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STATE BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Budget and Operations Committee

MINUTES

Tuesday, January 27th, 2026

10:00 AM

Webex Virtual Conference

The Budget and Operations Committee of the State Board of Financial Institutions met on January 27th, 2026.

Members present: Messrs. Pennington (Chairman), Wicker, Byrd, and Strickland.

Ms. Corbett stated that there were four members present, and Mr. Pennington stated a quorum was present.

Staff present: Commissioner Ron Bodvake, Commissioner Kathy Bickham, Deputy Commissioner Janeen Hughes, Deputy Commissioner Phyllis Wicker, Deputy Commissioner Quinton Creed, Director of Administration Michelle Corbett, General Counsel Shawn Eubanks, Assistant General Counsel Matthew Houck, and Financial Analyst Tiffany Hubbard

The January 27, 2026, Agenda was approved by General Consent.

The October 28, 2025, Committee Meeting Minutes were approved by General Consent.

There were no member **recusals or conflicts of interest** disclosed or identified.

Commissioner of Consumer Finance, Ron Bodvake, presented an overview of Consumer Finance Division's Quarterly Operating Expenditures highlighting some key areas including IT equipment and other contractual services. Commissioner Bodvake also shared an updated organizational chart and highlighted that three FTEs were removed in compliance with proviso. Mr. Pennington asked a question regarding the removal of FTEs and Commissioner Bodvake provided further context.

Commissioner of Banking, Kathy Bickham, presented an overview of Banking Division's Quarterly Operating Expenditures highlighting some key areas including potential office renovations, IT equipment, and other contractual services. Commissioner Bickham shared with the committee some information related to expected agency travel. Commissioner Bickham provided the committee with an updated organizational chart highlighting staffing activity.

Executive Session

The Committee voted unanimously to enter Executive Session.

General Counsel Shawn Eubanks stated that The Committee will enter Executive Session to discuss compensation of employees, to discuss an IT security update, and to receive legal advice as needed.

The Board voted unanimously to end Executive Session.

Once in open session, the Chairman stated that no votes were taken in Executive Session except to exit Executive Session.

Mr. Pennington stated that the next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at **10:19 AM**.