

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

## Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the 2026 Regular Session

February 11, 2026

### Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting of the House Budget Review Subcommittee on Personnel, Public Retirement, and Finance was held on February 11, 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 Erika Hancock, Kevin Jackson, and Matt Lockett.

Guests: Tina Howard, Executive Director, Office of Administrative Services, Finance and Administrative Cabinet; Scott Baker, Executive Director, Office of Facility Development and Efficiency, and David Whitaker, Director of Local Government Services, Office of the Controller, Finance and Administration Cabinet. Note that Director Baker attended in place of Terry Denny, Executive director, Department for Facilities and Support.

LRC Staff: Heather Keene and Jim Thornton.

### Approval of Minutes

Representative Lockett moved to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2026, meeting. The motion was seconded by Representative Jackson and the minutes were approved without objection.

### Finance and Administration Cabinet - Update on Various Generator Replacement Capital Project Request

Scott Baker, Executive Director, Office of Facility Development and Efficiency, Finance and Administration Cabinet, gave an overview of the generator replacement capital project request focusing upon life cycle replacement.

In response to Representative Hancock, Director Baker stated that it is difficult to determine which generators may need replacing until a system-wide evaluation condition based evaluation is completed, a process which will last between six and nine months and cost between 500 and 750m.

In response to Representative Jackson, Director Baker stated the difficulty of predicting generator life cycles without an understanding of the continuity of needed service enhancements and utility company capacity and infrastructure. Director Baker said these aspects will be part of the assessment.

In response to Chair Thomas, Director Baker said current generators can continue at least through the evaluation unless significant problems are found.

**Finance and Administration Cabinet - Update on Increase in Sheriff Fees Request**

David Whitaker, Director of Local Government Services, Office of the Controller, Finance and Administration Cabinet, gave an overview of the fee reimbursement for sheriff expenses, noting that 90% of funding goes to court security claims reimbursement.

In response to Representative Lockett, Director Whitaker stated the growth in reimbursement fees is due to mandated services driven by the court system but the volume has remained relatively stable. Director Howard said that if the 3.5 mm appropriation is not approved the department will continue to use the NGE process.

In response to Chair Thomas, Director Whitaker and Director Howard said claims are validated by the sheriff, the judge of record, and by the chief circuit justice and that cost containment is difficult due to reimbursement amounts being set by law.

In response to Chair Thomas, Director Howard stated claims are expected to remain stable until 2028.

**Adjournment**

No further meetings are currently scheduled. There being no additional business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:26.