



**Executive Committee Meeting  
December 2, 2024  
Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Executive Committee: Chairman Scott Johnson, Sen. Billy Hickman, Rep. Chris Irwin, Dr. Stan DeJarnett, and Andri Pilgrim

Council Staff: Joy Hawkins, Sarah Richards, Ann Rosenthal, Irene Munn

Guests: Lindsay McVicar, Senate Budget Office; Sara Arroyo, House Budget Office; and Alex Huskey, Governor's Office

Chairman Scott Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. He moved into the following agenda items:

**I. Council Working Group Recommendations**

**A. K-3 Working Group – Hearing and Vision Subgroup**

Stan DeJarnett made a motion and Andri Pilgrim provided a second to consider these recommendations. The executive committee voted unanimously to recommend:

- Legislation to add Blind and Visually impaired to the existing Hearing Commission,
- Personnel for this combined commission (budget), and
- Resolutions urging action on the other 20 other recommendations.

**B. Birth-5 Working Group – CAPS (budget)**

Dr. DeJarnett made a motion and Rep. Erwin provided a second to consider 2000 additional CAPS slots.

After a brief discussion, the executive committee unanimously approved the recommendation.

**C. Professional Development Working Group – Library Fines (budget)**

Ms. Pilgrim made a motion and Dr. DeJarnett provided a second to consider removing fines for overdue library books and to consider additional early learning programming and resources for libraries.

After discussion and consideration of each piece of the recommendation from the library system, the executive committee unanimously approved the recommendations.

**II. Literacy Coach Proposal**

Dr. DeJarnett made a motion and Ms. Pilgrim provided a second to add additional literacy coaches under the RESAs for FY 2026 and to ask the Deal Center to provide competencies and accountability for the literacy coach program.

The executive committee voted unanimously to approve these recommendations.

The executive committee adjourned at approximately 3 p.m.