



# **West Virginia House of Delegates**

## **Standing Committee on Government Organization**

### **Minutes for February 24, 2026, 1:00 PM**

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Government Organization met on February 24, 2026, 1:00 PM, in the House East Wing Committee Room 215-E.

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

Members absent: Delegates Cannon, Dean, Smith.

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

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

Chairman Phillips announced the next item on the agenda was consideration of the Committee Substitute for SB 374. Delegate Smith moved the bill. Chairman Phillips recognized Josh Wiseman, Counsel, to explain the Committee Substitute for SB 374. Delegate Smith moved to report the Committee Substitute for SB 374 to the floor with a recommendation that it do pass. The motion was adopted.

Chairman Phillips announced the next item on the agenda was consideration of the Committee Substitute for SB 659. Delegate Smith moved the bill. Chairman Phillips recognized Max Wilkinson, Counsel, to explain the Committee Substitute for SB 659. Delegate Smith moved to report the Committee Substitute for SB 659 to the floor with a recommendation that it do pass. Division was requested. The motion was adopted.

Chairman Phillips announced the next item on the agenda was consideration of HB 5065. Delegate Smith moved the bill. Chairman Phillips recognized Max Wilkinson, Counsel, to HB 5065. Delegate Smith moved the Committee Substitute. Chairman Phillips recognized Max Wilkinson, Counsel, to explain the Committee Substitute for HB 5065. Delegate Smith moved to adopt the language of the Committee Substitute. That motion was adopted. Delegate Smith moved to report the Committee Substitute for HB 5065 to the floor with a recommendation that it do pass. The motion was adopted.

Chairman Phillips announced the next item on the agenda was consideration of HB 5653. Delegate Smith moved the bill. Chairman Phillips recognized Josh Wiseman, Counsel, to explain HB 5653. Delegate Smith moved to report HB 5653 to the floor with a recommendation that it do pass. The motion was adopted.

Chairman Phillips announced the next item on the agenda was the hearing stage for HB 4652. Chairman Phillips recognized Delegate Clay Riley and Albert Cox to explain HB 4652. Questions and answers of the presenters followed. Chairman Phillips announced HB 4652 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

Chairman Phillips announced the next item on the agenda was the hearing stage for HB 4793. Chairman Phillips recognized Delegate Tresa Howell and Jonathan Wriston to explain HB 4793. Questions and answers of the presenters followed. Chairman Phillips announced HB 4793 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

Chairman Phillips announced the next item on the agenda was the hearing stage for HB 4992. Chairman Phillips recognized Delegate George Street and Delmas Crum to explain HB 4992. Questions and answers of the presenters followed. Chairman Phillips announced HB 4992 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

Chairman Phillips announced the next item on the agenda was the hearing stage for HB 5510. Chairman Phillips recognized Delegate Ryan Browning to explain HB 5510. Questions and answers of the presenter followed. Chairman Phillips announced HB 5510 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

Chairman Phillips announced the next item on the agenda was the hearing stage for HB 5564. Vice Chairman Smith recognized Delegate Chris Phillips to explain HB 5564. Questions and answers of the presenter followed. Vice Chairman Smith announced HB 5564 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

On Motion of Delegate Smith the committee adjourned.

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Chris Phillips

Committee Chair

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