



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Committee on Environment, Infrastructure, and Technology

### Minutes for February 19, 2025, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Committee on Environment, Infrastructure, and Technology met on February 19, 2025, 3:00 PM, in the House Finance Committee Room 460M.

Members present: Delegates Bridges, Cannon, Dillon, Eldridge, Hansen, Hillenbrand, Holstein, Linville, Moore, and Parsons.

Members absent: Delegates Green, and Zatezalo.

A verbal roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

Due to the schedules of presenters, the Chairman called for the following order of business:

#### **H. B. 2154**, Relating to performance metrics for the West Virginia Division of Highways.

Chairman Linville recognized bill sponsor Delegate Statler to explain the bill. Chairman Linville called for questions. Questions and discussion from the committee members followed. Chairman Linville called for amendments to the bill. Hearing none, Chairman Linville recognized Vice-Chairman Hillenbrand for purposes of making a motion.

Vice-Chairman Hillenbrand moved for House Bill 2154 to be moved to the mark-up/amendment phase. Chairman Linville put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. With the majority of the committee answering in the affirmative, Chairman Linville declared the motion was adopted.

Next, Chairman Linville recognized the Director of WV Water Development, Marie Prezioso, for the purpose of making a presentation to the committee. Director Prezioso was sworn in and provided a report of the status of the department. Questions and discussion from the committee members followed. With there being no further business with this presenter, the Chairman excused Director Prezioso from the podium.

#### **H. B. 2156**, Relating to time limits imposed on the Division of Highways to grant a highway entrance permit.

Next, Chairman Linville recognized bill sponsor Delegate Howell to explain the bill. Chairman Linville called for questions. Questions and discussion from the committee members followed. Chairman Linville called for amendments to the bill. Hearing none, Chairman Linville recognized Vice-Chairman Hillenbrand for purposes of making a motion.

Vice-Chairman Hillenbrand moved for House Bill 2156 to be moved to the mark-up/amendment phase. Chairman Linville put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. With the majority of the committee answering in the affirmative, Chairman Linville declared the motion was adopted.

**H. B. 2181**, Relating to county or city sewer projects for privately owned sewers that are newly installed.

Next, Chairman Linville recognized bill sponsor Delegate Pinson to explain the bill. Chairman Linville called for questions. Questions and discussion from the committee members followed. Chairman Linville then recognized Executive Director Todd Grinstead, from the WV Rural Water Association for the purposes of providing information related to the bill. The director was sworn and after his presentation, questions and discussion followed. Chairman Linville then called Chairwoman Charlotte Lane of the PSC to the podium to provide further comment on the bill. The Chairwoman was sworn in, questions and discussion followed. Chairman Linville then called for amendments to the bill. Hearing none, Chairman Linville recognized Vice-Chairman Hillenbrand for purposes of making a motion.

Vice-Chairman Hillenbrand moved for House Bill 2181 to be moved to the mark-up/amendment phase. Chairman Linville put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. With the majority of the committee answering in the affirmative, Chairman Linville declared the motion was adopted.

**H. B. 2079**, To amend the law regarding sewer systems.

Next, Chairman Linville recognized bill sponsor Delegate Hillenbrand to explain the bill. Chairman Linville called for questions. Questions and discussion from the committee members followed. Chairman Linville then called for amendments to the bill. Hearing none, Chairman Linville recognized Vice-Chairman Hillenbrand for purposes of making a motion.

Vice-Chairman Hillenbrand moved for House Bill 2181 to be moved to the mark-up/amendment phase. Chairman Linville put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. With the majority of the committee answering in the affirmative, Chairman Linville declared the motion was adopted.

Next, Chairman Linville recalled Chairwoman Lane with her general council Jessica Lane to the podium for the purpose of providing a report on the status of the PSC overall. Jessica Lane was sworn in. Questions and discussion followed from the members.

With there being no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Linville recognized Vice-Chairman Hillenbrand for purposes of making a motion to adjourn. Chairman Linville put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. With the majority of the members voting in the affirmative, Chairman Linville declared the motion was adopted and the committee adjourned at 4:55pm.

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Committee Chair

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