

# **HOUSE BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL, PUBLIC RETIREMENT, AND FINANCE**

## **Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the 2026 Regular Session**

**January 21, 2026**

### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The second meeting meeting of the House Budget Review Subcommittee on Personnel, Public Retirement, and Finance of the House Standing Committee on Appropriations and Revenue was held on January 21, 2026, at 12:00 PM in Room 169 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Walker Thomas, Chair, called the meeting to order and the secretary called the roll.

### **Present were:**

Members: Representative Walker Thomas, Chair; Kevin Jackson, and Matt Lockett.

Guests: Jim Barnhart, CIO, Commonwealth Office of Technology (COT), and David Carter, Deputy CIO, COT.

LRC Staff: Heather Keene, Spring Emerson, and Jim Thornton.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Representative Jackson moved to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2026 meeting. The motion was seconded by Representative Lockett and the minutes were approved without objection.

### **Finance and Administration Cabinet**

Jim Barnhart, CIO, COT and David Carter, Deputy CIO, COT, gave an overview of the Department's efforts to create a comprehensive and improved login experience which will reduce threats to security.

In response to Representative Jackson, Deputy CIO Carter said there was no apparent need for hiring extra staff.

In response to Representative Lockett, Deputy CIO Carter said the agreement with the vendor had fixed costs for the first three years and did not expect additional expenditures. Years four and five are optional at the fixed cost and years six and seven have a cap on price increases.

In response to Chair Thomas, Deputy CIO Carter said it was not a concern that the timelines would not be met.

**Adjournment**

The next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2026. There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:33.