



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Education

Minutes for March 09, 2026, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Education met on March 09, 2026, 1:00 PM, in the House Education Committee Room 432-M.

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

Members absent: Delegates Ward, B..

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 next item on the agenda was markup and discussion of **S. B. 913**, Removing annual report requirement for WV Research Trust Fund. Melissa White, Committee Counsel, explained the bill. Following their explanation, the Chair opened the committee for questions to Counsel and then asked if there were any amendments. Hearing none, the Chair recognized the Vice-Chair for a motion. The Vice-Chair moved **Senate Bill 913** be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. The motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was markup and discussion of **S. B. 1064**, Redefining "long-term substitute" as it relates to public school personnel. The Vice-Chair moved to consider the amendment to the bill, and with no objections Morgan Miller, Committee Analyst, explained the amendment. Following their explanation, the Chair opened the committee to questions for the analyst. Then the Chair asked if there were any amendments to the amendment. No further amendments were heard, and the amendment as explained by the analyst was adopted. The Vice-Chair moved that **S. B. 1064**, as amended, be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. The motion was adopted.

The next item on the agenda was committee hearing of **S. B. 67**, Relating to public charter schools. The Chair recognized the sponsor, Senator Rucker, to explain the bill. Then the Chair opened the committee for questions to the sponsor. Then the Chair recognized Barry Holstein, Executive Director of the West Virginia Professional Charter School Board, to speak to the bill. Then the Chair recognized Howard O’Cull, Executive Director of the West Virginia School Board Association, to speak to the bill. Then the Chair recognized Dale Lee, President of the West Virginia Education Association, to speak to the bill. The bill was then advanced to markup and discussion

With no further business before the committee, on motion of Delegate Toney the committee adjourned.

Joe Statler

Committee Chair

Ethan Hatfield

Committee Clerk