



# **West Virginia House of Delegates**

## **Standing Committee on Government Organization**

### **Minutes for February 05, 2026, 1:00 PM**

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Government Organization met on February 05, 2026, 1:00 PM, in the House East Wing Committee Room 215-E.

Members present: Delegates Phillips, Young, Lewis, Adkins, Brooks, Browning, Burkhammer, Cannon, Clark, Clay, Dean, Drennan Ferrell, Foggin, Hott, Howell, Kyle, Leavitt, Lucas, Pinson, Sheedy, Sr., Smith, Street.

Members absent: Delegates Smith, McCormick.

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 Phillips announced HB 4784 would be held over until the next meeting and the order of the agenda was changed due to Members presenting bills in other committees.

Chairman Phillips recognized Delegate Hornby to explain HB 4577. Chairman Phillips announced HB 4577 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

Chairman Phillips recognized Delegate Crouse to explain HB 4819. Chairman Phillips announced HB 4819 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

Chairman Phillips announced the first item on the agenda was consideration of HB 4501. Delegate Dean moved the bill. Chairman Phillips recognized Max Wilkinson, Committee Counsel, to explain the bill. Delegate Dean moved the Committee Substitute. Chairman Phillips recognized Max Wilkinson, Counsel, to explain the committee substitute for HB 4501. Questions and answers of counsel followed. Delegate Dean moved to adopt the language of the Committee Substitute. That motion was adopted. Delegate Dean moved to report the committee substitute for HB 4501 to the floor with a recommendation that it do pass. The motion was adopted.

Chairman Phillips recognized Sean Whelan, General Counsel, Governor's Office to explain HB 4025. Questions and answers of Mr. Whelan followed. Chairman Phillips announced HB 4025 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

Chairman Phillips recognized Delegate Brooks to explain HB 4561. Chairman Phillips announced HB 4561 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

Chairman Phillips recognized Delegate Heckert to explain HB 4462. Chairman Phillips announced HB 4462 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

On Motion of Delegate Dean the committee adjourned.

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Chris Phillips

Committee Chair

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