

HOUSE BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the 2026 Regular Session

January 15, 2026

Call to Order and Roll Call

The first meeting of the House Budget Review Subcommittee on General Government was held on January 15, 2026, at 12:00 PM in Room 171 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Chris Freeland, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Representatives Chris Freeland, Chair; Mark Hart, Vice Chair; Representatives David Hale and Joshua Watkins.

Guests: Amy Burke, Chief, Department of Child Support Services, Rich Ferretti, Commissioner, Department of Criminal Investigations, Stacy Woodrum, Executive Director, Office of Budget and Management, Office of the Attorney General; Josh Keats, Executive Director; Chris Allen, Deputy Executive Director, Shelly Clark, 911 Services Board Administrator, and James Driver, Staff Assistant/Financial Manager, Office of Homeland Security.

LRC Staff: Joseph Holt, Emma Mills, and Jennifer Luttrell.

Office of the Attorney General

Amy Burke, Chief, Department of Child Support Services, provided an update on the replacement of federal incentive funding for Child Support Services.

In response to Chair Freeland's inquiry, Director Woodrum stated that the state budget funding request is \$24,000.

In response to Representative Hale's questions, Chief Burke mentioned that a little over \$13 million would be allocated to cover the shortfall. She noted that the federal government had specified that the incentive funds should be used to supplement baseline operations rather than for core funding.

In response to Representative Watkins' questions, Director Woodrum replied that the program was not at risk of receiving federal incentive funds or of refunding the misused funds at this time. She added that the funds would be unrestricted.

Rich Ferretti, Commissioner, Department of Criminal Investigations, gave a brief overview of the Special Victims Unit and the Digital Forensics Laboratory. There were no questions following his presentation.

Office of Homeland Security

Josh Keats, Executive Director, and Shelly Clark, 911 Services Board Administrator, presented on the NextGen 911 Program.

In response to questions from Representative Watkins, Ms. Clark clarified that public service answer points are maintained locally and emphasized that rural areas do not face delays in implementation.

In response to questions from Chair Freeland, Ms. Clark explained that landline funds are collected at the local level. She also noted that the state fee is 70 cents per wireless subscriber for post-paid and lifeline services, while prepaid subscriptions incur a fee of 93 cents.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:32 PM.