



West Virginia House of Delegates

Subcommittee on Legal Services

Minutes for February 17, 2026, 9:45 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Subcommittee on Legal Services met on February 17, 2026, 9:45 AM, in the House Judiciary Committee Room 410-M.

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

Members absent: Delegates Maynor, Roop.

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 5401 - Relating to voting in West Virginia elections while residing overseas. Counsel explained the bill and answered questions. On motion of Vice-Chairman Holstein, House Bill 5401 was reported to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

The committee considered 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. Counsel explained the bill and answered questions. On motion of Vice-Chairman Holstein, House Bill 5416 was reported to the Standing Committee on the Judiciary.

Committee Hearings

The committee held a hearing on House Bill 5067 - Relating to the powers and duties of the director of the Division of Administrative Services. The Chair recognized the bill sponsor, Delegate Akers, to explain the bill. After questions of the bill sponsor, Delegate Flanigan called on Tina Desmond with the Division of Administrative Services. She was sworn in by the Chair and then proceeded to answer questions. The Chair advanced consideration of House Bill 5067 to the markup and discussion phase.

On Motion of Delegate Holstein the committee adjourned.

Laura Kimble
Committee Chair

Drew Constable
Clerk