

Legislative Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes, February 4, 2021

Call to order: A meeting of the Legislative Oversight Committee convened on February 4, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at the Oklahoma State Capitol Senate Room 535, Oklahoma City, OK. Written notice was provided 5 days in advance, in compliance with Open Meeting Laws. The meeting was called to order once quorum was established in accordance with Joint Rule 10.5.

Members Present: Chairman Kevin Wallace, Rep Meloyde Blancett, Rep. Jeff Boatman, Rep. John Echols, Rep. Kyle Hilbert, Rep. Cyndi Munson, Rep. Mike Osburn

Chairman Roger Thompson, Sen. Kim David, Sen. Chuck Hall, Sen. Julia Kirt, Sen. Dewayne Pemberton, Sen. Frank Simpson

Others: (in person) Director Mike Jackson, LOFT Staff members Regina Birchum, Brad Ward, Tom Bogdanowicz, Zach Sumner, Ryan Maren, Frank Magness. OESC Director Shelley Zumwalt, House Fiscal Staff Mark Tygret, Senate Fiscal Staff Anthony Sammons

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Wallace asked Director Jackson to discuss the minutes from the last committee meeting. Director Jackson presented an overview of minutes for the Committee. Chairman Wallace asked if there were any questions regarding the minutes. With no questions, Rep. Hilbert made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Sen. Pemberton. The motion carried with the following votes: Chairman Thompson, Aye; Sen. David, Aye; Sen. Hall, Aye; Sen. Kirt, Aye; Sen. Pemberton, Aye; Sen. Simpson, Aye; Chairman Wallace, Aye; Rep. Blancett, Aye; Rep. Boatman, Aye; Rep. Echols, Aye; Rep. Hilbert, Aye, Rep. Munson, Aye; Rep. Osburn, Aye.

The motion was adopted unanimously in accordance with Joint Rule 10.6.

LOFT Presentation of Draft Report: Rapid Response Evaluation of the Unemployment Compensation and the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission:

Chairman Thompson opened the floor for discussion on the OESC report. Director Jackson provided an overview of the Rapid Response Evaluation Report on OESC and thanked Director Zumwalt and the agency for their cooperation. Director Jackson asked the Chairman for permission to have Zach Sumner from the LOFT team discuss the report's first finding. The Chairman granted permission and recognized Mr. Sumner.

Mr. Sumner presented Finding One of the report and recognized OESC for providing information helpful to the evaluation. Mr. Sumner discussed the recommendations resulting from the Evaluation. The Chairman recognized Director Jackson and he asked if there were any questions for Finding One.

Members of the Committee directed several questions of both LOFT and of Director Zumwalt.

Chairman Thompson recognized Director Jackson to discuss Finding Two of the report. Director Jackson presented key information from Finding Two and turned the floor back to the Chairmen for any questions.

Chairman Thompson and Chairman Wallace opened the floor to the Committee for questions. Committee members asked questions of Director Zumwalt and the LOFT Team regarding the second report finding.

Director Jackson was recognized to discuss Finding Three. Director Jackson presented an overview of Finding Three and the corresponding policy considerations.

Prior to opening the floor up for questions on the report's third finding, Chairman Thompson advised the Committee they would not be hearing the COVID report due to a medical emergency in Secretary Budd's family. He announced the report would be rescheduled to be heard at a later date. He proposed, with the Committee's agreement, that they work through the OESC report and then adjourn for the day.

The floor was opened for any remaining questions from the Committee on the evaluation of OESC. The Committee asked questions of Director Zumwalt and LOFT. Once questions concluded, Chairman Wallace reminded everyone the COVID report hearing would be rescheduled.

Director Jackson made closing remarks and again thanked Director Zumwalt and OESC for their help. He explained that LOFT would take the Committee input and update the report, after which time the report would be finalized and posted to LOFT's website.

A motion was made by Rep. Hilbert to adjourn and was seconded by Sen. Hall. The Chairmen announced the meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.