



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works

Minutes

March 5, 2026

3:00 P.M.

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works met on March 5, 2026, 3:00 P.M., in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

Members present: Delegates Anderson, Crouse, Fehrenbacher, Green, Hansen, Hillenbrand, Holstein, Howell G., Jordan, Kelly, Leavitt, Linville, Lucas, Moore, Parsons, Sheedy, Street, Ward, Young, and Zatezalo.

Members absent: Delegates Bridges, Campbell, Dillon, Eldridge, and Riley.

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, March 3, 2026, were approved.

MARKUP & PASSAGE:

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 1042, Relating to ventilation of underground mines.

Chairman Anderson recognized Vice-Chairman Zatezalo for purposes of making a motion to move the Senate committee substitute for consideration by the committee. Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved the Senate committee substitute and it would be before the committee for consideration.

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

Vice-Chairman Zatezalo moved for the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1042 to 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 the adoption of the motion for the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1042 to be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass. Chairman Anderson declared the

motion adopted and the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1042 would be reported to the floor with the recommendation that it do pass.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS:

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENBATE BILL 648, Strategic and Critical Resources Act.

Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Robert Akers, for purposes of explaining the committee substitute. Counsel explained the committee substitute. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Questions by the committee members followed. Chairman Anderson advanced the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 648 to markup and passage.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 669, Relating to general powers of PSC.

Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Brian Casto, for purposes of explaining the committee substitute. Counsel explained the committee substitute. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Questions by the committee members followed. Having been previously placed under oath by Chairman Anderson, Ms. Charlotte Lane, Chair, West Virginia Public Service Commission, answered questions from the committee members. Chairman Anderson advanced the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 669 to markup and passage.

SENATE BILL 686, Coal Co-tenancy Modernization and Miners Protection Act.

Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Robert Akers, for purposes of explaining the committee substitute. Counsel explained the committee substitute. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Questions by the committee members followed. Chairman Anderson advanced the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 686 to markup and passage.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 691, Authorizing DOH to provide reimbursement for timely relocation of utilities.

Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Brian Casto, for purposes of explaining the committee substitute. Counsel explained the committee substitute. Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson recognize Ms. Sarah Leigh Runyon, Director, West Virginia Division of Highways. Having been previously placed under oath by Chairman Anderson, Ms. Runyon answered questions from the committee members. Chairman Anderson advanced the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 691 to markup and passage.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL 697, Relating to state road system.

Chairman Anderson recognized committee counsel, Brian Casto, for purposes of explaining the committee substitute. Counsel explained the committee substitute.

Chairman Anderson called for questions of counsel. Hearing none, Chairman Anderson advanced the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 697 to markup and passage.

On Motion by Vice-Chairman Zatezalo the committee adjourned.

Bill Anderson
Committee Chairman

Mari Humphrey
Committee Clerk