



West Virginia House of Delegates

Subcommittee on Courts

Minutes for February 09, 2026, 9:45 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Subcommittee on Courts met on February 09, 2026, 9:45 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 meetings from February 5th and 6th were approved.

Markup and Passage

The committee considered House Bill 4850 - Providing online training for Executors/Executrix of an Estate. On motion of the Vice-Chairman, the bill was amended. After explanation of the amendment by counsel and questions, Delegate Funkhouser asked for unanimous consent to call Kevin Baker of the West Virginia State Bar to provide testimony on the bill. After being sworn in by the chair, questions followed. On motion of the Vice-Chairman, House Bill 4850, as amended, was reported to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

The committee considered House Bill 4999 - Relating to crimes against athletic officials. Counsel explained the bill. Delegate Flanigan asked for unanimous consent to amend the bill. After explanation of the bill, and on motion by Delegate Flanigan, the bill was amended. On motion of the Vice-Chairman, House Bill 4999, as amended, was reported to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

Committee Hearings

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 4568 - To prohibit the service of process on county property. The Chair recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Drennan, to explain the bill. After questions of the bill sponsor, the Chair advanced consideration of House Bill 4568 to Markup and Passage.

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 4709 - Relating to changing the process of election litigation. The Chair recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Holstein, to explain the bill. After questions of the bill sponsor, the Chair advanced consideration of House Bill 4709 to Markup and Passage.

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 5176 - Relating to creating the animal abuse database within the West Virginia State Police. The Chair recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Akers, to explain the bill. After questions of the bill sponsor, the Chair advanced consideration of House Bill 5176 to Markup and Passage.

On Motion of Delegate Shamblin the committee adjourned.

Phil Mallow

Committee Chair

Drew Constable

Clerk