



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on the Judiciary

Minutes for March 02, 2026, 9:00 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on the Judiciary met on March 02, 2026, at 9:00 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M with Delegate Akers in the Chair.

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

Members absent: Delegates Heckert and Holstein.

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

On motion of Vice-Chairman Maynor, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 137, Modifying parole eligibility for crime of second degree murder and voluntary manslaughter

Chairman Akers recognized counsel for purposes of explaining the bill. The following individuals, having been placed under oath by Chairman Akers, provided remarks to the committee: Ms. Sara Whitaker, West Virginia Center for Budget and Policy; Ms. Nan Jordan; Ms. Teri Castle; Ms. Mary Lisa Lister; Ms. Betsy Coffey, West Virginia Association of Prosecuting Attorneys; and Mr. Tim DiPiero, Catalyst Ministries. Chairman Akers advanced the bill to markup and discussion.

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

Delegate JB Akers
Committee Chair

Mr. Daniel Osborne
Senior Clerk