



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Subcommittee on Legal Services

### Minutes for February 06, 2026, 9:45 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Subcommittee on Legal Services met on February 06, 2026, 9:45 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

Members present: Delegates Kimble, Holstein, Butler, Flanigan, Hornby, Marple, Maynor, Ridenour, Roop.

Members absent: Delegates Fluharty.

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

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

#### Markup and Passage

The committee considered House Bill 4865 - Providing for a program allowing election official trainees to be appointed as election officials. On motion of the Vice-Chairman, the bill was amended. After explanation of the amendment by counsel and questions, on motion of the Vice-Chairman, House Bill 4865, as amended, was reported to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

The committee considered House Bill 4881 - Relating to obtaining title to abandoned or junked motor vehicles abandoned on the property or place of business of an automobile dealer. Counsel explained the bill. On motion of the Vice-Chairman, House Bill 4881 was reported to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

#### Committee Hearings

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 4405 - Expanding the reasons that an executive director may create, merge, or dissolve a public defender corporation. The Chair recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Heckert, to explain the bill. After questions of the bill sponsor, the Chair advanced consideration of House Bill 4405 to the markup and discussion phase.

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 4452 - To remove Mortmain restrictions on religious organizations. The Chair recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Hillenbrand, to explain the bill. After questions of the bill sponsor, Delegate Holstein called on Bishop Matthew Cowden, The Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia. After being sworn in by the Chair, questions were asked. The Chair advanced consideration of House Bill 4452 to the markup and discussion phase.

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 4638 - Relating to registration of voters and voluntary registration of organ donors. Delegate Holstein asked for unanimous consent to allow Delegate Akers to explain the bill. After questions of the Delegate, the Chair advanced consideration of House Bill 4638 to the markup and discussion phase.

On Motion of Delegate Holstein the committee adjourned.

Laura Kimble

Committee Chair

Drew Constable

Clerk