

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Minutes

November 12, 2025

Call to Order and Roll Call

The sixth meeting of the Information Technology Oversight Committee was held on November 12, 2025, at 10:00 AM in Room 129 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Matt Lockett, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Senator Gex Williams, Co-Chair; Representative Matt Lockett, Co-Chair; Senator Michael J. Nemes; and Representative John Hodgson.

Guests: Michael McKerley, President, Zayo Education, LLC, Senior Vice President, Advanced & Managed, Zayo Group.

LRC Staff: Cynthia Brown, Sarah Watts, and Heather Hamilton.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Representative Hodgson and seconded by Co-Chair Williams to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2025, meeting. Minutes were approved by voice vote without objection.

Zayo Group

Michael McKerley, President, Zayo Education, LLC, Senior Vice President, Advanced & Managed, Zayo Group, discussed Zayo Education's role in providing connectivity to Kentucky's K-12 students and its interest in the litigation between Kentucky Communications Network Authority (KCNA) and Accelecom. Zayo Education serves over 170 school districts in partnership with the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE). In addition to connectivity, Zayo Education provides cybersecurity and network protection services. Zayo Education maintains a positive working relationship with KCNA and Accelecom. If Accelecom's contract is terminated, it could take up to 18 months to fully transition schools to a new network. Zayo Education's principal considerations for the committee included: keeping students online; strengthening future contracts; ensuring

fairness and transparency; and evaluating long-term structure of the broadband service business.

Responding to Co-Chair Williams, Mr. McKerley discussed the extra costs and penalties Zayo Education incurred due to the dispute between KCNA and Accelecom, as well as network design changes made at the end of implementation. The number of incidents that occur is higher on sites that do not use the KentuckyWired network services through Accelecom. Zayo Education would do its best to provide alternate connectivity to schools under its current contract terms, but without KentuckyWired network access, it will not be able to provide cost-effective service to schools in the future. Zayo Education is not in a lawsuit with KCNA or Accelecom, nor does it anticipate entering a lawsuit related to the matter.

Responding to Chair Lockett, Mr. McKerley stated Zayo Education's contract started in 2023, and it is a five-year contract with a possible five-year extension. Zayo Education could not renew under the current price structure if it does not have access to the Next Generation Kentucky Information Highway (NGKIH).

Committee Report to LRC

Co-Chair Williams discussed changes to the committee report.

Next Meeting

The January meeting time will be determined after the session committee schedule is released.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the committee, the committee adjourned at 10:25 AM.