



West Virginia House of Delegates

Subcommittee on Legal Services

Minutes for February 16, 2026, 10:15 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Subcommittee on Legal Services met on February 16, 2026, 10:15 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

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

Members absent: Delegates Maynor.

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 4799 - To establish the cold case task force for the State of West Virginia. On motion of Vice-Chairman Holstein, the bill was amended. After explanation of the amendment by counsel and questions, on motion of Vice-Chairman Holstein, House Bill 4799, as amended, was reported to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

The committee considered House Bill 4842 - Relating to civil remedies for the unauthorized disclosure of intimate images. Counsel answered questions about the bill. On motion of Vice-Chairman Holstein, House Bill 4842 was reported to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

Committee Hearings

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 5390 - Establishing fiscal notes submitted to the Legislature constitute sworn testimony. The Chair recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Howell, G., to explain the bill. After questions of the bill sponsor, the Chair advanced consideration of House Bill 5390 to the markup and discussion phase.

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 5401 - Relating to voting in West Virginia elections while residing overseas. The Chair recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Funkhouser, to explain the bill. After questions of the bill sponsor, Delegate Fluharty called on David Cook with the WV Secretary of State's Office. Being previously sworn in, Mr. Cook proceeded to answer questions. The Chair advanced consideration of House Bill 5401 to the markup and discussion phase.

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 5416 - To ensure continuity of title, protection of third parties, and orderly transition from trustee-base governance to corporate governance for churches and religious organizations. The Chair recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Miller, to explain the bill. After questions of the bill sponsor, the Chair advanced consideration of House Bill 5416 to the markup and discussion phase.

On Motion of Delegate Holstein the committee adjourned.

Laura Kimble

Committee Chair

Drew Constable

Clerk