

HOUSE BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the 2026 Regular Session

January 22, 2026

Call to Order and Roll Call

The second meeting of the House Budget Review Subcommittee on General Government was held on January 22, 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; and Representative David Hale.

Guests: Karen Sellers, Executive Director; Richard House, Assistant Executive Director; and Rachel Poynter, Director of Finance and Administration.

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

Approval of Minutes

Representative Hale moved to approve the minutes from January 15, 2026. Representative Hart seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

State Board of Elections

Rachel Poynter, the Director of Finance and Administration, and Richard House, the Assistant Executive Director, provided a brief overview of the In-House Electronic Poll Book

(EPB) System.

In response to Representative Hale's questions, Director Poynter stated that the appropriation request amount is currently unknown, and the EPB system is scheduled to start with the 2027 Primary Election. Assistant Director House added that the EPB system is connected to the internet to prevent duplicate voting. While voter information is recorded in the system, votes are not cast through it. He emphasized that the system is highly secure.

In response to Chair Freeland's question, Assistant Director House mentioned that there are several programs implemented to incentivize poll workers.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM.