

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

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the 2026 Regular Session

January 28, 2026

Call to Order and Roll Call

The third meeting of the House Budget Review Subcommittee on Personnel, Public Retirement, and Finance was held on January 28, 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; Representatives Adam Bowling, Erika Hancock, Kevin Jackson, and Matt Lockett.

Guests: David Carter, Deputy CIO, Commonwealth Office of Technology; and Kari Welch, Executive Director, Commonwealth Office of Technology.

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

Approval of Minutes

Representative Lockett moved to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2026, meeting . The motion was seconded by Representative Jackson and the minutes were approved without objection.

Finance and Administration Cabinet

David Carter, Deputy CIO, Commonwealth Office of Technology; and Kari Welch, Executive Director, Commonwealth Office of Technology gave an overview of the Legacy IT System's affordability , adaptability to the modern workforce, and sustainability.

In response to Representative Jackson, Deputy CIO Carter said most funds are allocated to vendor/software expenses.

In response to Representative Bowling, Deputy CIO Carter indicated that an IT system is outdated when it is no longer supported by the vendor or does not meet needs. This kind of analysis is conducted in partnership with the various Cabinets.

In response to Representative Lockett, Deputy CIO Carter and Executive Director Welch

indicated that IT trends now center around platform consolidation.

In response to Chair Thomas, Deputy CIO Carter and Executive Director Welch said the funding request of \$5 million was based upon past years and that the department could absorb a reduction in funds.

Adjournment

No further meetings are currently scheduled. There being no additional business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:33 PM.