



West Virginia House of Delegates

Subcommittee on Courts

Minutes for January 16, 2026, 9:30 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Subcommittee on Courts met on January 16, 2026, 9:30 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

Members present: Delegates Mallow, Shamblin, Flanigan, Fluharty, Funkhouser, Marple, Roop, Ward, B., Zatezalo.

Members absent: None.

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

On motion of Delegate Shamblin, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Committee Hearings:

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 4044 - To require hair follicle drug testing of parents or guardians in cases of substantiated child abuse or neglect of a minor. The Vice Chair recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Mallow, to explain the bill. After questions of the bill sponsor, Vice Chair Shamblin advanced consideration to Markup and Passage.

Agency Review:

The committee received a presentation by Melanie Pagliaro, Executive Director of the WV County Commission Association, on the topic of County Jail issues. Ms. Pagliaro took the oath and proceeded, answering questions.

On Motion of Delegate Shamblin the committee adjourned.

Phil Mallow

Committee Chair

Drew Constable

Clerk