

# SUMMARY *of* PROCEEDINGS



## MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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### COMMITTEE MEETING INFORMATION

April 1, 2026  
Historic Supreme Court Chamber, State Capitol Room E202  
200 West 24th Street  
Cheyenne, Wyoming

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Bo Biteman, Chairman  
Representative Chip Neiman, Vice Chairman  
Senator Barry Crago  
Senator Mike Gierau  
Senator Tara Nethercott  
Senator Tim Salazar  
Representative John Bear  
Representative Jeremy Haroldson  
Representative Scott Heiner  
Representative Mike Yin

### LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OFFICE STAFF

Matt Obrecht, Director  
Heather Kammerman, Fiscal Officer  
Savannah Strong, Assistant Fiscal Officer  
Ashley Phillips, Legislative Editor  
Anthony Sara, Deputy Administrator of Operations  
Tamara Rivale, Legislative Counsel

### OTHERS PRESENT AT MEETING

Please refer to [Appendix 1-02](#) to review the Committee Sign-in Sheet for a list of other individuals who attended the meeting.

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Management Council (Council) met to consider interim committee topics, review proposed interim topics for the 2026 interim, and address additional items brought before Council. Council approved interim topics, established task forces, provided direction to the Legislative Service Office (LSO), and considered various administrative and policy matters. A portion of the meeting was held in executive session. The meeting can be viewed on the Legislature's YouTube channel within [Council's playlist](#).

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Biteman called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM. The following sections summarize the Committee proceedings by topic. Please refer to [Appendix 1-01](#) to review the Committee Meeting Agenda.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the April 8, 2025 and November 18-19, 2025 Council meetings were approved.

## **INTERIM COMMITTEE AND BILL DRAFTING STATISTICS**

Matt Obrecht, Director, Legislative Service Office (LSO), presented interim committee and staffing statistics comparing the current budget session to prior budget sessions. See [Appendix 2-01](#) and [Appendix 2-02](#).

Representative Bear noted that meeting days decreased by five days and that staff days were reduced by 72 for those meeting days. Director Obrecht explained this was primarily due to higher staff turnover during the 2023 interim, which resulted in more staff attending meetings for training purposes, compared to lower turnover in 2025.

## **APPROVAL OF 2026 INTERIM COMMITTEE TOPICS**

Council reviewed proposed interim topics for all joint committees and select committees for the 2026 interim, discussing committee workloads, prioritization of topics, and appropriate committee assignments ([Appendix 3-20](#)) Council took several actions to adjust committee assignments, priorities, and areas of study. The motions to adopt interim committee topics are reflected on the attached approved 2026 Interim Topic list. See [Appendix 3-21](#).

## **INTERIM TOPIC PROPOSALS FOR MANAGEMENT COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION**

Members considered interim topic proposals for Council. See [Appendix 6-01](#).

Senator Kolb requested that Council re-authorize the Select Committee on Gaming. Council discussed its scope and the potential for addressing gaming taxation and regulatory considerations. Senator Nethercott moved to reauthorize the Select Committee on Gaming. The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

Representative Heiner proposed that Council study how to address legislating in the budget bill. Council noted that the issue may warrant continued awareness and self-regulation. No formal action was taken.

Representative Larsen asked Council to address concerns related to the affordability of private health insurance for small businesses. Vice Chairman Neiman moved a task force be created to study the cost of health insurance and the forces that may be driving the cost upward at a significant rate. The task force would include members from the insurance industry, the Wyoming Insurance Commission, hospitals, Wyoming Department of Administration and Information (A&I) employee group insurance, Wyoming Department of Health Healthcare Financing Division, three members from the Senate appointed by the

President and three members from the House appointed by the Speaker. The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

Loretta Kallas, Uinta County Prosecuting Attorney and President of the Wyoming County and Prosecuting Attorneys Association (WCPPA) and Diana Bennett Sheridan County and Prosecuting Attorney and Secretary of the WCPPA, expressed concerns about statutory salary structures and the state's contribution and to county and prosecuting attorney compensation. See [Appendix 6-02](#), [Appendix 6-03](#), and [Appendix 6-04](#). Senator Nethercott moved to assign review of statutorily set salaries and reimbursement rates to the Joint Appropriations Committee. The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

Representative Yin discussed recommendations related to legislative ethics training. Senator Nethercott moved to increase the legislative ethics and conduct training component of the pre-session orientation. The motion was adopted by a voice vote. Council also directed LSO to review legislative rules in neighboring states and report back on practices related to political activity and conduct, including applicability to interns, staff, and aides.

Representative Styvar and Senator Nethercott presented a proposal to review the guardianship statutes. Senator Nethercott moved to direct the Judiciary Committee to establish a statewide working group to review guardianship statutes, modeled after prior probate code review efforts. The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

## **OTHER BUSINESS FOR COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION**

### ***NCSL Legislator Security Fund***

Representative Yin informed Council that the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) has developed a Legislative Security Fund to provide grants to legislators for personal security measures. Council directed LSO to monitor the program and pursue applicable funding opportunities.

### ***Energy Council***

Director Obrecht informed Council that Energy Council is scheduled to meet in Canada and reimbursement for out of county travel requires a two-thirds vote to approve from Council. Senator Nethercott moved to approve the expenditure of funds for member travel. The motion was adopted by a voice vote.

### ***Wyoming Manual of Legislative Procedure Updates***

Director Obrecht provided an update on the Wyoming Manual of Legislative Procedure, noting that updates will be conducted during the interim with input from legislators and consideration for adoption during the 2027 legislative session.

### ***Underground Parking Garage Speed Bump Discussion***

Patricia Bach, Director and Andrew Kuhlman, General Services Administrator, A&I answered questions from Council regarding the speed bumps in the underground parking garage regarding safety, liability, and enforcement. Council directed LSO to draft correspondence to the State Building Commission requesting removal of the speed bumps.

### ***National Conference of Insurance Legislators Request***

Senator Case requested Council approve funding to pay \$20,000 in annual dues to the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL). Will Melofchik, Chief Executive Officer, NCOIL, discussed membership benefits and participation opportunities. Vice Chairman Neiman moved to approve Senator Case's request. The motion was adopted by a show of hands.

**Legislator Insurance Access**

Representative Yin asked that Council consider the possibility of providing legislators access to the state employee group insurance. Council agreed to include the topic on the agenda for a future meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Marguerite Herman, League of Woman Voters, provided comment regarding bill catch titles. Ms. Herman proposed that Council direct LSO to draft catch titles.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council moved into executive session at 4:09PM to discuss matters confidential by law.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Biteman adjourned the meeting at 4:39PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Bo Biteman, Chairman

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