

BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT, FINANCE, PERSONNEL, AND PUBLIC RETIREMENT

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the 2025 Interim

September 17, 2025

Call to Order and Roll Call

The third meeting of the Budget Review Subcommittee on General Government, Finance, Personnel, and Public Retirement was held on September 17, 2025, at 9:00 AM in Room 131 of the Capitol Annex. Senator Scott Madon, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Senator Scott Madon Co-Chair; Representatives Chris Freeland Co-Chair; Walker Thomas Co-Chair; Representatives David Hale, Erika Hancock, Mark Hart, Kevin Jackson, and Matt Lockett.

Guests: Alisa Gray, President and CEO, Kentucky Humane Society

LRC Staff: Heather Keene, Emma Mills, and Jennifer Luttrell.

Approval of Minutes (August 20, 2025)

Due to an unmet quorum, the approval was passed to the next meeting.

Kentucky Humane Society (KHS)

Alisa Gray, President and CEO, Kentucky Humane Society, gave a brief overview of the All In Campaign.

In response to Co-Chair Thomas's questions, Ms. Gray said KHS's goal is to attract more veterinary students and veterinarians who need practicum hours and internships to the campus to receive hands-on education not taught in veterinary schools. The facility will offer vet services, including shelter medicine, spay and neuter for the public, and a brick-and-mortar veterinary clinic for low-cost care.

In response to Representative Lockett's questions, Ms. Gray stated KHS focuses on cats, dogs, and horses. If the General Assembly does not allocate the requested \$5 million, the society will continue to fundraise.

In response to Co-Chair Freeland's questions, Ms. Gray explained that KHS partners with 96

counties providing advice and mobile spay and neuter and medical care clinics, prioritizing underserved districts.

In response to Chair Madon's questions, Ms. Gray replied that the facility would be a new site on Preston Highway in Louisville, Kentucky, funded by the sale of four properties to complete the project. KHS collaborates closely with the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association and various partners focused on animal welfare throughout the state in response to disasters. Chair Madon added that the Disaster and Resilience Subcommittee could be a valuable collaboration for KHS to consider.

In response to Representative Hale's questions, Ms. Gray said KHS's goal is to connect with all 120 counties in Kentucky, and any contact information would be greatly appreciated. Ms. Gray indicated that she would provide the committee with the list of the 96 counties with which the society is collaborating.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:28 AM.