



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Education

Minutes for February 09, 2026, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Education met on February 09, 2026, 1:00 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, Shamblin, Stephens, Toney, Ward, B., White, Willis.

Members absent: Delegates Vance.

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

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

The Standing Committee then received a Subcommittee Reports from Delegate Crouse the Chair of the Subcommittee on Educational Choice and Delegate Campbell the Chair of the Subcommittee on Public Education.

The next item on the agenda was the Committee Hearing for **H. B. 4592**, Relating to college campus safety. The Chairman recognized Delegate Hornby to explain the bill. Following his explanation the floor was opened for questions of the sponsor. None being heard the Chairman asked if there were any agencies, organizations or members of the public wishing to address the bill. Travis Mollohan, Associate Vice President, Government Relations and Collaboration at WVU gave testimony on the bill. With no further people wishing to speak the bill was moved to markup and discussion.

The next item on the agenda was the Committee Hearing for **H. B. 4693**, To declassify Community and Technical Education ("CTE") teaching positions to allow for counties to provide additional funding for certain positions. The Chairman recognized Delegate Willis to explain the bill. Following his explanation the floor was opened for questions of the sponsor. Next the Chairman asked if there were any agencies, organizations or members of the public wishing to address the bill. Howard O'Cull, Executive Director of the WV School Boards Association, gave testimony on the bill. With no further people wishing to speak the bill was moved to markup and discussion.

The next item on the agenda was the Committee Hearing **H. B. 4759**, Modifying the rules for transferring students. The Chairman recognized Delegate Ferrell to explain the bill. Following his explanation the floor was opened for questions of the sponsor. Next the Chairman asked if there were any agencies, organizations or members of the public wishing to address the bill. Dale Lee, Education West Virginia Co-President gave testimony on the bill. Acting as a member of the public, Joe Parsons gave testimony on the bill. Delegate Crouse moved to table the bill and the question was ruled out of order. With no further people wishing to speak the bill was moved to markup and discussion.

With no further business to come before the committee and on motion of Delegate Toney the committee adjourned.

Joe Ellington

Committee Chair

Melinda Ryan Swagger

Committee Clerk