

# ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

## JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**February 19, 2026**  
**1:00 P.M., HHR 1**

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**Members Present:**

Senator Janae Shamp, Co-Chair  
Senator Hildy Angius  
Senator Eva Diaz  
Senator Venden "Vince" Leach

Representative Matt Gress, Chair 2026  
Representative Lorena Austin  
Representative Michael Carbone  
Representative Nancy Gutierrez  
Representative Laurin Hendrix

**Members Excused:**

Senator Warren Petersen, Ex-officio

Representative Steve Montenegro, Ex-officio

**Members Absent:**

Senator Catherine Miranda

**Staff:**

Anna Nguyen, Senate Research Analyst  
Tasja McMaster, House Research Analyst

Chairman Gress called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and attendance was noted.

Representative Gress offered opening comments.

### **ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS SPECIAL AUDIT, JANUARY 2026 FOLLOWUP OF REPORT 24-115**

#### **Presentation by Arizona Auditor General's Office (Office) Contractor**

**George Skiles, Sjoberg Evashenk Consulting**, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Arizona Board of Chiropractic Examiners Special Audit Followup Report" (Attachment A) Mr. Skiles answered questions posed by the Committee.

**Lindsey Perry, Arizona Auditor General**, answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Skiles answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Ms. Perry answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

### **Presentation by Arizona State Board of Chiropractic Examiners**

**Alissa Vander Veen, Arizona State Board of Chiropractic Examiners**, offered comments and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Representative Gress offered comments.

Ms. Vander Veen answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Representative Carbone offered comments.

### **ARIZONA SCHOOL DISTRICTS FINANCIAL RISK PROCESSES AND RESULTS, JANUARY 2026 FINANCIAL RISK ANALYSIS REPORT**

#### **Presentation by Office**

**Meghan Hieger, Arizona Auditor General's Office**, distributed and explained a presentation entitled "Joint Legislative Audit Committee" (Attachment B) Ms. Hieger answered questions posed by the Committee.

Representative Gress offered comments.

#### **Presentation by some Arizona school districts with the highest financial risk**

**Terri Romo, Sierra Vista School District**, offered comments and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Representative Gutierrez offered comments.

Ms. Romo offered additional comments and answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

**Keith Kenny, J.S. Held, Receiver**, distributed and explained two presentations entitled "Antelope Union High School District No. 5" (Attachment C) and "Issac School District No. 5" (Attachment D) Mr. Kenny answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

Mr. Kenny offered comments.

**Jeff Gregorich, Hayden Winkleman Unified School District**, offered comments.

The Committee offered additional comments.

**Ricardo Hernandez, Tucson Unified School District**, offered comments.

**Dr. Gabriel Trujillo, Tucson Unified School District**, answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Hernandez answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

**Kathy Romero, Santa Cruz Elementary District**, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "SCED #28 – Financial Stability Plan" (Attachment E). Ms. Romero answered questions posed by the Committee.

Chairman Gress offered comments and announced that the remaining presentations would be deferred to the next meeting of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackson Cooper  
Committee Secretary

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