

MINUTES

Executive Board



Representative Jon Hansen, Chair
Senator Chris Karr, Vice Chair
Representative Erin Healy, Ranking Minority Member

Second Meeting, 2025 Interim
Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Room 414 – State Capitol
Pierre, South Dakota

The second interim meeting of the 2025 Executive Board was called to order by Representative Jon Hansen at 10:11 a.m. (CT) on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, in room 414 of the State Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota.

A quorum was determined with the following members answering roll call: Representatives Aaron Aylward, Spencer Gosch (remote), Mellissa Heermann, Greg Jamison, Brian Mulder, and Scott Odenbach (remote); Senators Randy Deibert (remote), Steve Kolbeck (remote), Liz Larson (remote), Jim Mehlhaff, Ernie Otten, and Tom Pischke; Representative Erin Healy, Ranking Minority Member; Senator Chris Karr, Vice Chair; and Representative Jon Hansen, Chair.

Staff members present included John McCullough, Director, and Rachael Person, Chief of Legislative Operations.

NOTE: For the purpose of continuity, the following minutes are not necessarily in chronological order. All referenced documents distributed at the meeting are hyperlinked to the document on the Legislative Research Council website. This meeting was live streamed. Each section contains a hyperlink to the time stamp pertaining to that item in the archived live stream available at sdlegislature.gov.

Approval of Minutes

Representative Healy moved, seconded by Senator Karr, to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2025, meeting. The motion prevailed on a voice vote. ([00:45.820](#))

Investment Council Subcommittee Report

Mr. Matt Clark, State Investment Officer, South Dakota Investment Council, provided an Investment Council update ([Document 1](#)). ([01:54.220](#))

State Investment Officer Compensation

Senator Karr moved, seconded by Representative Mulder, that the total compensation for the State Investment Officer payable in FY 2026 be comprised of FY 2025 base salary increased by state salary policy and a continuation of the investment performance incentive plan, with any earned incentive to be paid following completion of the audit. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 14 AYES, 1 EXCUSED. Voting AYE: Aylward, Heermann, Jamison, Mulder, Odenbach, Deibert, Kolbeck, Larson, Mehlhaff, Otten, Pischke, Healy, Karr, and Hansen. EXCUSED: Gosch. ([35:36.460](#))

Technology Subcommittee Report

Mr. Elijah Rodriguez, Chief IT Officer, Legislative Research Council (LRC), presented the Technology Subcommittee Report. ([38:33.700](#))

Senator Kolbeck made additional comments regarding the Technology Subcommittee's meeting and the IT upgrades. [\(41:57.740\)](#)

The Committee discussed the suggested IT upgrades. [\(45:05.000\)](#)

Comprehensive Property Tax Task Force Appointments

Representative Hansen listed the members of the Comprehensive Property Tax Task Force. Speaker Hansen appointed Representatives Hansen, Auch, Heinemann, and Pourier. Senator Karr appointed Senators Karr, Peterson (Sue), Howard, and Foster. Senator Mehlhaff appointed Senators Mehlhaff, Deibert, Otten, and Vilhauer. Representative Odenbach appointed Representatives Odenbach, Jamison, Hughes, and Hunt. [\(55:08.100\)](#)

Interim Study Committee Appointments

Senator Karr moved, seconded by Senator Otten, to appoint to the Initial Incarceration, Reentry Analysis, and Comparison of Relevant States Interim Committee Senator Jensen (Kevin) and Representative Jamison as co-chairs; Senators Grove, Karr, Perry, and Smith, and Representatives Bathke, Reisch, Fitzgerald, Randolph, and Wittman. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 14 AYES and 1 EXCUSED. Voting AYE: Aylward, Heermann, Jamison, Mulder, Odenbach, Deibert, Kolbeck, Larson, Mehlhaff, Otten, Pischke, Healy, Karr, and Hansen. EXCUSED: Gosch. [\(58:49.240\)](#)

Senator Karr moved, seconded by Representative Aylward, to appoint to the Emergency Medical Services Interim Committee Senator Reed and Representative Hunt as co-chairs; Senators Grove, Jensen (Kevin), and Voight, and Representatives Emery, Garcia, Kull, and Walburg. [\(01:01:15.420\)](#)

Representative Healy moved, as a substitute motion, seconded by Senator Larson, to replace Representative Hunt with Representative Emery as the co-chair. The motion failed on a roll call vote with 6 AYES and 9 NAYS. Voting AYE: Heermann, Jamison, Kolbeck, Larson, Mehlhaff, and Healy. Voting NAY: Aylward, Gosch, Mulder, Odenbach, Deibert, Otten, Pischke, Karr, and Hansen [\(01:02:04.280\)](#)

The Board reverted to Senator Karr's original motion. [\(01:06:07.640\)](#)

Senator Karr moved, seconded by Representative Aylward, to appoint to the Emergency Medical Services Interim Committee Senator Reed and Representative Hunt as co-chairs; Senators Grove, Jensen (Kevin), and Voight, and Representatives Emery, Garcia, Kull, and Walburg. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 14 AYES and 1 NAY. Voting AYE: Aylward, Gosch, Heermann, Jamison, Mulder, Odenbach, Kolbeck, Larson, Mehlhaff, Otten, Pischke, Healy, Karr, and Hansen. Voting NAY: Deibert

Senator Karr moved, seconded by Senator Otten, to appoint to the Community Support Providers, State and Federal Efficiencies Interim Committee Senator Karr and Representative Heinemann as co-chairs; Senators Nelson, Larson, and Voita, and Representatives Mulder, Baxter, Vasgaard, and Uhre-Balk. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 14 AYES and 1 NAY. Voting AYE: Aylward, Gosch, Heermann, Jamison, Mulder, Odenbach, Kolbeck, Larson, Mehlhaff, Otten, Pischke, Healy, Karr, and Hansen. Voting NAY: Deibert [\(01:07:42.400\)](#)

Senator Karr moved, seconded by Representative Aylward, to appoint to the Liaison Committee to the Department of Education Senator Schoenfish and Representative Randolph as co-chairs; Senator Voight and Representatives Baxter and Schwans. [\(01:09:46.380\)](#)

Representative Heermann made a substitute motion, seconded by Representative Healy, to replace Representative Schwans with Representative Halverson. The motion failed on a roll call vote with 7 AYES and 8 NAYS. Voting AYE: Heermann, Jamison, Mulder, Deibert, Kolbeck, Larson, and Healy. Voting NAY: Aylward, Gosch, Odenbach, Mehlhaff, Otten, Pischke, Karr, and Hansen. [\(01:10:33.620\)](#)

The Board reverted to Senator Karr's original motion. [\(01:13:24.860\)](#)

Senator Karr moved, seconded by Representative Aylward, to appoint to the Liaison Committee to the Department of Education Senator Schoenfish and Representative Randolph as co-chairs; Senator Voight and Representatives Baxter and Schwans. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 12 AYES and 3 NAYS. Voting AYE: Aylward, Gosch, Jamison, Mulder, Odenbach, Deibert, Kolbeck, Mehlhaff, Otten, Pischke, Karr, and Hansen. Voting NAY: Heermann, Larson, and Healy.

Study Scopes

Senator Karr moved, seconded by Senator Pischke, to approve the following study scope for the Comprehensive Property Tax Task Force: The Comprehensive Property Tax Review Task Force shall conduct a comprehensive review of property tax policies and identify measures to provide significant and lasting tax relief, by focusing principally on state and local revenues and expenditures and the funding of K-12 education. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 14 AYES and 1 EXCUSED. Voting AYE: Aylward, Heermann, Jamison, Mulder, Odenbach, Deibert, Kolbeck, Larson, Mehlhaff, Otten, Pischke, Healy, Karr, and Hansen. EXCUSED: Gosch. [\(01:15:43.610\)](#)

Senator Karr moved, seconded by Representative Healy, to approve the following study scope for the Initial Incarceration, Reentry Analysis, and Comparison of Relevant States Interim Committee: The Initial Incarceration, Reentry Analysis, and Comparison of Relevant States interim study committee shall: Examine the makeup (demographic analysis, offense characteristics, and geographic distribution) of the current prison population; conduct a comparison of incarceration rates in similar states, including a review of sentencing laws and the incarceration of non-violent offenders; and identify barriers to successful reentry after incarceration, including housing, job training, and substance abuse barriers. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 14 AYES and 1 NAY. Voting AYE: Aylward, Gosch, Heermann, Jamison, Mulder, Odenbach, Kolbeck, Larson, Mehlhaff, Otten, Pischke, Healy, Karr, and Hansen. Voting NAY: Deibert [\(01:18:36.620\)](#)

Senator Karr moved, seconded by Senator Otten, to approve the following scope for the Emergency Medical Services Interim Committee: The Emergency Medical Services interim study committee shall examine the provision of emergency medical services in this state with a view to addressing the challenges of geographic availability, reliability, and sustainability, and more specifically: Obtaining, maintaining, and training staff; providing service in remote areas without ready access to trauma-capable healthcare facilities; and identifying efficiencies and resources necessary to support operations. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 14 AYES and 1 EXCUSED. Voting AYE: Aylward, Heermann, Jamison, Mulder, Odenbach, Deibert, Kolbeck, Larson, Mehlhaff, Otten, Pischke, Healy, Karr, and Hansen. EXCUSED: Gosch. [\(01:24:57.660\)](#)

Senator Karr moved, seconded by Senator Mehlhaff, to approve the following scope for the Community Support Providers, State and Federal Efficiencies Interim Committee: South Dakota operates two Medicaid waiver programs—CHOICES and Family Support 360. Each provides home and community-based services for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities through community support providers. This study committee will explore and identify potential ways to streamline services across the two waiver programs to improve efficiency and better match the ongoing reduced funding of the reimbursement methodologies. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 14 AYES and 1 NAY. Voting AYE: Aylward, Gosch, Heermann, Jamison, Mulder, Odenbach, Kolbeck, Larson, Mehlhaff, Otten, Pischke, Healy, Karr, and Hansen. Voting NAY: Deibert. [\(01:28:34.920\)](#)

Senator Karr moved, seconded by Representative Healy, to approve the following study scope for the Liaison Committee to the Department of Education: The Liaison Committee to the Department of Education shall engage in regular contact with the South Dakota Secretary of Education, to identify any state impact resulting from funding or programmatic changes initiated by or on behalf of the United States Department of Education. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 13 AYES and 2 NAYS. Voting AYE: Aylward, Gosch, Jamison, Mulder, Odenbach, Deibert, Kolbeck, Larson, Mehlhaff, Otten, Pischke, Karr, and Hansen. Voting NAY: Heermann and Healy. [\(01:31:39.820\)](#)

Selection of Issue Memoranda

Senator Karr moved, seconded by Representative Healy, to approve the following topics for Issue Memoranda: A Primer on Election Law; and Water Surface Law - State and Federal Responsibilities. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 15 AYES. Voting AYE: Aylward, Gosch, Heermann, Jamison, Mulder, Odenbach, Deibert, Kolbeck, Larson, Mehlhaff, Otten, Pischke, Healy, Karr, and Hansen. [\(01:34:22.700\)](#)

Interim Rules of Procedure

The Board discussed the proposed Rules of Procedure for the 2025 - 2026 interims. [\(01:37:57.500\)](#)

Senator Karr moved, seconded by Representative Healy, to approve the proposed Rules of Procedure for the 2025 - 2026 interims. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 14 AYES and 1 NAY. Voting AYE: Aylward, Gosch, Heermann, Jamison, Mulder, Odenbach, Kolbeck, Larson, Mehlhaff, Otten, Pischke, Healy, Karr, and Hansen. Voting NAY: Deibert. [\(01:43:16.780\)](#)

Adjournment

Senator Otten moved, seconded by Representative Healy, that the Executive Board adjourn. The motion prevailed on a voice vote. [\(01:45:35.460\)](#)

The Executive Board adjourned at 12:30 p.m.