



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for February 17, 2026, 3:30 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources met on February 17, 2026, 3:30 PM, in the House East Wing Committee Room 215-E.

Members present: Delegates Worrell, Hite, Pushkin, Hamilton, Amos, Anders, Burkhammer, Chiarelli, Clark, Dean, Drennan, Hall, Heckert, Jeffries, Lewis, Mazzocchi, Miller, Petitto, Pinson, Smith, Stephens, Vance, Watt.

Members absent: Delegates Rohrbach, Willis.

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

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

HB 4517 - To maximize the utility and accessibility of West Virginia's child care tax credit for employers (2nd REF FIN)

Chairman Worrell recognized Vice Chair Hite to move HB 4517. Chairman Worrell recognized counsel to explain HB 4517. Counsel explained and stated there was a Committee Substitute at the desk. Vice Chair Hite moved Com Sub for HB 4517. Counsel explained Com Sub for HB 4517. Chairman Worrell called for questions of counsel, there were none. Vice Chair Hite moved to adopt the language of com sub for HB 4517. Chairman Worrell called for discussion, there was none. Vice Chair Hite moved com sub for HB 4517 to be reported to the floor with the recommendation it do pass but first it be referred to the committee on Finance. Motion carried.

HB 4067 - Providing any employee working 20 hours or more per week in a licensed child care center or certified family child care (FCC) home is eligible for a child care subsidy, regardless of their household income (2nd REF FIN)

Chairman Worrell recognized Vice Chair Hite to move HB 4067. Chairman Worrell recognized counsel to explain HB 4067. Counsel explained and stated there was a Committee Substitute at the desk. Delegate Burkhammer asked for unanimous consent to withdraw his amendment. Vice Chair Hite moved Com Sub for HB 4067. Counsel explained Com Sub for HB 4067. Chairman Worrell called for questions of counsel, there were a few questions. Vice Chair Hite moved to adopt the language of com sub for HB 4067. Chairman Worrell called for discussion, Delegate Pushkin spoke. Vice Chair Hite moved com sub for HB 4067 to be reported to the floor with the recommendation it do pass but first it be referred to the committee on Finance. Motion carried.

Hearing:

HB 5437 - Creating the Vape Safety Act (2nd REF FIN)

Chairman Worrell recognized Delegate McCormick to explain HB 5437. Delegate McCormick answered several questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell recognized and swore in Art Thomm, representing MAG Industries. Mr. Thom answered several questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell recognized and swore in Kurt Dettinger, representing Vapor Technology Association. Mr. Dettinger answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell advanced HB 5437 to markup.

HB 4989 Professional Firefighter cancer screening

Chairman Worrell recognized Delegate Chiarelli to explain HB 4989. Delegate Chiarelli answered several questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell recognized and swore in Virgil White and TW Hindman, Professional Firefighters. Mr. White and Mr. Hindman answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell advanced HB 4989 to markup.

On Motion of Delegate Hite the committee adjourned.

Evan Worrell
Committee Chair

Martha White
Administrator