

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting

August 18, 2026

11:30 A.M., HHR 1

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Members Present:

Senator David Farnsworth
Senator Brian Fernandez
Senator Mark Finchem
Senator John Kavanagh
Senator Analise Ortiz
Senator Priya Sundaresan

Representative Steve Montenegro, Chair 2026
Representative Neal Carter
Representative Oscar De Los Santos
Representative Brian Garcia
Representative Nancy Gutierrez
Representative Quang Nguyen
Representative Julie Willoughby

Members Excused:

Senator Warren Petersen, Chair 2025

Staff:

Steve Primack, Executive Director, Legislative Council
Michael Braun, Director Emeritus, Legislative Council
Elizabeth Dunfee, Deputy Director, Legislative Council
Nadine Sapien, Assistant Director, Legislative Council

Chairman Montenegro called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m. and attendance was noted.

Legislative Council staff distributed the draft revised analysis for Proposition 212, I-09-2026, Protect Education Act (Attachment A).

Representative Montenegro offered opening remarks and asked Senator Kavanagh to move the adoption of the draft revised analysis.

Revision of Ballot Analysis of Prop. 212 (I-09-2026 – Protect Education Act)

Senator Kavanagh moved the ADOPTION of the draft revised analysis for Prop. 212 (Attachment A) prepared by the staff of Legislative Council.

Steve Primack, Executive Director, Legislative Council, referenced the previously distributed Legislative Council staff draft revised analysis for Proposition 212 (Attachment A) and stated that the revised analysis complies with the Arizona Supreme Court's order and the requirements of A.R.S. § 19-124.

Judith Robbins, representing self, testified as neutral on the adoption of the revised draft analysis.

The Council discussed the revised draft analysis.

Senator Kavanagh's motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-6-1 (Attachment 1).

Senator Sundareshan explained her vote.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their positions on the agenda item (Attachment B).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Christophersen
Committee Secretary

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