



# **West Virginia House of Delegates**

## **Standing Committee on Government Organization**

### **Minutes for March 06, 2026, 1:00 PM**

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Government Organization met on March 06, 2026, 1:00 PM, in the House East Wing Committee Room 215-E.

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

Members absent: Delegates Lewis, Cannon, Hott, Kyle, 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 first item on the agenda was consideration of the Committee Substitute for SB 167. Delegate Smith moved the bill. Chairman Phillips recognized Max Wilkinson, Counsel, to explain the Committee Substitute for SB 167. Delegate Smith moved to report the Committee Substitute for SB 167 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 586. Delegate Smith moved the bill. Chairman Phillips recognized Josh Wiseman, Counsel, to explain the Committee Substitute for SB 586. Delegate Smith moved to report the Committee Substitute for SB 586 to the floor with a recommendation that it do pass. The motion failed.

Chairman Phillips announced the next item on the agenda was consideration of the Committee Substitute for SB 603. Delegate Smith moved the bill. Chairman Phillips recognized Max Wilkinson, Counsel, to explain the Committee Substitute for SB 603. Delegate Smith moved to report the Committee Substitute for SB 603 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 703. Delegate Smith moved the bill. Chairman Phillips recognized Josh Wiseman, Counsel, to explain the Committee Substitute for SB 703. Delegate Smith moved

to report the Committee Substitute for SB 703 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 SB 755. Delegate Smith moved the bill. Chairman Phillips recognized Max Wilkinson, Counsel, to explain SB 755. Delegate Smith moved to report SB 755 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 SB 756. Delegate Smith moved the bill. Chairman Phillips recognized Josh Wiseman, Counsel, to explain SB 756. Delegate Smith moved to report SB 756 to the floor with a recommendation that it do pass. The motion failed.

Chairman Phillips announced the next item on the agenda was consideration of the Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for SB 878. Delegate Smith moved the bill. Chairman Phillips recognized Josh Wiseman, Counsel, to explain the Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for SB 878. Delegate Smith moved to adopt the language of the committee amendment. That motion was adopted. Delegate Smith moved to report the Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for SB 607, as amended, 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 of the Committee Substitute for SB 970 Chairman Phillips announced the Committee Substitute for SB 970 would be moved to the markup/passage stage

Chairman Phillips announced the next item on the agenda was the hearing stage of the Committee Substitute for SB 1011. Chairman Phillips recognized Justin Robinson, Legislative Auditor, to explain the Committee Substitute for SB 1011. Questions and answers of the presenters followed. Chairman Phillips announced the Committee Substitute for SB 1011 would be moved to the markup/passage stage

Chairman Phillips announce the meeting would stand in recess for 10 minutes.

Upon returning to order, Delegate Burkhammer moved to reconsider the Committee's action on SB 586. That motion was adopted. Delegate Smith moved to report the Committee Substitute for SB 586 to the floor with a recommendation that it do pass. The motion was adopted.

On Motion of Delegate Smith the committee adjourned.

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Chris Phillips

Committee Chair

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