



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Standing Committee on Finance

### Minutes for February 06, 2026, 9:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Finance met on February 06, 2026, 9:00 AM, in the House Finance Committee Room 460-M.

Members present: Chairman Criss, Vice Chair Riley, Delegates Anderson, Cannon, Canterbury, Cooper, Dittman, Ellington, Fehrenbacher, Gearheart, Hall, Hite, Hornbuckle, Hott, Jeffries, Mazzocchi, Statler, Worrell.

Members absent: Delegates Horst, Howell, Linville, Rohrbach, Toney, Williams.

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

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

Reports from Subcommittees.

#### **Bills on Hearing**

No bills on hearing.

#### **Bills on Mark up and Passage**

**H. B. 4089**, Preservation of hair during chemotherapy. Also known as the "Jessica Huffman Bill".

Vice-Chairman Riley motioned to suspend the rules for HB 4089 to skip the hearing stage and to move to markup and passage.

Motion carried.

Mark McOwen, House Finance Counsel, explained the bill.

Vice-Chairman Riley moved HB 4089 to be reported to the floor with recommendation that it do pass.

Motion carried.

**H. B. 4297**, Relating to authorizing the Municipal Pensions. Oversight Board to promulgate a legislative rule relating to exempt purchasing.

Vice-Chairman Riley motioned to suspend the rules for HB 4297 to skip the hearing stage and to move to markup and passage.

Motion carried.

Alice Chakmakian, House Finance Counsel, explained the bill.

Vice-Chairman Riley moved HB 4297 to be reported to Judiciary with recommendation that it do pass.

Motion carried.

**Budget Hearing**

Public Service Commission is called forward to present Budget Presentation for the 2027 Fiscal Year.

Questions and answers followed.

Consumer Advocate is called forward to present Budget Presentation for the 2027 Fiscal Year.

Questions and answers followed.

On Motion of Delegate Riley the committee adjourned.

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Vernon Criss

Committee Chair

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Rose Marion

Committee Clerk