



West Virginia House of Delegates
Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works
Minutes

February 4, 2026

3:00 P.M.

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works met on February 4, 2026, 3:00 P.M., in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

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

Members absent: Campbell, and Green.

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, February 2, 2026, were approved.

REPORT FROM
THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND TECHNOLOGY:

As the next order of business, Chairman Anderson called for reports of the Sub-Committee on Environment, Infrastructure, and Technology and recognized Delegate Hillenbrand as Vice-Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Environment, Infrastructure, and Technology. Delegate Hillenbrand provided the following report:

The Sub-Committee on Environment, Infrastructure, and Technology has had under consideration House Bill 4040, House Bill 4419, and House Bill 4426, and reports the same back, with the recommendation that they each do pass.

The report was received.

MARKUP & PASSAGE:

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 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 4011 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 4011. Chairman Anderson declared the motion was adopted and the committee substitute would be reported as moved.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS:

HOUSE BILL 4976, To add definitions for special plates of Class G Vehicles.

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. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson advanced the bill to markup and passage.

HOUSE BILL 4983, Authorizing the Department of Commerce to promulgate a legislative rule relating to certification of a microgrid district or certification as a high impact data center.

Chairman Anderson recognized Delegate Fehrenbacher as lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Delegate Fehrenbacher explained the bill. Chairman Anderson called for questions of Delegate Fehrenbacher. Questions from the committee members followed. Having been placed under oath by Chairman Anderson, Garner Marks, General Counsel, West Virginia Department of Commerce, answered questions from the committee members. Chairman Anderson advanced the bill to markup and passage.

HOUSE BILL 4993, Relating to authorizing green flashing warning lights on Division of Highways vehicles, and other equipment at the discretion of the Commissioner of Highways.

Chairman Anderson recognized Delegate McGeehan as lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Delegate McGeehan explained the bill. Chairman Anderson called for questions of Delegate McGeehan. Questions from the committee members followed. Having been placed under oath by Chairman Anderson, Nathan Thomas, Deputy State Highway

Engineer–Operations, West Virginia Division of Highway, answered questions from the committee members. Chairman Anderson advanced the bill to markup and passage.

HOUSE BILL 4994, Relating to utility lines on the Division of Highways rights of way.

Chairman Anderson recognized Delegate McGeehan as lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Delegate McGeehan explained the bill. Chairman Anderson called for questions of Delegate McGeehan. Questions from the committee members followed. Having each been placed under oath by Chairman Anderson, Ms. Sarah Leigh Runyon, Director-Right of Way, West Virginia Division of Highways, and Mr. Charlie Burd, President, Gas & Oil Association of West Virginia, each answered questions from the committee members. Also, having been previously placed under oath by Chairman Anderson, Abby Reale, Senior Advisor, First Energy Mon Power Potomac Edison, also 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