



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works

Minutes

February 2, 2026

3:00 P.M.

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works met on February 2, 2026, 3:00 P.M., in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

Members present: Anderson, Bridges, Campbell, Cannon D., Crouse, Eldridge, Fehrenbacher, Hillenbrand, Holstein, Howell G., Jordan, Linville, Moore, Parsons, Riley, Sheedy, Street, Ward G., Young, and Zatezalo.

Members absent: Dillon, Green, Hansen, Leavitt, and, Lucas.

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 29, 2026, were approved.

MARKUP & PASSAGE:

Committee Substitute for House Bill 4012. Relating to reducing the regulatory burden on utility companies when constructing and maintaining electric power generation and transmission facilities within this state.

Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Robert Akers, for purposes of explaining the bill. Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved the committee substitute for consideration by the committee members.

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

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved to report the Committee Substitute for House Bill 4012 to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the motion. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion for the passage of Committee Substitute for House Bill 4012. Chairman Anderson declared the motion was adopted and the committee substitute would be reported as moved.

Committee Substitute for House Bill 4026, Relating to expanding the requirements for integrated resource plans utility companies must file with the Public Service Commission.

Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Robert Akers, for purposes of explaining the bill. Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved the committee substitute for consideration by the committee members.

Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Robert Akers, for purposes of explaining the committee substitute. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson called for amendments to the committee substitute. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion for passage of the committee substitute.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved to report the Committee Substitute for House Bill 4026 to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the motion. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion for the passage of Committee Substitute for House Bill 4026. Chairman Anderson declared the motion was adopted and the committee substitute would be reported as moved.

Committee Substitute for House Bill 4461, Establishing limitations on billing practices of Internet or telecommunications providers that fail to provide subscribed customers service for five or more days.

Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Brian Casto, for purposes of explaining the bill. Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved the committee substitute for consideration by the committee members.

Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Brian Casto, for purposes of explaining the committee substitute. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Questions by the committee members followed. Chairman Anderson called the committee at ease to allow the committee staff to provide meeting materials to the committee members. Chairman Anderson called the committee to order. Chairman Anderson called for amendments to the committee substitute and recognized Delegate Linville.

Proposed Amendment to Committee Substitute by Delegate Linville:

Delegate Linville explained the proposed amendment. Chairman Anderson called for questions of Delegate Linville as the amendment sponsor. Discussion by the committee members followed. With no further questions or discussion, Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion as to the proposed amendment submitted by Delegate Linville. The motion was adopted and the committee substitute was amended. Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for the purposes of making a motion for passage of the amended committee substitute.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved to report the Committee Substitute, with amendment, for House Bill 4461 to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended, but that it first be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the motion. Discussion by the committee members followed. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion for the passage of Committee Substitute for House Bill 4461, as amended. Chairman Anderson declared the motion was adopted and the committee substitute, as amended, would be reported as moved.

Committee Substitute for House Bill 4489, Authorizing the DMV to issue certain vital records in the custody of the state registrar.

Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Brian Casto, for purposes of explaining the bill. Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved the committee substitute for consideration by the committee members.

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

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved to report the Committee Substitute for House Bill 4489 to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass, but that it first be referred to the Committee on Finance. Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the motion. Discussion by the committee members followed. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion for the passage of Committee Substitute for House Bill 4489. Chairman Anderson declared the motion was adopted and the committee substitute would be reported as moved.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS:

HOUSE BILL 4011, Relating to facilitating the implementation of the certification of mass balance attribution by third party certifies to promote waste reduction practices by facilitating the use of recycled material in the feedstock for new products.

Chairman Anderson recognized Delegate Zatezalo as lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Delegate Zatezalo explained the bill. Chairman Anderson called for questions of Delegate Zatezalo. Questions from the committee members followed. Having been placed under oath by Chairman Anderson, Mr. Christopher Noonan, Senior Manager Government Affairs, Covestro LLC, answered questions from the committee members. Chairman Anderson advanced the bill to markup and passage.

HOUSE BILL 4862, Relating to the responsibility of a board of a public service district to cooperate with a county commission in the sale of assets of a public service district that is being dissolved, sold or merged with another public service district.

Chairman Anderson recognized Delegate Linville as lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Delegate Linville explained the bill. Chairman Anderson called for questions of Delegate Linville. Questions from the committee members followed. Having been previously placed under oath by Chairman Anderson, Ms. Charlotte Lane, Chairman, West Virginia Public Service Commission, answered questions from the committee members. Chairman Anderson advanced the bill to markup and passage.

On Motion by Vice-Chairman Zatezalo the committee adjourned.

Bill Anderson
Committee Chairman

Mari Humphrey
Committee Clerk