

# MINUTES

## Appropriations

Senator Ernie Otten, Lead Co-Chair  
Representative Mike Derby, Co-Chair



First Meeting, 2025 Interim  
Friday, May 30, 2025

Room 362 – State Capitol  
Pierre, South Dakota

The first meeting of the 2025 Special Committee on Appropriations (the "Committee") was called to order by Lead Co-Chair Representative Ernie Otten at 10:02 AM in Room 362 of the State Capitol.

A quorum was determined with the following members answering the roll call: Senators John Carley, Red Dawn Foster, Mark Lapka, Paul Miskimins, Glen Vilhauer, Mykala Voita (remote), Larry Zikmund, and Ernie Otten; Representatives Terri Jorgenson, Chris Kassin, Jack Kolbeck, Liz May, Scott Moore, Erik Muckey, Al Novstrup, John Sjaarda, and Mike Derby. Excused: Senator Taffy Howard.

Staff members present included Jeff Mehlhaff, Deputy Director and Chief Fiscal Analyst; Joslyn Jessop, Senior Fiscal Analyst; Joey Knofczynski, Senior Fiscal Analyst; Bill Douglas, Fiscal Analyst; Mitch Honan, Fiscal Analyst; Bill McDonald, Fiscal Analyst; and Drew Kaitfors, Fiscal Analyst.

**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](https://sdlegislature.gov).

### Federal Funding Reductions

Brandy Miesner, Bureau of Finance and Management presented on federal funding reductions. ([02:32.080](#))

Committee questions were answered by Darcy McGuigan, Department of Health; Jason Simmons, Department of Social Services; Cody Stoeser, Department of Education; Angie Lemieux, Department of Public Safety; and Jeff Mehlhaff, Legislative Research Council. ([13:26.020](#))

Lori Dykstra, Feeding South Dakota and Stacey Andernacht, Feeding South Dakota presented on federal funding reductions to the organization. ([Document #1](#)) ([01:07:06.380](#))

### Biannual Future Fund Report

Bill Even, Governor's Office of Economic Development and Joe Fiala, Governor's Office of Economic Development presented the Future Fund report. ([01:40:52.360](#))

Emily Ward, Department of Labor and Regulation and Jack Valentine, Governor's Office of Economic Development provided information on committee questions. ([01:52:05.760](#))

### Consideration of Budget Transfers

Brandy Miesner, Bureau of Finance and Management presented four budget transfers for the committee's approval. ([02:22:25.320](#))

Emily Ward, Department of Labor and Regulation and Jason Simmons, Department of Social Services answered committee questions regarding their respective agencies' budget transfers. ([02:24:33.340](#))

**Representative Derby moved, seconded by Senator Zikmund, to approve the budget transfer for the Department of Labor and Regulation - JB2026111. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 16 AYES, 1 NAY, 1 EXCUSED. Voting AYE: Miskimins, Kassin, Moore, Vilhauer, Carley, May, Voita, Jorgenson, Sjaarda, Muckey, Zikmund, Kolbeck (Jack), Novstrup, Lapka, Derby, and Otten. Voting NAY: Foster. EXCUSED: Howard ([02:47:39.440](#))**

**Senator Lapka moved, seconded by Representative Kassin, to approve the budget transfer for the Department of Public Safety - JB2026110A. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 17 AYES, 1 EXCUSED. Voting AYE: Miskimins, Kassin, Moore, Vilhauer, Carley, May, Voita, Jorgenson, Foster, Sjaarda, Muckey, Zikmund, Kolbeck (Jack), Novstrup, Lapka, Derby, and Otten. EXCUSED: Howard ([02:51:29.840](#))**

**Senator Lapka moved, seconded by Senator Vilhauer, to approve the budget transfer for the Departments of Social Services and Human Services - JB2025241. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 14 AYES, 3 NAYS, 1 EXCUSED. Voting AYE: Miskimins, Kassin, Moore, Vilhauer, Carley, Voita, Jorgenson, Sjaarda, Zikmund, Kolbeck (Jack), Novstrup, Lapka, Derby, and Otten. Voting NAY: May, Foster, Muckey. EXCUSED: Howard ([02:54:09.820](#))**

**Senator Lapka moved, seconded by Representative Derby, to approve the budget transfer for the Department of Public Safety - JB2026110B. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 17 AYES, 1 EXCUSED. Voting AYE: Miskimins, Kassin, Moore, Vilhauer, Carley, May, Voita, Jorgenson, Foster, Sjaarda, Muckey, Zikmund, Kolbeck (Jack), Novstrup, Lapka, Derby, and Otten. EXCUSED: Howard ([02:57:17.800](#))**

### **Consideration of Letters of Intent**

**Liza Clark, Board of Regents, presented on the Utility Budget Transfers Letter of Intent for the Board of Regents. ([03:05:13.840](#))**

**Representative Muckey moved, seconded by Representative Kassin, to adopt the letter of intent regarding utility budget transfers for the Board of Regents. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 17 AYES, 1 EXCUSED. Voting AYE: Miskimins, Kassin, Moore, Vilhauer, Carley, May, Voita, Jorgenson, Foster, Sjaarda, Muckey, Zikmund, Kolbeck (Jack), Novstrup, Lapka, Derby, and Otten. EXCUSED: Howard ([03:07:21.420](#))**

**Steven Kohler, Bureau of Finance and Management, provided information on the BISON project. ([03:08:34.960](#))**

### **Adjournment**

**Representative May moved, seconded by Senator Carley, to adjourn ([03:20:31.540](#))**

The Committee adjourned at 1:50 p.m.