m.

Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services IT Security Audit

Individuals allowed to remain in the executive session for the IT security report of the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability 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

Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

- Brad Ridley, Commissioner, Financial and Information Services
- Thomas Pagano, Chief Information Officer, Human Services Executive Branch IT
- Jeff Maxon, Chief Information Technology Officer, State of Kansas Executive Branch

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 Kansas department for aging and disability services with the appropriate individuals from the legislative division of post audit and the department for aging and disability services 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 3:30 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 3:30 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

Matt Etzel, Performance Audit Manager, reviewed the consent calendar. The consent calendar included approval of the May 18 meeting minutes, acceptance of the completed performance and IT security audits presented today, and approval of two limited-scope audit requests. The audit requests included:

- Reviewing Osawatomie State Hospital's Implementation of Past Audit Recommendations
- Reviewing the Kansas Office of Veterans Services' Implementation of Past Audit Recommendations

Senator Pettey objected to the 'Reviewing the Kansas Office of Veterans Services' Implementation of Past Audit Recommendations' limited-scope audit request. Senator Tyson made a motion to approve the limited-scope audit request. Senator Claeys seconded the motion. Chairman Thompson called for a vote. The limited-scope audit request was passed by majority rule. There were no other objections, so the items were approved. Senator Pettey and Representative Sawyer Clayton abstained from voting on the minutes.

Additional Business

NLPES Award Recognition – Chris Clarke, Post Auditor, informed committee members that LPA won two 2026 awards from the National Legislative Program Evaluation Society—a certificate of impact award and an excellence in evaluation award. She told the committee the latter award was especially prestigious because it is awarded to one office across the nation based on their body of work over a four-year period.

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 tentatively decided that the next meeting will be September 30.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Whitney Watson, Secretary
Legislative Post Audit Committee

date

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