



West Virginia House of Delegates

Committee on Government Administration

Minutes for February 05, 2026, 2:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Committee on Government Administration met on February 05, 2026, 2:00 PM, in the House East Wing Committee Room 215-E.

Members present: Delegates Pinson, Dean, Brooks, Browning, Clay, Foggin, Howell, Kyle, Leavitt, Young.

Members absent: Delegates McCormick, Smith.

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

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

Chairman Pinson announced that the first item on the agenda was consideration of HB 4531. Vice-Chairman Dean moved the bill. Chairman Pinson recognized Josh Wiseman, Committee Counsel, to explain the bill. Vice-Chairman Dean moved the committee substitute. Chairman Pinson recognized Josh Wiseman, Counsel, to explain the committee substitute for HB 4531. Vice-Chairman Dean moved to adopt the language of the committee substitute. The motion was adopted. Vice-Chairman Dean moved to report the committee substitute for HB 4531 to the Standing Committee on Government Organization. The motion was adopted.

Chairman Pinson announced that the next item on the agenda was consideration of HB 4612. Vice-Chairman Dean moved the bill. Chairman Pinson recognized Josh Wiseman, Committee Counsel, to explain the bill. Vice-Chairman Dean moved to report HB 4612 to the Standing Committee on Government Organization. The motion was adopted.

Chairman Pinson announced that the next item on the agenda was consideration of HB 4518. Vice-Chairman Dean moved the bill. Chairman Pinson recognized Josh Wiseman, Committee Counsel, to explain the bill. Vice-Chairman Dean moved the committee substitute. Chairman Pinson recognized Josh Wiseman, Counsel, to explain the committee substitute for HB 4518. Vice-Chairman Dean moved to adopt the language of the committee substitute. The motion was adopted. Vice-Chairman Dean moved to report the committee substitute for HB 4518 to the Standing Committee on Government Organization. The motion was adopted.

Chairman Pinson announced that the next item on the agenda, HB 4558, would be pulled from the agenda.

Chairman Pinson announced that a resolution had been reached in regard to HB 4531 and HB 4532 among the sponsors and stakeholders, and, with the matter being resolved in the Committee Substitute for HB 4531, HB 4532 would subsequently be pulled from the agenda.

Chairman Pinson recognized Delegate Ridenour to explain HB 4769. Questions and answers of Delegate Ridenour followed. Chairman Pinson announced HB 4769 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

Chairman Pinson recognized Delegate Funkhouser to explain HB 4932. Questions and answers of Delegate Funkhouser followed. Chairman Pinson invited David Cook, Deputy Secretary/General Counsel, WV Secretary of State's Office, to testify and answer questions about HB 4932. Chairman Pinson administered the oath to Mr. Cook. Questions and answers of Mr. Cook followed. Chairman Pinson invited Megan Kueck, CEO of the WV Society of CPAs, to testify and answer questions about HB 4932. Chairman Pinson administered the oath to Ms. Kueck. Questions and answers of Ms. Kueck followed. Chairman Pinson announced HB 4932 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

Chairman Pinson recognized Chairman Linville to explain HB 4978. Chairman Pinson announced HB 4978 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

Chairman Pinson recognized Delegate Tresa Howell to explain HB 4793. Chairman Pinson announced HB 4793 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

Chairman Pinson recognized Chairwoman Crouse to explain HB 4667. Questions and answers of Chairwoman Crouse followed. Chairman Pinson invited Jennifer McDonald, Director of Activism, Institute for Justice, to testify and answer questions about HB 4667. Questions and answers of Dir. McDonald followed. Chairman Pinson announced HB 4667 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

On Motion of Delegate Dean the committee adjourned.

Jonathan Pinson
Committee Chair

Andrew L. Koch
Committee Clerk