



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Government Organization

Minutes for February 25, 2026, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Government Organization met on February 26, 2026, 1:00 PM, in the House East Wing Committee Room 215-E.

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

Members absent: Delegates 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 HB 4793. Delegate Smith moved the bill. Chairman Phillips recognized Josh Wiseman, Counsel, to explain the Committee Substitute for HB 4793. Delegate Smith moved the Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute. Chairman Phillips recognized Josh Wiseman, Counsel, to explain the Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for HB 4793. Delegate Smith moved to adopt the language of the Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute. That motion was adopted. Delegate Smith moved to report the Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for HB 4793 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 5063. Delegate Smith moved the bill. Chairman Phillips recognized Max Wilkinson, Counsel, to HB 5063. Delegate Smith moved the Committee Substitute. Chairman Phillips recognized Max Wilkinson, Counsel, to explain the Committee Substitute for HB 5063. 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 5063 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 5458. Delegate Smith moved the bill. Chairman Phillips recognized Max Wilkinson, Counsel, to HB 5458. Delegate Smith moved the Committee Substitute. Chairman Phillips recognized Max Wilkinson, Counsel, to explain the Committee Substitute for HB 5458. 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 5458 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 5474. Delegate Smith moved the bill. Chairman Phillips recognized Max Wilkinson, Counsel, to HB 5474. Delegate Smith moved the Committee Substitute. Chairman Phillips recognized Max Wilkinson, Counsel, to explain the Committee Substitute for HB 5474. 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 5474 to the floor with a recommendation that it do pass, but that it first be referred to the Committee on Finance. The motion was adopted.

Chairman Phillips announced the next item on the agenda was the hearing stage for HB 4977. Chairman Phillips recognized Delegate Bill Flanigan and Taylor Bennett to explain HB 4977. Questions and answers of the presenters followed. Chairman Phillips announced HB 4977 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

Chairman Phillips announced the next item on the agenda was the hearing stage for HB 5091. Chairman Phillips recognized Delegate Patrick Lucas to explain HB 5091. Questions and answers of the presenter followed. Chairman Phillips announced HB 5091 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

Chairman Phillips announced the next item on the agenda was the hearing stage for HB 5629. Chairman Phillips recognized Delegate Bill Flanigan to explain HB 5629. Questions and answers of the presenter followed. Chairman Phillips announced HB 5629 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

Chairman Phillips announced the next item on the agenda was the hearing stage for HB ORG 1. Vice Chairman Smith recognized Delegate Chris Phillips to explain HB ORG 1. Questions and answers of the presenter followed. Vice Chairman Smith announced HB ORG 1 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

On Motion of Delegate Smith the committee adjourned.

Chris Phillips

Committee Chair

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Analyst

