



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Education

Minutes for January 20, 2026, 1:30 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Education met on January 20, 2026, 1:30 PM, in the House Education Committee Room 432-M.

Members present: Delegates Ellington, Statler, Hamilton, Garcia, Barnhart, Bell, Campbell, Chiarelli, Coop-Gonzalez, Crouse, Dittman, Hornby, Jennings, Kimble, Mallow, Miller, Pritt, Pushkin, Stephens, Toney, Ward, B., White, Willis.

Members absent: Delegates Shamblin, Vance.

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

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

Next item on the agenda was Markup and Passage of HB4002 Establishing the West Virginia Collaboratory. The recognized Committee Counsel Melissa White to explain the committee substitute. Following counsel's explanation, the Chair asked for questions. None being heard the Chair called for amendments. None being offered the Chair recognized Vice Chairman Statler for the purpose of a motion. Vice Chairman Statler moved House Bill 4002 be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. On a voice vote the motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was the Committee Hearing for HB4014 Workforce Readiness and Opportunity Act. The Chair recognized Mr. Sean Whelan, Counsel for the Governor, to explain the bill. Following his explanation Mr. Whelan entertained questions from the committee. Following questions, the Chairman asked if there were any agencies, organizations or members of the public wishing to address the bill with none being heard the bill was moved to the markup and discussion stage.

The next item on the agenda was the Committee Hearing for HB4422 To permit students in eighth and ninth grade to attend summer school in order to raise their grades and establish academic eligibility to play sports in the fall. The Chair recognized the sponsor Delegate Gearheart to explain the bill. Following his explanation Delegate Gearheart entertained questions from the committee. Following questions, the Chairman asked if there were any agencies, organizations or members of the public wishing to address the bill with none being heard the bill was moved to the markup and discussion stage.

With no further business to come before the committee and on Motion of Delegate Statler the committee adjourned.

Joe Ellington
Committee Chair

Melinda Ryan Swagger
Committee Clerk