



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for February 26, 2026, 3:30 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources met on February 26, 2026, 3:30 PM, in the House East Wing Committee Room 215-E.

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

Members absent: Delegates Burkhammer, Pinson.

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 5004 - Relating generally to coverage of PANS and PANDAS.

Chairman Worrell recognized Vice Chair Hite to move HB 5004. Chairman Worrell recognized counsel to explain HB 5004. Counsel explained HB 5004 and stated there is a Com Sub for HB 5004. Vice Chair Hite moved Com Sub for HB 5004. Counsel explained Com Sub for HB 5004 Chairman Worrell called for questions of counsel. There were none. Chairman Worrell called for amendments there were none. Vice Chair Hite moved to adopt the language of Com Sub for HB5004. Chairmen Worrell called for discussion, there was none. Vice Chair Hite moved Com Sub for HB 5004 to be reported to the floor with the recommendation it do pass. Motion carried.

HB 5327 - West Virginia ALS Care Services Act

Chairman Worrell recognized Vice Chair Hite to move HB 5327. Chairman Worrell recognized counsel to explain HB 5327. Counsel explained HB 5327 and stated there is a Com Sub for HB 5327. Vice Chair Hite moved Com Sub for HB 5327 Counsel explained Com Sub for HB 5327 Chairman Worrell called for questions of counsel. There were none. Chairman Worrell called for amendments there were none. Vice Chair Hite moved to adopt the language of Com Sub for HB 5327. Chairmen Worrell called for discussion, there was none. Vice Chair Hite moved Com Sub for HB 5327 to be reported to the floor with the recommendation it do pass. Motion carried.

HB 5563 - To create the West Virginia Timely Transplant Referral and Veteran Care Coordination Act

Chairman Worrell recognized Vice Chair Hite to move HB 5563. Chairman Worrell recognized counsel to explain HB 5563. Counsel explained HB 5563 and stated there is a Com Sub for HB 5563. Vice Chair Hite moved Com Sub for HB 5563 Counsel explained Com Sub for HB 5563 Chairman Worrell called for questions of counsel. Delegate Pushkin had a question. Chairman Worrell called for amendments there were none. Vice Chair Hite moved to adopt the language of Com Sub for HB 5563. Chairmen Worrell called for discussion, there was none. Vice Chair Hite moved Com Sub for HB 5563 to be reported to the floor with the recommendation it do pass. Motion carried.

HB 4772 - To ensure the integrity of West Virginia's Medicaid program by requiring regular verification of enrollee status and prompt removal of deceased individuals from active Medicaid rolls

Vice Chair Hite moved HB 4772. Counsel explained HB 4772. Chairman Worrell called for questions of counsel. There were none. Chairman Worrell called for amendments There was none. Vice Chair Hite moved HB 4772 be reported to the floor with the recommendation it do pass. Motion carried.

HB 5260 - Relating generally to medical cannabis

Chairman Worrell recognized Vice Chair Hite to move HB 5260. Chairman Worrell recognized counsel to explain HB 5260. Counsel explained HB 5260 and stated there is a Com Sub for HB 5260. Vice Chair Hite moved Com Sub for HB 5260 Counsel explained Com Sub for HB 5260 Chairman Worrell called for questions of counsel. There were none. Chairman Worrell called for amendments there were none. Vice Chair Hite moved to adopt the language of Com Sub for HB 5260. Chairmen Worrell called for discussion, Delegates Clark and Pushkin discussed. Vice Chair Hite moved Com Sub for HB 5260 to be reported to the floor with the recommendation it do pass. Motion carried.

Committee Hearing

HB 4965 - Relating to patient-centered treatment flexibility within the Public Employees Insurance Agency (Kimble)

Chairman Worrell recognized Delegate Kimble to explain HB 4965. Chairman Worrell called for questions for Delegate Kimble. There was none. Chairman Worrell recognized and swore in Rebecca Tennant. Ms. Tennant spoke her family's experience of denial of necessary treatment. Ms. Tennant answered questions of the committee. Chairman Worrell advanced HB 4965 to markup.

On Motion of Delegate Hite the committee adjourned.

Evan Worrell

Committee Chair

Martha White

Administrator