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## Joint Legislative Budget Committee

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

#### JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE

January 30, 2024

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m., Tuesday, January 30, 2024, in Senate Hearing Room 109. The following were present:

Members:	Senator Kavanagh, Chairman	Representative Livingston, Vice-Chairman
	Senator Alston	Representative Carter
	Senator Bennett	Representative Chaplik
	Senator Borrelli	Representative Nguyen (Temporary Member in place of Representative Gress
	Senator Diaz	Representative Schwiebert
	Senator Fernandez	Representative Stahl Hamilton
		Representative Quiñonez
Absent:	Senator Hoffman	Representative Gress
	Senator Mesnard	Representative Carter

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Representative Livingston moved that the Committee approve the minutes of December 14, 2023. The motion carried.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Representative Livingston moved that the Committee go into Executive Session. The motion carried.

At 9:07 a.m. the Joint Legislative Budget Committee went into Executive Session.

Representative Livingston moved that the Committee reconvene into open session. The motion carried.

At 9:46 a.m. the Committee reconvened into open session.

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**A. Attorney General - Consideration of Proposed Settlements under Rule 14.**

Representative Livingston moved that the Committee approve the recommended settlement proposed by the Attorney General's office in the case of John Doe v. The Arizona Board of Regents. The motion carried.

**1. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS (DEMA) - Review of Border Security Fund Transfer for Additional Local Prosecution and Asylum Transportation Costs.**

Mr. Mitch Wenzel, JLBC Staff, stated Laws 2022, Chapter 313 requires that DEMa submit transfers of funding within the Border Security Fund to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for review. DEMa requested to:

- Increase the Local Prosecution allocation by \$4,800,000
- Increase the Asylum Transportation allocation by \$8,000,000
- Decrease the Border Fence and Technology allocation by \$2,400,000
- Decrease the Local ICE Reimbursement allocation by \$5,000,000
- Decrease the Emergency Care and Testing allocation by \$5,400,000

The JLBC Staff provided options, including the Chairman's proposal.

Gabe Lavine, Director, Division of Emergency Management, DEMa, responded to member questions.

Representative Livingston moved that the Committee give a favorable review of Chairman Kavanagh's proposal to:

- Increase the Local Prosecution allocation by \$4,800,000
- Increase the Asylum Transportation allocation by \$8,000,000
- Decrease the Local ICE Reimbursement allocation by \$7,400,000
- Decrease the Emergency Care and Testing allocation by \$5,400,000

The Chairman's proposal also included the following provisions:

- A. DEMa may only use the additional transportation monies to pay for reasonable costs, not to exceed \$60 per migrant, of in-state transportation if a migrant submits a signed statement declaring that they intend to relocate from Arizona to another state within 15 days. The migrant must also demonstrate that they are unable to pay for the cost of transportation.
- B. DEMa shall report to the Committee prior to spending the \$500,000 reserve for local prosecution costs. DEMa shall report to the Committee on the intended recipients of these funds and the amount of their award.

Representative Stahl Hamilton made a substitute motion for a favorable review of the following transfer of funds within the Border Security Fund:

- 1) *Increase the Local Prosecution allocation by \$4,800,000*
- 2) *Increase the Asylum Transportation allocation by \$8,000,000*
- 3) *Decrease the Border Fence/Technology allocation by \$2,400,000*
- 4) *Decrease the Local ICE Reimbursement allocation by \$5,000,000*
- 5) *Decrease the Emergency Testing and Care allocation by \$5,400,000*

The substitute motion failed.

The original motion passed.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

*Kristy Paddack*

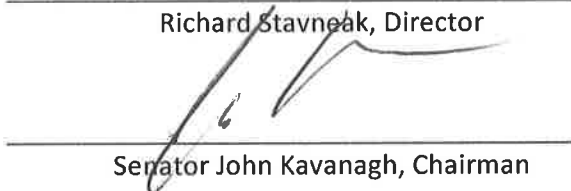
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Kristy Paddack, Secretary

*Richard Stavneak*

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Richard Stavneak, Director



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Senator John Kavanagh, Chairman