

MINUTES

Executive Board



Senator Chris Karr, Chair
Representative Jon Hansen, Vice Chair
Senator Liz Larson, Ranking Minority Member

First Meeting, 2026 Interim
Monday, March 30, 2026

Room 414 – State Capitol
Pierre, South Dakota

The first interim meeting of the Executive Board was called to order by Senator Chris Karr at 3:30 p.m. (CT) on Monday, March 30, 2026, in Room 414 of the State Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota.

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

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 Mehlhaff, to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2025, meeting. The motion prevailed on a voice vote. [\(00:47.240\)](#)

Meeting Dates for the Executive Board, 2026 Interim

The Board discussed meeting dates for the 2026 interim. [\(01:24.140\)](#)

Representative Mulder moved, seconded by Representative Gosch, to set the 2026 Executive Board meeting dates as April 14, June 16, August 26, and November 10. The motion prevailed on a voice vote. [\(04:54.660\)](#)

Proposed Interim Study Topics and Committee Selection

The Board discussed interim study topics. [\(06:18.880\)](#)

Senator Mehlhaff moved, seconded by Representative Gosch, to limit the 2026 interim studies to those passed by legislation during the 2026 legislative session. The motion prevailed on a voice vote. [\(08:36.070\)](#)

The Board discussed Issue Memorandum topics. [\(09:16.490\)](#)

Public Comment

Representative Kathy Rice, District 29, provided public testimony on Issue Memorandum topics. [\(14:14.670\)](#)

Adjournment

Senator Otten moved, seconded by Senator Deibert, that the Executive Board adjourn. The motion prevailed on a voice vote. [\(16:15.890\)](#)

The Executive Board adjourned at 3:46 p.m. (CT).