

Draft Interim Committee Minutes Executive Board

The third interim meeting of the Executive Board was called to order by Senator Chris Karr at 10:00 AM on June 16, 2026, in Room 414 of the State Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota.

A quorum was determined with the following members answering roll call: Rep. Aylward, Sen. Deibert, Rep. Hansen (remote), Rep. Healy (remote), Rep. Heermann (remote), Rep. Jamison, Sen. Karr, Sen. Larson (remote), Sen. Mehlhaff, Rep. Mulder, Sen. Otten, and Sen. Pischke (remote). Rep. Gosch, Sen. Kolbeck (Steve), and Rep. Odenbach were excused.

Staff members present included Jeff Mehlhaff, Interim Director/Chief Fiscal Analyst; Rachael Person, Chief of Legislative Operations; and Elijah Rodriguez, Chief IT Officer.

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

Senator Ernie Otten moved, seconded by Senator Randy Deibert, to approve the minutes of the [April 14, 2026](#), Executive Board meeting. The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Elijah Rodriguez, Legislative Research Council, presented the Technology Subcommittee report. The Board asked questions throughout the report. [\(2:42\)](#)

Representative Aaron Aylward moved, seconded by Senator Ernie Otten, to recommend the Chief IT Officer pursue the 16-inch Dell laptops and the iPad Air devices for the upcoming legislative term. The motion prevailed on a voice vote. [\(24:29\)](#)

Executive Board Appointments

Matt Clark, South Dakota Investment Council (SDIC), discussed the open appointment on the SDIC and gave his recommendations for filling the open position. [\(27:30\)](#)

Representative Brian Mulder moved, seconded by Representative Greg Jamison, to appoint Rita Edwards to the Investment Council. [\(30:17\)](#)

Representative Aaron Aylward moved, as a substitute motion, to appoint Renae Randall to the Investment Council. The motion failed for lack of a second. [\(31:24\)](#)

The Board reverted to Representative Mulder's previous motion.

Representative Brian Mulder moved, seconded by Representative Greg Jamison, to appoint Rita Edwards to the Investment Council. The motion prevailed on a voice vote. [\(31:53\)](#)

Senator Ernie Otten moved, seconded by Senator Randy Deibert, to appoint Senator Amber Hulse to the Commission on Uniform Legislation. The motion prevailed on a voice vote. [\(36:06\)](#)

Senator Jim Mehlhaff moved, seconded by Senator Ernie Otten, to appoint Nathan Ovenden as the healthcare insurance provider to the Indian Medicaid Managed Care Model Task Force. The motion prevailed on a voice vote. [\(39:43\)](#)

Representative Brian Mulder moved, seconded by Senator Jim Mehlhaff, to appoint Teresa Boremann as the healthcare provider to the Indian Medicaid Managed Care Model Task Force. The motion prevailed on a voice vote. [\(41:05\)](#)

Senator Jim Mehlhaff moved, seconded by Senator Ernie Otten, to appoint Shantel Krebs as the healthcare administrator to the Indian Medicaid Managed Care Model Task Force. The motion prevailed on a voice vote. ([42:46](#))

FY27 House and Senate Travel Funds Allocation

Jeff Mehlhaff, Legislative Research Council, presented the 2026 Interim House and Senate Travel Funds Allocation. [2026 Interim Travel Allocation \(45:21\)](#)

Senator Jim Mehlhaff moved, seconded by Representative Brian Mulder, to allocate the 2026 non-session interim member budget for per diem and travel costs in the amount of \$555,477, with \$308,684 allocated to the House and \$227,971 allocated to the Senate. The motion prevailed on a voice vote. ([48:06](#))

Executive Session

Senator Jim Mehlhaff moved, seconded by Senator Ernie Otten, that the Executive Board go into executive session. The motion prevailed on a voice vote. ([50:27](#))

The Board went into executive session at 10:51 AM. ([50:52](#))

Senator Jim Mehlhaff moved, seconded by Senator Ernie Otten, that the Board come out of executive session. The motion prevailed on a voice vote. ([50:56](#))

The Board came out of executive session at 1:03 PM.

Representative Brian Mulder moved, seconded by Senator Ernie Otten, to appoint Jeff Mehlhaff as interim director at the salary of the former director salary, and that the Executive Committee conduct an application and review process to be concluded by August 31. The motion prevailed on a voice vote. ([52:03](#))

Adjournment

Senator Ernie Otten, seconded by Representative Greg Jamison, that the Executive Board be adjourned. The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

The Executive Board adjourned at 1:08 PM.