



West Virginia House of Delegates

Subcommittee on Homeland Security

Minutes for February 16, 2026, 10:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Subcommittee on Homeland Security met on February 16, 2026, 10:00 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

Members present: Delegates Jennings, Ward, B., Butler, Ferrell, Funkhouser, Hansen, Hillenbrand, Phillips, Ridenour.

Members absent: Delegates Heckert.

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

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

Committee Hearings

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 5444 - Relating to increasing the amount of fees to be paid by parolees for supervision. The Chair recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Akers, to explain the bill. After questions of the bill sponsor, Delegate Ridenour called on David Kelly, Commissioner of WV Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation, who was sworn in by the Chair and questions followed. The Chair advanced consideration of House Bill 5444 to Markup and Passage.

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 5449 - Repealing the Addiction Treatment Pilot Program. The Chair recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Akers, to explain the bill. After questions of the bill sponsor, the Chair advanced consideration of House Bill 5449 to Markup and Passage.

Chairman Jennings ceded the Chair to Vice Chairman Ward. The committee held a hearing on House Bill 5454 - Relating to the select committee for the West Virginia Fusion Center. The Chair recognized the bill sponsor, Chairman Jennings, to explain the bill. After questions of the bill sponsor, Delegate Butler called on Robert Workman, Director of the WV Fusion Center, who was sworn in by Vice-Chairman Ward. After questions, Vice-Chairman Ward advanced consideration of House Bill 5454 to Markup and Passage. Vice Chairman Ward then returned the Chair to Chairman Jennings.

On Motion of Delegate Ward, B. the committee adjourned.

D. Rolland Jennings

Committee Chair

Drew Constable

Clerk