



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

**February 10, 2026**

**3:00 P.M.**

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works met on February 10, 2026, 3:00 P.M., in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

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

Members absent: Campbell, Dillon, Eldridge, and Jordan.

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 4, 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 Linville as Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Environment, Infrastructure, and Technology. Delegate Linville provided the following report:

The Sub-Committee on Environment, Infrastructure, and Technology has had under consideration House Bill 4615, House Bill 4563, House Bill 4471, and House Bill 4537, and reports the same back, with the recommendation that they each do pass.

The report was received.

## **MARKUP & PASSAGE:**

### **HOUSE BILL 4040**, Non-State Owned Roads Improvement Act.

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

Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel 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 4040 to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass, 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 4040. Chairman Anderson declared the motion was adopted and the committee substitute would be reported as moved.

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

Chairman Anderson recognized Dana Spade, as committee analyst, for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Anderson called for questions of the committee analyst. 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 4976 be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. Chairman Anderson called for discussion. Hearing none, 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 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 committee counsel, Robert Akers, for purposes of explaining the bill. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Questions from the committee members followed. With leave of the committee and having been previously placed under oath by Chairman Anderson, Mr. Garner Marks, Counsel, West Virginia Department of Commerce, answered questions from the committee members. Chairman Anderson called for amendments to the bill and recognized Delegate Bridges.

#### **Proposed Amendment by Delegate Bridges and Delegate Hansen:**

Delegate Bridges moved to amend the bill. Chairman Anderson called committee counsel to explain the proposed amendment. Chairman Anderson called for questions of amendment sponsor. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson called for questions of committee counsel on the proposed amendment. Questions from the committee members followed.

With leave of the committee and each having been previously placed under oath by Chairman Anderson, Mr. Garner Marks, Counsel, West Virginia Department of Commerce, and Mr. Isaac Tincher, Associate General Counsel, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, each answered questions from the committee members. Also, by leave of committee and each having been placed under oath by Chairman Anderson, Ms. Dawn Newell, DWWM-Water Use Program Manager, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, and Mr. Yogesh Patel, Assistant Director, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection each answered questions from the committee members.

Delegate Bridges asked for unanimous consent to reform the proposed amendment sponsored by him and Delegate Hansen. Delegate Bridges explained the revisions to the proposed amendment. Chairman Anderson called on committee counsel to explain the revisions to the proposed amendment. Delegate Bridges talked on the revised amendment and requested a roll call. Chairman Anderson called for discussion on the revised proposed amendment. Discussion by the committee members followed. By leave of committee, committee counsel answered questions from the committee members. Chairman Anderson recognized Delegate Bridges for purposes of closing on the proposed amendment. Delegate Bridges closed on the proposed amendment. A roll call was requested by Delegate Bridges and with the demand sustained, Chairman Anderson directed the clerk to call the roll. With there being eight Yays, twelve Nays, and four members absent or not voting, the motion on the proposed amendment failed. Members voting in support of the proposed amendment were Delegates Bridges, Cannon, Green, Hansen, Moore, Sheedy, Ward, and Young.

Chairman Anderson called for further amendments. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion for passage of House Bill 4983.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved that House Bill 4983 be reported 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 House Bill 4983. Chairman Anderson declared the motion was adopted and House Bill 4983 would be reported as moved.

**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 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. Committee counsel stated there was a committee substitute before the committee. Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion for the consideration of the committee substitute.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved the bill for consideration of the committee substitute. Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel for purposes of explaining the committee substitute. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel on the committee substitute. Questions by committee members on the committee substitute followed. Chairman Anderson put the question before the committee on adoption of the motion for the passage of the committee substitute. Chairman Anderson declared the motion was adopted and the committee substitute was adopted. Chairman Anderson called for amendments to the committee substitute. Hearing

none, Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion for the passage of the committee substitute.

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved to report the Committee Substitute for House Bill 4993 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 4993. Chairman Anderson declared the motion was adopted and the committee substitute would be reported as moved.

### **COMMITTEE HEARINGS:**

**HOUSE BILL 4419**, Requiring certain non-discretionary procedures be strictly complied with by the West Virginia Parkways Authority before tolls, rents, fees or charges may be increased.

Chairman Anderson recognized Delegate Gearheart as lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Delegate Gearheart explained the bill. Chairman Anderson called for questions of Delegate Gearheart. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson advanced the bill to markup and passage.

**HOUSE BILL 4426**, Ensure State Road Construction Account funds are in addition to general highways funds provided to the DOT districts.

Chairman Anderson recognized Delegate Gearheart as lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Delegate Gearheart explained the bill. Chairman Anderson called for questions of Delegate Gearheart. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson advanced the bill to markup and passage.

**HOUSE BILL 4464**, Relating generally to Underground Facilities Damage prevention.

Chairman Anderson recognized Delegate Kyle as lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Delegate Kyle explained the bill. Chairman Anderson called for questions of Delegate Kyle. Questions from the committee members followed. Chairman Anderson advanced the bill to markup and passage.

**HOUSE BILL 4471**, Approved sewage systems for rental property.

Chairman Anderson recognized Delegate Green as lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the bill. Delegate Green explained the bill. Chairman Anderson called for questions of Delegate Green. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson advanced the bill to markup and passage.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 6**, Recognizing the importance of sustained economic development to the prosperity of West Virginia.

Chairman Anderson recognized Delegate Howell as lead sponsor for purposes of explaining the resolution. Delegate Howell explained the resolution. Chairman Anderson called for questions of Delegate Howell. Questions from the committee members followed. Chairman Anderson advanced the resolution to markup and passage.

On Motion by Vice-Chairman Zatezalo the committee adjourned.

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Bill Anderson  
Committee Chairman

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Mari Humphrey  
Committee Clerk