



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for January 15, 2026, 9:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on the Judiciary met on January 15, 2026, 9:00 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M with Delegate Akers in the Chair.

Members present: Delegates Butler, Ferrell, Flanigan, Fluharty Funkhouser, Hansen, Heckert, Hillenbrand, Holstein, Hornby, Jennings, Kimble, Kump, Mallow, Marple, Martin, Masters, Maynor, Phillips, Ridenour, Roop, Shamblin, Ward, B., Zatezalo, and Chairman Akers.

Members absent: None.

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

As the next order of business, Chairman Akers recognized Ms. Cindy Largent-Hill, Director, Division of Children's Services, West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals for purposes of addressing the committee. Having been placed under oath by Chairman Akers, Director Largent-Hill provided remarks to the committee including an update on child abuse and neglect matters within the West Virginia judicial system. Chairman Akers called for questions for Ms. Largent. Questions from the committee members followed.

As the next order of business, Chairman Akers recognized Mr. Alex Mayer, Secretary, West Virginia Department of Human Services, for purposes of addressing the committee. Having been placed under oath by Chairman Akers, Secretary Mayer provided remarks to the committee regarding the 2025 Department of Human Services' statewide listening tour. Chairman Akers called for questions for Secretary Mayer. Questions from the committee members followed.

On Motion of Vice-Chairman Maynor, the committee adjourned.

Delegate JB Akers
Committee Chair

Mr. Daniel Osborne
Senior Clerk