

Kansas, Inc.
Board of Director's Meeting
December 14, 2010

The December 14, 2010 meeting was held at the Kansas, Inc. Office, 632 SW Van Buren, Topeka, KS 66603. At 12:30 p.m. Co-Chair Landoll called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

Members Present: Gene Argo, Patti Bossert, Rep. Tom Burroughs, Rep. Lana Gordon, Donna Johnson, Don Landoll, Lawrence McCants (p), John Pilla, Sen. Roger Reitz, Donald Schnacke, and Sec. William Thornton

(p) – via phone

Members Not Present: Mark Bannister, Sen. Tom Holland, Gov. Mark Parkinson, and Stephen Waite

Staff Present: Stan Ahlerich, Debby Fitzhugh, and Dan Korber

Others Present: Bill Wagnon, P20 Education Council; Nick Jordan, Governor's Transition Team; Andy Tompkins, Kansas Board of Regents

Introduction

Landoll introduced Jordan to the Board. Jordan provided a brief overview of the incoming Governor's transition efforts specific to economic growth.

At 12:33 p.m. McCants joined the meeting via phone.

Landoll introduced Wagnon and Tompkins to the Board.

Consent Agenda

Landoll referred the Board to the Consent Agenda for the December 14, 2010 meeting. The following items were on the Consent Agenda:

- September 8, 2010 Minutes
- FY 2011 Kansas, Inc. Financials

A motion was made by Argo to approve the Consent Agenda for the December 14, 2010 meeting. Seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

President's Report

Ahlerich provided an overview of the *Kansas Service Sector: Dynamics of Growth and Change* report, contracted with the Center for Economic Development and Business Research (CEDBR), Wichita State University. Ahlerich referred the Board to the Executive Summary and provided a brief overview of the report's findings. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by McCants to approve the *Kansas Service Sector: Dynamics of Growth and Change* report. Seconded by Bossert. Motion carried.

Ahlerich provided an update regarding the *Kansas Tax and Business Climate* report, contracted with the Institute for Policy and Social Research (IPSR), University of Kansas. Ahlerich noted Kansas, Inc. was working with IPSR to complete the project prior to the upcoming Legislative Session, and the report would be circulated to the Board prior to its release.

Ahlerich provided the Board with an update regarding his presentations to the Entrepreneurship Center at the University of Kansas.

Ahlerich provided the Board with an update regarding in-house reports, noting the *FY 2010 Annual Report* was included in their packet, and the *December 2010 IKE Report*, *FY 2010 Grants and Loans Report*, and the *FY 2010 Update to the Chronological History* would be completed prior to the Legislative Session.

Sen. Reitz requested clarification regarding the status of Kansas, Inc.'s membership with the Kansas Chamber of Commerce. Ahlerich noted Kansas, Inc. was not currently a member of the Kansas Chamber, based on the Board's input at a previous meeting.

Policy Discussion – Workforce Development

Wagnon and Tompkins provided a presentation outlining the growing need for postsecondary education.

Wagnon noted the P20 Education Council's vision was to fulfill the state's responsibility for delivering and funding an integrated high quality educational system that prepares Kansans for life and work. To accomplish the vision, the mission of the P20 Council is to prepare students for success and/or work in the 21st century by identifying and advocating for – in partnership with all stakeholders – system approaches that support, cultivate and/or sustain a collaborative, seamless system of education. Discussion ensued.

Landoll noted issues such as both parents working outside the home has had an impact on education.

Tompkins provided an overview of several strategic goals from the Kansas Board of Regents, noting that Kansas institutions experience similar dropout trends and graduation rates compared to other states.

Reitz requested clarification regarding dropouts. Tompkins noted several factors contribute to this issue, including preparation, financial issues, personal issues, etc.

Johnson noted issues with major institutions not accepting credits from Community Colleges was of concern.

Pilla noted if a Regents institution was located within a county, Community Colleges weren't allowed to have classes within that county unless an agreement existed between the institutions.

Schnacke noted events such as the annual Workforce Summit in Topeka provided an opportunity to get information on this topic.

Landoll noted concerns with the focus on college degrees only, and there was a place for other levels of education within the workforce.

Thornton noted changing the perception of education and workforce development is important.

At 2:25 p.m. Sec. Thornton was excused from the meeting.

At 2:33 p.m. Sen. Reitz was excused from the meeting.

Argo noted many of the P20 Council's goals lined up with the strategic plan.

The Board's consensus was to support the continuing work of the P20 Council.

Legislative Report

Rep. Gordon noted there would be several issues discussed during the upcoming Legislative Session, and one of the primary topics would be addressing the state's budget issues. Rep. Gordon noted several strategies from the strategic plan may be topics of discussion also.

At 2:50 p.m. Pilla was excused from the meeting.

Rep. Burroughs noted major issues, including education and tax policy would be topics of discussion during the upcoming Legislative Session.

Adjourn

With no further business, at 3:00 p.m. Landoll requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Bossert to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Argo. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Ahlerich
President