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WHEREAS, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4317(a), it is the policy of the State of Kansas that "meetings for the conduct of governmental affairs and the transaction of governmental business be open to the public";

WHEREAS, pursuant to K.S.A. 45-216(a), it is the policy of the State of Kansas that "public records shall be open for inspection by any person unless otherwise provided";

WHEREAS, transparency in government requires elected officials, public employees, members of the media and the public to be informed about the Kansas Open Meetings Act, K.S.A. 75-4317 *et seq.*, and the Kansas Open Records Act, K.S.A. 45-215 *et seq.*;

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 75-761(a) authorizes the Attorney General of the State of Kansas to "consult and coordinate with any appropriate organization" to provide and coordinate training in order to promote knowledge of and compliance with the Kansas Open Meetings Act and the Kansas Open Records Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Attorney General of the State of Kansas pursuant to K.S.A. 75-761(a), I hereby establish the Kansas Attorney General's Open Government Training Advisory Group.

- 1. The purpose of the Open Government Training Advisory Group is to advise and assist the Attorney General in carrying out the duties described in K.S.A. 75-761(a), and on other matters related to the Kansas Open Meetings Act and the Kansas Open Records Act as requested by the Attorney General.
- 2. The Attorney General shall yearly appoint the members of the Open Government Training Advisory Group which shall consist of 11 to 14 members as described below.
 - a. Three members appointed from the Office of the Attorney General one of whom shall be appointed as the chair of the Open Government Training Advisory Group.
 - b. One member appointed in consultation with the Kansas Association of Broadcasters.
 - c. One member appointed in consultation with the Kansas Press Association.
 - d. One member appointed in consultation with the Kansas Association of Counties.
 - e. One member appointed in consultation with the Kansas League of Municipalities.
 - f. One member appointed in consultation with the Kansas Association of School Boards.

- g. Two members appointed in consultation with the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association with one member representing county attorneys and one member representing district attorneys.
- h. One member appointed in consultation with the Secretary of Administration with preference for appointment of an attorney familiar with open government issues common in state agencies.
- i. Up to three at-large appointments.
- 3. Members of the Open Government Training Advisory Group shall serve at the pleasure of the Attorney General.
- 4. Members of the Open Government Training Advisory Group shall not receive compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage or expenses from the Office of the Attorney General for attending meetings or subcommittee meetings of the Open Government Training Advisory Group.
- 4. The Open Government Training Advisory Group shall meet on the call of the chair.
- 5. Meetings of the Open Government Training Advisory Group shall be subject to the provisions of the Kansas Open Meetings Act.

APPROVED BY:

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