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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

## JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE

November 10, 2025

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 3:22 p.m., Monday, November 10, 2025, in Senate Hearing Room 109. The following were present:

Members:	Senator Farnsworth, Vice-Chairman Senator Angius (Temporary Member in place of Senator Fincham) Senator Kavanagh Senator Kuby Senator Werner	Representative Livingston, Chairman Representative Austin Representative Blattman Representative Gress Representative Way
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Absent: Senator Alston Representative Carbone  
Senator Fernandez Representative Olson  
Senator Mesnard Representative Stahl Hamilton

Excused: Senator Finchem

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Farnsworth moved that the Committee approve the minutes of March 20, 2025. The motion carried by voice vote.

*Chairman Livingston announced that the following item was pulled from the consent agenda:*

## 6. ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS (ABOR) – Review of FY 2026 Tuition Revenues.

## CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were considered without further discussion:

**1. ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (ADOA)/AUTOMATION PROJECTS FUND (APF).**

- A. Review of ADOA Human Resources Information System (HRIS) Replacement.**
- B. Review of ADOA State Website Migrations.**
- C. Review of ADOA Business One-Stop.**
- D. Review of AHCCCS Medicaid Enterprise System (MES).**
- E. Review of Department of Real Estate's IT System Replacement.**
- F. Review of Department of Revenue's (DOR) Tax System Replacement.**

A.R.S. § 41-714 requires Joint Legislative Budget Committee review prior to any monies being expended from the APF. ADOA requested review to spend a total of \$32,795,700 from the APF on six projects as follows:

- \$5,941,700 for ADOA's Human Resources Information System (HRIS) Replacement,
- \$1,750,000 for ADOA State Website Migrations,
- \$1,700,000 for ADOA's Business One-Stop,
- \$1,800,000 for the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) Medicaid Enterprise System (MES) Replacement,
- \$734,200 for the Department of Real Estate's IT System Replacement, and
- \$20,869,800 for the Department of Revenue's (DOR) Tax System Replacement.

The JLBC Staff provided options.

**2. ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG) – Review of Uncollectible Debts.**

A.R.S. § 35-150E requires that the AG's annual report on uncollectible debts owed to the state be reviewed by the Committee before the debt can be removed from the state accounting system. The AG requested review of the Attorney General's FY 2025 list of \$43,004,000 in uncollectible debt. The JLBC Staff provided options.

**3A. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (ADE) – Review of Basic State Aid Recalculation.**

A.R.S. § 15-915B, requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to reimburse school districts for K-12 "local share" taxes that they must refund to a taxpayer due to an Arizona Tax Court ruling that reduces the taxpayer's assessed property value for prior fiscal years. ADE requested the Committee review ADE's computation of \$36,300 for corrected Basic State Aid funding to Bonita Elementary School District due to a recent Tax Court judgment concerning property taxes paid in FY 2025 by Naturesweet Farms. The JLBC Staff provided options.

**3B. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (ADE) – Review of K-12 Broadband Connectivity Projects.**

A.R.S. § 15-249.07 requires ADE to submit for Committee review its annual report on K-12 broadband connectivity construction projects. The JLBC Staff provided options.

**4. ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION (ACJC) – Review of Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Federal Application.**

A.R.S. § 41-2403 requires ACJC to submit its federal application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to the Committee for review 30 days prior to submission to the federal government. The JLBC Staff provided options and a potential provision:

A. ACJC shall submit a preliminary proposal by May 15, 2026 if the federal guidelines have not yet been received for 2026.

**5. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) – Review of the Expenditure Plan for the Gang and Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission (GIITEM) Border Security and Law Enforcement Subaccount.**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1724G and A.R.S. § 41-1724H, DPS is required to submit to the Committee for review the FY 2026 expenditure plan for the GIITEM-Border Security and Law Enforcement Subaccount prior to expenditure. DPS requested review of the expenditure plan of \$1,796,400 of the \$2,396,400 FY 2026 appropriation to fund 3 existing programs: Detention Liaison Officers Program (\$420,000), Border County Officers Program (\$576,400), and Border Security and Law Enforcement Grants (\$800,000). The JLBC Staff provided options.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**B. JLBC – Annual Performance Review Per Rule 7.**

This item was for information only and no Committee action was required.

*Senator Farnsworth moved that the Committee give a favorable review of consent agenda items 1A, 1B, 1D, 1E, 1F, 1G, 2, 3A, 3B, 4, 5 with the JLBC Staff provisions and Executive Session Item B.* The motion carried by voice vote.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**1C. ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (ADOA)/AUTOMATION PROJECT FUND (APF) – Review of ADOA A to Z Arizona State Services Access Portal.**

Mr. Destin Moss, JLBC Staff, stated that A.R.S. § 41-714 requires Joint Legislative Budget Committee review prior to any monies being expended from the APF. ADOA requested review to spend \$3,370,000 from the APF for ADOA's A to Z Arizona State Services Access Portal. The JLBC Staff provided options.

Mr. J.R. Sloan, Deputy Director and Chief Information Officer, ADOA, responded to member questions.

*Senator Farnsworth moved that the Committee give a favorable review to spend \$3,370,000 from the APF for ADOA's A to Z Arizona State Services Access Portal.* The motion carried by voice vote.

**6. ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS (ABOR) – Review of FY 2026 Tuition Revenues.**

Ms. Grace Timpany, JLBC Staff, stated an FY 2026 General Appropriations Act footnote requires ABOR to submit to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for review an expenditure plan for all projected FY 2026 tuition and fee revenues by expenditure category. The JLBC Staff provided options.

*Senator Farnsworth moved that the Committee give a favorable review of ABOR's 2026 plan.* The motion carried by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Senator Farnsworth moved that the Committee go into Executive Session.* The motion carried by voice vote.

At 3:56 p.m. the Joint Legislative Budget Committee went into Executive Session.

Senator Farnsworth moved that the Committee reconvene into open session. The motion carried by voice vote.

At 4:39 p.m. the Committee reconvened into open session.

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

Senator Farnsworth moved that the Committee approve the recommended settlements proposed by the Attorney General's office in the cases of:

- *Brooke Edwards et al. v. State of Arizona*
- *David Morales et al. v. State of Arizona*

The motion carried by voice vote.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

*Kristy Paddock*

Kristy Paddock, Secretary

*Richard Stavneak*

Richard Stavneak, Director

*David Livingston*

Representative David Livingston, Chairman