



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Government Organization

Minutes for February 26, 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 Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

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

Members absent: Delegates Burkhammer, Hott, Smith, Street.

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 the hearing stage for HB 4176. Chairman Phillips recognized Delegate Chuck Horst and to explain HB 4176. Questions and answers of the presenters followed. Chairman Phillips announced HB 4176 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

Chairman Phillips announced the next item on the agenda was the hearing stage for HB 5403. Chairman Phillips recognized Delegate Wayne Clark and Bobby Palmer to explain HB 5403. Questions and answers of the presenters followed. Chairman Phillips announced HB 5403 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

Chairman Phillips announced the next item on the agenda was consideration of HB 4025. Delegate Smith moved the bill. Chairman Phillips recognized Josh Wiseman, Counsel, to HB 4025. Delegate Smith moved the Committee Substitute. Chairman Phillips recognized Josh Wiseman, Counsel, to explain the Committee Substitute for HB 4025. 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 4025 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 5441. Delegate Smith moved the bill. Chairman Phillips recognized Josh Wiseman, Counsel, to HB 5441. Delegate Smith moved the Committee Substitute. Chairman Phillips recognized Josh

Wiseman, Counsel, to explain the Committee Substitute for HB 5441. 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 5441 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 5622. Delegate Smith moved the bill. Chairman Phillips recognized Max Wilkinson, Counsel, to HB 5622. Delegate Smith moved the Committee Substitute. Chairman Phillips recognized Max Wilkinson, Counsel, to explain the Committee Substitute for HB 5622. 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 5622 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 5364. Chairman Phillips recognized Sean Whelan, General Counsel, Governor's Office, to explain HB 5364. Questions and answers of the presenter followed. Chairman Phillips announced HB 5364 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

Chairman Phillips announced the next item on the agenda was the hearing stage for HB 5087. Chairman Phillips recognized Delegate Dana Ferrell to explain HB 5087. Questions and answers of the presenter followed. Chairman Phillips announced HB 5087 would be moved to the markup/passage stage.

On Motion of Delegate Smith the committee adjourned.

Chris Phillips

Committee Chair

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