INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Minutes

July 8, 2026

Call to Order and Roll Call

The fourth meeting of the Information Technology Oversight Committee was held on July 8, 2026, at 10:00 AM ET/9:00 AM CT 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; Senators Keturah J. Herron and Michael J. Nemes; and Representatives Chad Aull and John Hodgson.

Guests: Christopher Thacker, General Counsel, Kentucky Office of the Attorney General; Jimmy Byrd, Executive Vice President, Corporate Development, Ledcor Technical Services (LTS) Kentucky Managed Technical Services LLC; Michael Murray, Senior Vice President, US Infrastructure, LTS Kentucky Managed Technical Services LLC; Rebecca Moss, Director & Associate General Counsel, Ledcor Group of Companies; Michael Shull, Litigation Counsel, Partner, FBT Gibbons; Jacob Robbins, Litigation Counsel, Senior Associate, FBT Gibbons; Robert Morphonios, Chief Executive Officer, Kentucky Wired Operations Company (KWOC); and Tom Snyder, Chief Operating Officer, KWOC.

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

Approval of Minutes

Motions were made by Co-Chair Williams and seconded by Representative Hodgson to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2026, and June 10, 2026, meetings. Minutes were approved by voice vote without objection.

Kentucky Office of the Attorney General

Christopher Thacker, General Counsel, Kentucky Office of the Attorney General, provided a summary of the opinion issued by the Office of the Attorney General related to the function and role of the Kentucky Communications Network Authority (KCNA) Board as a result of 2026 RS HB 314.

In response to Chair Lockett, Mr. Thacker agreed that any action taken outside of the board that is not approved by the board could be deemed invalid.

In response to Representative Hodgson, Mr. Thacker stated the board has the authority to terminate contracts.

LTS Kentucky Managed Technical Services LLC

Jimmy Byrd, Executive Vice President, Corporate Development, Ledcor Technical Services (LTS) Kentucky Managed Technical Services LLC, provided a summary of the project agreement and services contract dispute.

In response to Chair Lockett, Mr. Byrd stated, in his opinion, LTS is not currently under contract as the service provider, and LTS is obligated to provide a smooth transition to a new service provider.

In response to Co-Chair Williams, Mr. Byrd stated $3 million worth of equipment for the refresh was ordered by LTS and paid for by KCNA, but it has not been installed. The remaining $7 million worth of equipment ordered was cancelled by LTS; however, the equipment was shipped directly to a KCNA warehouse. This equipment has not been paid for by LTS or KCNA. LTS has not received the appropriate change order authorization from KWOC to install the $3 million worth of equipment.

In response to Chair Lockett, Mr. Byrd confirmed there is no agreement on the ongoing service provider contract.

In response to Co-Chair Williams, Mr. Byrd stated September 1, 2026, would be the end date for LTS as a month-to-month service provider. Michael Murray, Senior Vice President, US Infrastructure, LTS Kentucky Managed Technical Services LLC, added the equipment is reaching its end-of-life and manufacturer support may not be available, which could lead to outages. Mr. Byrd discussed the growing financial obligation owed to LTS because of the difference between the month-to-month rate now being charged and the long-term contracted rate that has expired.

In response to Representative Aull, Mr. Byrd stated they would provide an inventory with end-of-life dates on the installed equipment and copies of the invoices previously requested.

In response to Co-Chair Williams, Mr. Murray and Mr. Byrd explained it was unlikely they could obtain an extension on service agreements with equipment vendors.

Kentucky Wired Operations Company (KWOC)

In response to Co-Chair Williams, Robert Morphonios, CEO, KWOC, stated both KCNA and KWOC redacted the documents requested by Open Fiber. He provided the reasoning for the redactions made by the KWOC attorney. Chair Lockett commented on the redactions in the documents provided and requested the documents be provided unredacted.

In response to Co-Chair Williams, Mr. Morphonios provided KWOC's position on the contract agreement with the service provider, LTS. He discussed the market test, selecting a vendor, ongoing disputes, and mediation.

In response to Chair Lockett, Mr. Morphonios explained LTS is under the original 30-year contract and there is not a stop date for maintaining the network. If negotiations occur after mediation, the parties may be able to establish new contract terms that work for everyone.

In response to Representative Aull, Tom Snyder, COO, KWOC, stated KWOC did receive invoices from LTS for the $2.5 million worth of equipment ordered for the refresh, which has been paid. On June 26, 2026, KWOC received another invoice for over $100,000 for work completed as part of the refresh. Rebecca Moss, Director & Associate General Counsel, Ledcor Group of Companies, stated she will investigate the invoice for $100,000, but installation has not occurred related to the refresh. Mr. Morphonios discussed the change order requested by LTS during the onset of the refresh and KCNA’s response with a change directive. LTS will need to initiate the dispute process in order to get the refresh started. Michael Shull, Litigation Counsel, Partner, FBT Gibbons, stated the dispute between LTS and KWOC does not need to be resolved by litigation, but rather through negotiating an agreement.

In response to Co-Chair Williams, Mr. Snyder stated LTS ordered the $8 million worth of equipment from 1Finity. KWOC doesn't directly order equipment. Mr. Shull stated the majority of the order had been cancelled, but was still delivered. He explained the issue LTS has with the language used in the change directive documentation.

Chair Lockett commented on the cost of litigation to taxpayers and encouraged the parties to mediate the issues and conclude quickly so the project can move forward.

Next Meeting

August 12, 2026, at 10 AM ET/9:00 AM CT in the Capitol Annex Room 129, chaired by Co-Chair Williams.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the committee, the committee adjourned.