

# HOUSE BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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

February 12, 2026

### Call to Order and Roll Call

The fourth meeting of the House Budget Review Subcommittee on General Government was held on February 12, 2026, at 12:00 PM in Room 171 of the Capitol Annex.

Representative Mark Hart, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

### Present were:

Members: Representative Mark Hart, Vice Chair; Representative Adam Bowling.

Guests: Eddie Slone, Executive Director; Wayne Briscoe, Deputy Director; and John Holder, Chair, Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS).

LRC Staff: Emma Mills and Jennifer Luttrell.

### Approval of Minutes

Representative Bowling moved to approve the minutes from January 29, 2026. Chair Hart seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

### Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS) Budget Request

Eddie Slone, Executive Director; Wayne Briscoe, Deputy Director; and John Holder, Chair of the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services (KBEMS), provided an overview of the KBEMS Budget Request.

In response to Representative Bowling's questions, Deputy Director Briscoe said the total number of EMS providers is approximately 160, with 1-class agencies providing 911 response across 120 Kentucky counties. He was unsure of the total number of counties with multiple providers. Still, the total number of grant awards for 2023-2024 was 91 counties, 2024-2025 was 108 counties, and 2025-2026 was 110 counties, with some counties splitting the grants and disbursed through the county judges' executive offices. Mr. Holder stated that the agency had considered revising Senate Bill 66 (KRS 311.A55) from the 1980 Regular Session, but it was not feasible at this time.

In response to Chair Hart's questions, Deputy Director Slone agreed that, although the cost of the load systems was approximately \$40,000, upgrading the load systems would reduce injuries, lower workers' compensation claims, keep employees in the field longer, and provide safer patient loading. He stated that the agency is withdrawing its \$2.1 million rural health transformation fund request to focus on the additional \$10.8 million budget request to maximize impact for local agencies.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:24 PM.