

**BIENNIAL SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION BOARD MEETING  
October 19, 2021  
9:00 a.m.  
Senate Conference Room 4S.9  
State Capitol Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

A meeting notice was filed with the Secretary of State, and the agenda was posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Lawrence Neisent, Governor Appointee, Chairman  
Robert DeNegri, Governor Appointee  
James O’Dea, Governor Appointee  
Jonathan Dodson, Governor Appointee  
Scott Douglas, Governor Appointee  
Alan Jett, Senate Pro Tempore Appointee  
Robert Kane, Senate Pro Tempore Appointee  
Scott Mitchell, House Speaker Appointee

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Brandon Long, House Speaker Appointee  
Steve Harpe, Director of Office of Management and Enterprise Services, State Chief Operating Officer, and Secretary of Agency Accountability  
Clark Jolley, Chairman of the Oklahoma Tax Commission

**GUESTS:**

Maria Maule, AAG, to Board	Gale Kane, Guest
Beverly Hicks, OMES	Shawn Ashley, ECapitol
Jake Smith, OMES	Trey Savage, NonDoc.com
Jevon Doolin, OMES	Matt Duehning, Senate Staff
Alanna Lam, OMES	Carmen Forman, The Oklahoman
Dana Webb, OMES	John McPhetridge, House Staff
John Estus, House	Ratlah Shugart, House Staff
Arnella Karges, Senate	Janelle Stecklein, CNHI

- 1. Call to Order, roll call, and determination of a quorum:** [Lawrence Neisent, Chairman]  
Chairman Neisent called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A roll call was taken, and a quorum was established.
- 2. Certification of Open Meeting Compliance:** Chairman Neisent was advised that notice of the meeting had been given and an agenda posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.
- 3. Discussion and possible action on the Minutes from the November 18, 2019, Board meeting:**

Robert Kane moved to approve the meeting minutes of November 2019. Jonathan Dodson seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the following votes were recorded:

James O’Dea, yes; Jonathan Dodson, yes; Scott Douglas, yes; Alan Jett, yes; Robert Kane, yes; Robert DeNegri, yes; Lawrence Neisent, yes.

**4. Short presentation by the Office of Management and Enterprise Services and possible discussion regarding Board procedures, comparisons of legislative compensation, and history of Board actions:** [Jake Smith, OMES, HCM Administrator]

Mr. Smith gave a presentation on the constitutional and statutory backgrounds of the responsibilities and duties of the Board. He informed Board members that the changes made today in legislative compensation will not become effective until the following year and shall become effective on the 15<sup>th</sup> day following the succeeding general election, November 23, 2022.

The Board shall review the compensation paid to the members of the state legislature and, if necessary, change the compensation. The Board has the power to decrease, increase, or maintain current pay rate.

The Board may hold such meetings as are necessary, so if a decision is not made today, additional meetings as needed can be made. However, any change in legislative compensation shall be made no later than the third Tuesday of November in this odd-number year, November 16, 2021.

The next meeting of the Board of Legislation Compensation is Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Oklahoma State Capitol, 2300 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, 73105.

*Board member Scott Mitchell entered the meeting at 9:02 a.m.*

Presentation and discussion only. No action was taken.

**5. Public comment on listed agenda items:** [Chair]

Chairman Neisent called for public comment at the meeting. There being none, business continued for discussion and action to set the compensation for the Legislature.

**6. Discussion and possible action on changing compensation paid to legislative members of the State:** [Chair]

Robert Kane motioned to approve to maintain the legislative compensation that was voted on two years ago in 2019. Robert DeNegri seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the following votes were recorded:

The compensation of each legislator shall be the sum of \$47,500.00 annually plus the general benefits allowance allowed all state employees and retirement benefits allowed by law, the same as in 2019.

James O’Dea, yes; Jonathan Dodson, yes; Scott Douglas, yes; Alan Jett, no; Robert Kane, yes; Scott Mitchell, yes; Robert DeNegri, yes; Lawrence Neisent, yes.

Motion passed 7-1; ayes, have it.

Robert Kane motioned to raise the Senate President Pro Tempore and the Speaker of the House compensation with an additional stipend of \$22,087.50 and raise the stipend for the other officers to \$15,290.25. Alan Jett seconded the motion. The motion failed, and the following votes were recorded:

James O’Dea, no; Jonathan Dodson, no; Scott Douglas, no; Alan Jett, yes; Robert Kane, yes; Scott Mitchell, yes; Robert DeNegri, no; Lawrence Neisent, no.

Motion failed 5-3; nays, have it.

James O’Dea motioned to maintain the current pay status of all special leadership compensation amounts the same as set forth in 2019. Robert DeNegri seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the following votes were recorded:

The members of the Legislature holding the positions of President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each receive an additional sum of \$17,932.00 per year, payable monthly, the same as in 2019, because of the extra duties imposed upon such officers.

The members of the Legislature holding the positions of Majority Floor Leader, Minority Floor Leader, and Appropriations Chair in each House shall each receive an additional sum of \$12,364.00 per year, payable monthly, the same as in 2019, because of the extra duties imposed upon such officers.

The members of the Legislature holding the position of Speaker Pro Tempore in the House and one person holding the position of Assistant Majority Leader in the Senate shall each receive an additional sum of \$12,364.00 per year, payable monthly, the same as in 2019, because of the extra duties imposed on such officers.

James O’Dea, yes; Jonathan Dodson, yes; Scott Douglas, yes; Alan Jett, no; Robert Kane, yes; Scott Mitchell, yes; Robert DeNegri, yes; Lawrence Neisent, yes.

Motion passed 7-1; ayes, have it.

The change will go into effect on November 23, 2022.

**7. Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Mr. DeNegri made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Douglas seconded the motion. Seeing no opposition, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.