



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for February 23, 2026, 3:30 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources met on February 23, 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, Rohrbach, Smith, Stephens, Watt, Willis.

Members absent: Delegate Vance.

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

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

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

Chairman Worrell recognized Vice Chair Hite moved HB 5437. Chairman Worrell recognized counsel to explain HB 5437. Counsel explained HB 5437 and stated there was a com sub at the desk. Vice Chair Hite moved Com Sub for HB 5437. Counsel explained Com Sub for HB 5437. Chairman Worrell called for questions of counsel. Counsel answered questions of the committee. Chairman called for amendments, there were none. Vice Chair Hite moved to adopt the language of the com sub and be it reported to the floor with the recommendation it do pass, but first be referred to the Judiciary. Motion carried.

HB 4989 - Professional Firefighter cancer screening

Chairman Worrell recognized Vice Chair Hite moved HB 4989. Chairman Worrell recognized counsel to explain HB 4989. Counsel explained HB 4989 and stated there was a com sub at the desk. Vice Chair Hite moved Com Sub for HB 4989. Counsel explained Com Sub for HB 4989. Chairman Worrell called for questions of counsel. Counsel answered questions of the committee. Chairman called for amendments, there were none. Chairman Worrell called for discussion, there was none Vice Chair Hite moved to adopt the language of the com sub for HB 4989 and be reported to the floor with the recommendation it do pass, but first be referred to the Judiciary. Motion carried.

HB 5569 - To reinstate the discount on insurance for retired firefighters hired after 2010 (2nd REF FIN)

Chairman Worrell recognized Vice Chair Hite moved HB 5569. Chairman Worrell recognized counsel to explain HB 5569. Counsel explained HB 5569. Chairman Worrell called for questions of counsel, there were no questions. Chairman called for amendments, there were

none. Vice Chair Hite moved HB 5569 be reported to the floor with the recommendation it do pass, but first be referred to the committee on Finance. Motion carried.

SB 231 - Relating to value-based payment requirements (2nd REF FIN)

Chairman Worrell recognized Vice Chair Hite moved SB 231. Chairman Worrell recognized counsel to explain SB 231. Counsel explained SB 231. Counsel explained. Chairman Worrell called for questions of counsel. Counsel answered questions of the committee. Chairman called for amendments, there were none. Chairman Worrell called for discussion; there was a few members to discuss SB 231. Vice Chair Hite moved SB 231 be reported to the floor with the recommendation it do pass, but first be referred to the committee on Finance. Motion carried.

Committee Hearing

HB 5681 - Relating to empowering qualified certified nurse practitioners and certified nurse midwives to prescribe, administer, and dispense prescriptions drugs without a collaborating physician. (White)

Chairman Worrell recognized Delegate White to explain HB 5681. Delegate White answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell recognized and swore in Dr. Bradley Henry, Board Certified Physician. Dr. Henry spoke on HB 5681. There were no questions for Dr. Henry. Chairman Worrell recognized and swore in Dr. Suzanne Gharib and answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell recognized and swore Jodie Biller, DNP,APRN,FNP-BC. Dr. Biller answered several questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell advanced HB 5681 to markup.

HB 5661 - Increasing Medicaid dental provider reimbursement rates. (2nd REF FIN)
(Cannon, J)

Chairman Worrell recognized Delegate Cannon. J. to explain HB 5661. Delegate Cannon answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell recognized Hallie Mason, Executive Director, Dental Association. Ms. Mason has previously been sworn in before the committee. Ms. Mason answered a question from the committee. Chairman Worrell advanced HB 5661 to markup.

On Motion of Delegate Worrell the committee adjourned.

Evan Worrell

Committee Chair

Martha White

Administrator