



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works

Minutes

January 22, 2026

3:00 P.M.

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works met on January 22, 2026, 3:00 P.M., in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

Members present: Anderson, Campbell, Cannon D., Crouse, Eldridge, Green, Hansen, Hillenbrand, Howell G., Jordan, Leavitt, Linville, Lucas, Parsons, Riley, Sheedy, Street, Young, and Zatezalo.

Members absent: Bridges, Dillon, Fehrenbacher, Holstein, and Moore.

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

On motion by Vice Chairman Zatezalo, the Minutes of the previous meeting, January 21, 2026, were approved.

COMMITTEE HEARING(S):

HOUSE BILL 4481, WV Load Forecast Accountability Act.

Chairman Anderson recognized Delegate Akers as lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Delegate Akers explained the bill. Chairman Anderson called for questions of Delegate Akers. Questions from the committee members followed. With leave of the committee and having been previously placed under oath by Chairman Anderson, Charlotte R. Lane, Chairman, West Virginia Public Service Commission, answered questions from the committee members. With leave of the committee and having both been placed under oath by Chairman Anderson, Abby Reale, Senior Advisor, First Energy, Mon Power, Potomac Edison, followed by Sammy Gray, Director, Government Affairs, Appalachian Power, each answered questions from the committee members. Chairman Anderson advanced the bill to markup and passage.

REPORT FROM THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON HONORARY NAMING RESOLUTIONS:

As the next order of business, Chairman Anderson called for reports of the Sub-Committee on Honorary Naming Resolutions and recognized Delegate Hillenbrand as Chairman of the Sub-Committee on the Honorary Naming Resolutions. Delegate Hillenbrand provided the following report:

The Sub-Committee on Honorary Naming Resolutions has had under consideration House Concurrent Resolution 3 and reports the same back, with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended, and it be adopted by the full committee.

The report was received. Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion for the suspension of rules to consider the amendment to House Concurrent Resolution 3 as a committee substitute and to be approved through both, the committee hearing stage and the markup and passage stage, and that the committee substitute be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass, but first be referred to the Committee on Rules.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved for the suspension of rules to consider the amendment to House Concurrent Resolution 3 as a committee substitute and to be approved through both, the committee hearing stage and the markup and passage stage, and that the committee substitute be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass, but first be referred to the Committee on Rules.

Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the motion. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. Chairman Anderson declared the motion was adopted and the committee substitute approved through both, the committee hearing stage and the markup and passage stage, and the committee substitute would be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass, but that it first be referred to the Committee on Rules.

MARKUP & PASSAGE:

HOUSE BILL 4410, Relating to special stops required for on-track equipment.

Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Brian Casto, for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson called for amendments to the bill. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved that House Bill 4410 be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. Chairman Anderson declared the motion was adopted and the bill would be reported as moved.

HOUSE BILL 4437, To allow Gold Star parents to receive one free Gold Star vehicle registration for personal use.

Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Brian Casto, for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Questions from the committee members followed. Chairman Anderson called for amendments to the bill. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved that House Bill 4437 be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion. Chairman Anderson declared the motion was adopted and the bill would be reported as moved.

On Motion by Vice Chairman Zatezalo the committee adjourned.

Bill Anderson
Committee Chairman

Mari Humphrey
Committee Clerk