

## MINUTES

### UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION MODERNIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

June 14, 2021  
Remote Meeting

#### Members Present

Representative Sean Tarwater, Chairperson  
Senator Robert Olson  
Senator Jeff Pittman  
Senator Caryn Tyson  
Representative Stephanie Clayton  
Representative Susan Estes  
Katie Givens  
Phil Hayes  
Jake Miller  
Jeff Oswald  
Amber Shultz  
Shelbye Smith  
Shawana Woods

#### Staff Present

Edward Penner, Kansas Legislative Research Department (KLRD)  
Dylan Dear, KLRD  
Matthew Willis, KLRD  
Kyle Hamilton, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Charles Reimer, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Sky Westerlund, Committee Assistant

#### Others Attending

Representative Kyle Hoffman

### AFTERNOON SESSION

#### Welcome

Chairperson Tarwater opened the meeting, which was conducted only by remote access.

The Chairperson welcomed members of the Council and staff.

## Introductions

The Chairperson asked each member to introduce themselves. Each of the 13 members, legislators and non-legislators, introduced themselves.

The Chairperson also recognized Representative Kyle Hoffman, who will attend Council meetings. Representative Hoffman is the Chairperson of the Joint Committee on Information Technology and will be involved in decision-making regarding the modernization project procurement.

Staff from the Kansas Legislative Research Department and the Office of Revisor of Statutes were introduced.

## New Business

The Chairperson stated the Council was formed out of HB 2196, which passed in the 2021 Session. He provided a briefing on the role of the Council as defined by statute and the specific responsibilities assigned to the Secretary of Labor ([Attachment 1](#)).

The Chairperson requested data from the Department of Labor about the number of resumes, job requests, and the job training plan for better-paying jobs.

The Chairperson stated an audit of the unemployment insurance program will be due in May 2022. The audit will cover March 2020 through March 2021.

In addition, a report is due within 14 days outlining the process of obtaining unemployment support.

Council members asked several questions.

The Chairperson stated the next meeting will be June 24-25 from 9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m each day. The Council will meet at the Statehouse.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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Approved by the Committee on:

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