



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Finance

Minutes for January 19, 2026, 9:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Finance met on January 19, 2026, 9:00 AM, in the House Finance Committee Room 460-M.

Members present: Delegates Anderson, Barnhart, Canterbury, Cooper, Criss, Dittman, Ellington, Fehrenbacher, Gearheart, Hall, Hite, Hornbuckle, Horst, Hott, Howell, Jeffries, Linville, Mazzocchi, Riley, Statler, Toney, Worrell.

Members absent: Delegates Williams, Cannon, Rohrbach.

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

Delegate from the 37th moved to suspend the rules for bills to be taken up for immediate consideration to be discussed and marked up.

HB ORG

Counsel explains the first house originating bill.

Questions and answers followed.

Michelle Blatt, State Superintendent Board of Education was sworn in under oath by Chairman Criss.

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Paul Hardesty, President of the Board of Education was sworn in under oath by Chairman Criss

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Vice-Chairman Riley moved for HB ORG be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

Stella Dunn, Finance Budget Analyst explains the second house originating bill.

No questions followed.

Vice-Chairman Riley moved for HB ORG be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

Chairman Criss introduces Presenter for the State Police Budget Presentation

Question and answers followed.

On motion of Delegate Riley, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved

On Motion of Delegate Riley the committee adjourned.

Vernon Criss

Committee Chair

Rose Marion

Committee Clerk