

Interim Committee Minutes Executive Board

The fourth interim meeting of the Executive Board was called to order by Representative Jon Hansen at 10:00 AM on August 26, 2026, in Room 414 of the State Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota.

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

Staff members present included Jeff Mehlhaff, Interim Director/Chief Fiscal Analyst; 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

Senator Ernie Otten moved, seconded by Senator Jim Mehlhaff, to approve the minutes of the [June 16, 2026](#), Executive Board meeting. The motion prevailed on a voice vote. (1:05)

Representative Hansen announced that the LRC Issue Memorandums scheduled on the day's agenda would be deferred to the next meeting of the Executive Board. ([1:34](#))

Investment Council Subcommittee Report

Matt Clark and Kelly Meiners, South Dakota Investment Council (SDIC); presented the SDIC preliminary performance report and budget request. [A1. SDIC - Exec Brd Presentation - Aug 2026 \(4:11\)](#)

Public Comments

The following individual offered public comments: ([46:58](#))
Renae Randall, Self

The Board asked questions of Mr. Clark on the SDIC presentation. ([49:42](#))

Representative Brian Mulder moved, seconded by Representative Spencer Gosch, to approve the SDIC budget request for FY 2028. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 15 AYES. Voting AYE: Sen. Deibert, Sen. Kolbeck (Steve), Sen. Mehlhaff, Sen. Otten, Sen. Pischke, Rep. Aylward, Rep. Gosch, Rep. Healy, Rep. Heermann, Rep. Jamison, Rep. Mulder, Rep. Odenbach, Sen. Larson, Rep. Hansen, and Sen. Karr. (1:20:12)

Travis Almond, South Dakota Retirement System (SDRS); presented the SDRS preliminary report and estimated budget request. [A2. SDRS - Executive Board Presentation - August 2026 \(1:22:00\)](#)

Public Comments

The following individual offered public comments: ([1:27:04](#))
Renae Randall, Self

Budget Subcommittee Report

Jeff Mehlhaff, Legislative Research Council (LRC); presented the LRC budget request for FY 2028. [B1. LRC FY2028 Budget Presentation \(1:34:15\)](#)

Representative Brian Mulder moved, seconded by Representative Spencer Gosch, to approve the LRC budget request for FY 2028. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 15 AYES. Voting AYE: Sen. Deibert, Sen. Kolbeck (Steve), Sen. Mehlhaff, Sen. Otten, Sen. Pischke, Rep. Aylward, Rep. Gosch, Rep. Healy, Rep. Heermann, Rep. Jamison, Rep. Mulder, Rep. Odenbach, Sen. Larson, Rep. Hansen, and Sen. Karr. (1:40:27)

Russell Olson and Mike Kogelmann, Department of Legislative Audit (DLA); presented the DLA budget request for FY 2028. [B2. Legislative Audit FY 2028 Budget Request \(1:42:14\)](#)

Public Comments

The following individual offered public comments: [\(1:48:33\)](#)
Rena Randall, Self

Representative Brian Mulder moved, seconded by Senator Ernie Otten, to approve the DLA budget request for FY 2028. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 15 AYES. Voting AYE: Sen. Deibert, Sen. Kolbeck (Steve), Sen. Mehlhaff, Sen. Otten, Sen. Pischke, Rep. Aylward, Rep. Gosch, Rep. Healy, Rep. Heermann, Rep. Jamison, Rep. Mulder, Rep. Odenbach, Sen. Larson, Rep. Hansen, and Sen. Karr. (1:56:18)

Executive Session

Representative Spencer Gosch moved, seconded by Senator Randy Deibert, that the Executive Board go into Executive Session. The motion prevailed on a voice vote. (2:01:12)

The Executive Board went into executive session at 12:22 PM. [\(2:01:27\)](#)

Senator Jim Mehlhaff moved, seconded by Senator Ernie Otten, that the Executive Board come out of Executive Session. The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

The Executive Board came out of executive session at 1:22 PM. [\(2:01:34\)](#)

Senator Jim Mehlhaff moved, seconded by Senator Ernie Otten, to set the Auditor General's salary at its current level plus an additional 1.4% pursuant to the state salary policy. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 15 AYES. Voting AYE: Sen. Deibert, Sen. Kolbeck (Steve), Sen. Mehlhaff, Sen. Otten, Sen. Pischke, Rep. Aylward, Rep. Gosch, Rep. Healy, Rep. Heermann, Rep. Jamison, Rep. Mulder, Rep. Odenbach, Sen. Larson, Rep. Hansen, and Sen. Karr. (2:01:53)

Senator Jim Mehlhaff moved, seconded by Senator Randy Deibert, to direct the Executive Committee to open up the LRC Director application process for at least 45 days and to engage with the LRC in hiring an executive recruiter to find a qualified applicant. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 15 AYES. Voting AYE: Sen. Deibert, Sen. Kolbeck (Steve), Sen. Mehlhaff, Sen. Otten, Sen. Pischke, Rep. Aylward, Rep. Gosch, Rep. Healy, Rep. Heermann, Rep. Jamison, Rep. Mulder, Rep. Odenbach, Sen. Larson, Rep. Hansen, and Sen. Karr. (2:03:42)

Adjournment

Senator Ernie Otten moved, seconded by Representative Brian Mulder, that the Executive Board be adjourned. The motion prevailed on a voice vote. [\(2:06:38\)](#)

The Executive Board adjourned at 1:27 PM.