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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE

May 6, 2026

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m., Wednesday, May 6, 2026, in Senate Hearing Room 109. The following were present:

Members:	Senator Farnsworth, Chairman	Representative Livingston, Vice-Chairman
	Senator Alston	Representative Austin
	Senator Fernandez	Representative Stahl Hamilton
	Senator Finchem	
	Senator Kavanagh	
	Senator Kuby	
	Senator Werner	

Absent:	Senator Mesnard	Representative Blattman
		Representative Carbone
		Representative Gress
		Representative Olson
		Representative Way

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Representative Livingston moved that the Committee approve the minutes of March 5, 2026. The motion carried by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

At 10:32 a.m. the Joint Legislative Budget Committee went into Executive Session.

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

At 10:53 a.m. the Committee reconvened into open session.

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 Valerie Yeager, et al. v. State of Arizona, et al. The motion carried by voice vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. ATTORNEY GENERAL – Review of Opioid Settlement Expenditure Plan.

Mr. Gordon Robertson, JLBC Staff, stated A.R.S. § 44-1531.02(C) requires the Attorney General to submit an expenditure plan for review by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee before spending any monies from the Consumer Remediation Subaccount of the Consumer Restitution and Remediation Revolving Fund. The FY 2026 budget appropriated \$10,000,000 from the Remediation Subaccount from opioid-claims related revenues to distribute as grants of \$2,000,000 each to Coconino, Mohave, Navajo, Pinal, and Yavapai counties to supplement existing coordinated reentry planning services programs in those counties. The JLBC Staff provided options.

Representative Livingston moved that the Committee give a favorable review of the expenditure plan, which distributed the \$10,000,000 amount to each of the specified counties as required by the FY 2026 budget. The motion carried by voice vote.

2. ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (ADOA) – Consider Approval of Requested Transfer of Appropriations.

Mr. Ethan Scheider, JLBC Staff, stated A.R.S. § 35-173 requires Committee approval of any transfer of spending authority within ADOA. ADOA requested authorization to transfer \$7,000,000 of Risk Management Revolving Fund monies out of its FY 2026 Risk Management Losses and Premiums line item. The JLBC Staff provided options.

Representative Livingston moved that the Committee approve ADOA's request to transfer \$7,000,000 of Risk Management Revolving Fund monies from the Risk Management Losses and Premiums line item to the following line items in the following amounts:

- \$5,000,000 to the Workers' Compensation Losses and Premiums line item for increased workers' compensation program costs.
- \$2,000,000 to the Risk Management Administrative Expenses line item to pay for higher-than-budgeted Attorney General risk management contracted legal costs.

The motion carried by voice vote.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kristy Paddack

Kristy Paddack, Secretary

Richard Stavneak

Richard Stavneak, Director

David C. Farnsworth

Senator David Farnsworth, Chairman

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