

LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT & INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes

June 11, 2026

Call to Order and Roll Call

The third meeting of the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee was held on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 1 p.m. ET/12 p.m. CT in Room 131 of the Capitol Annex. Senator Greg Elkins, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Senator Greg Elkins, Co-Chair; Senators Danny Carroll, Gerald A. Neal, Matt Nunn, Aaron Reed, and Reginald L. Thomas; Representatives John Blanton, Lindsey Burke, Adrielle Camuel, Matt Lockett, and Steve Riley.

Guests: Natalie Brawner, director of the Division of Real Properties, Finance and Administration Cabinet; Barbie Dickens, general counsel, Finance and Administration Cabinet; Jim Codell, president, Codell Construction Company; Jeremy Slinker, deputy secretary, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet; and Shelley Snyder, executive director, Donate Life Kentucky Trust.

LRC Staff: Jacob Blevins, Austin Fraley, Christopher T. Hall, Taylor Johnston, Maegan Mohr, William Spears, Austin Sprinkles, Shane Stevens, Joel S. Thomas, Holly Tracy, and Olivia Walton.

Recognition of Staff Award

Chair Elkins recognized the staff of the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee (LOIC) for receiving a certificate of impact from the National Legislative Program Evaluation Society for the report *Executive Branch Use Of AI Systems*.

Approve Minutes from February 9, 2026

Upon motion by Representative Blanton and second by Representative Lockett the minutes for the February 9, 2026, meeting were approved without objection.

Staff Memorandum on "Evaluating Kentucky's Ability To Monitor Unused And Underutilized Properties"

Committee analysts Chris Hall, Austin Fraley, and Austin Sprinkles presented the staff memorandum "Evaluating Kentucky's Ability To Monitor Unused And Underutilized Properties." Staff sought to answer a legislative request regarding unused and underutilized properties, leading to the conclusion that the data needed for the analysis is not centrally collected at this time due to a lack of specificity in statutes. Staff's full presentation and report are available on the LOIC webpage.

In response to a question from Chair Elkins, Mr. Hall answered that while some of the information needed to calculate utilization is collected in various capacities, it is not systematically documented in ARCHIBUS, the state's facility management software.

In response to a question from Senator Nunn, Mr. Hall answered that the ARCHIBUS software was first funded in the 2000 Regular Session and was implemented in 2003.

Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet Response to Staff Memorandum

Natalie Brawner, director of the Division of Real Properties, Finance and Administration Cabinet (FAC) and Barbie Dickens, general counsel, FAC, presented their response to the LOIC staff memorandum. Their response is available on the LOIC webpage.

In response to a question from Senator Carroll, Chair Elkins answered that the objective of the memorandum was to determine building utilization rates within the commonwealth to identify vacant properties that may be liquidated. Due to a lack of statutory requirements, the data necessary to determine utilization is not collected at this time.

In response to questions from Representative Lockett, Ms. Brawner answered that FAC relies on agencies to let the Division of Real Properties know when they need more property or need to surplus property, as well as when a building requires repairs. Agencies then advance with repairs if they have the funding.

In response to a question from Senator Thomas, Ms. Brawner answered that FAC has sold state owned property in the past few years.

In response to a question from Senator Nunn, Ms. Brawner answered that after collaboration with agencies regarding the need for space or the need to surplus space, FAC will run a report through ARCHIBUS to determine if there is a currently state-held or state-leased property that would suit the agency's needs. The agency completes a space-request form to initiate the process.

In response to a question from Chair Elkins, Ms. Dickens answered that it would be helpful to define in statute the specific data elements that the General Assembly wishes to collect.

In response to a question from Representative Blanton, Ms. Brawner said that before she could answer how many personnel would be required to install new data collection measures, they would first need to determine the proposed changes.

Historical Review of HVAC Installation at Radcliff Veterans' Center

Jim Codell, president, Codell Construction Company, presented a timeline of the installation of the HVAC unit at Radcliff Veterans' Center. An LOIC staff report previously found that the HVAC unit's failure led to decreased capacity at the center. Mr. Codell said that the HVAC unit was inspected and considered to be in working order when the center was completed. He offered to

provide contacts to assist the commonwealth in pursuing further actions regarding the HVAC unit.

In response to a question from Representative Blanton, Mr. Codell said that as the contractor for the project, the construction company is usually the first point of contact if issues arise with a project they oversaw. The company then contacts the subcontractor to fix the issue.

Organ Donor Marks on Drivers' Licenses

Jeremy Slinker, deputy secretary, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), and Matthew Cole, commissioner of the Department of Vehicle Regulation, KYTC, presented on actions taken to reduce the occurrence of people receiving driver's licenses marked with the organ donor mark when they did not intend to be organ donors. They also discussed the KYTC collaboration with Donate Life Kentucky Trust. Their presentation is available on the LOIC website.

In response to a question from Representative Lockett, Mr. Slinker said that if a license recipient requests to not have the organ donor mark on their license or removes themselves from the organ donor list, the recipient would have to acquire a duplicate license without the organ donor mark. The recipient is informed of this upon request of organ donor mark removal.

In response to a question from Chair Elkins, Mr. Slinker answered that KYTC is not able to remove a license recipient from the organ donor list once the recipient has signed up. KYTC is statutorily required to offer the ability to sign up for the donor list. The license recipient should contact Donate Life directly to be removed from the list.

In response to a question from Senator Nunn, Shelley Snyder, executive director, Donate Life Kentucky Trust, was recognized to discuss the number of individuals registering as an organ donor. The number of people registering for the organ donor list for the first time has been steady for over a decade at about 100,000 registrants per year, except for a slight decrease in recent years. Ms. Snyder said that some registrants do not sign up through KYTC so Donate Life's organ donor numbers would not match KYTC's numbers.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Senator Nunn and second by Representative Lockett, the meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m. ET/2:19 p.m. CT.