



West Virginia House of Delegates

Subcommittee on Public Health

Minutes for February 11, 2026, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Subcommittee on Public Health met on February 11, 2026, 3:00 PM, in the House East Wing Committee Room 215-E.

Members present: Delegates Heckert, Chiarelli, Amos, Anders, Dean, Drennan, Masters, Miller, Petitto, Pushkin.

Members absent: None.

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

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

HB 4413 - Making syringe exchange service programs unlawful (2nd REF FIN)

Chairman Heckert recognized Vice Chair Chiarelli to move HB 4413. Chairman Heckert recognized counsel to explain HB 4413. Chairman Heckert called for questions of counsel, there were none. Chairman Heckert called for amendments. Delegate Anders offered an amendment, division was called and the amendment was rejected. Chairman Heckert called for discussion. Vice Chair Chiarelli moved HB 4413 to be reported to The Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources with the recommendation it do pass. Motion carried.

Committee Hearing:

HB 4403 - West Virginia Homeless Shelter Oversight & Safety Act (2nd REF JUD)
(Heckert)

Vice Chair Chiarelli recognized Delegate Heckert to explain HB 4403. Delegate Heckert answered questions of the committee. Vice Chair Chiarelli advanced HB 4403 to markup.

HB 4458 - Creating Substance Abuse Intervention Act (2nd REF JUD) (Heckert)

Vice Chair Chiarelli recognized Delegate Heckert to explain HB 4458. Delegate Heckert answered questions of the committee. Vice Chair Chiarelli advanced HB 4458 to markup.

HB 4459 - Relating to Kratom (2nd REF JUD) (Heckert)

Vice Chair Chiarelli recognized Delegate Heckert to explain HB 4459. Delegate Heckert answered questions of the committee. Vice Chair Chiarelli recognized and swore in Art Thomm, representing, MAG, Industries. Mr. Thomm answered questions of the committee. Chairman Heckert recognized and swore in Amie Minor -Richard, Deputy Commissioner, WV Department of Agriculture. Ms. Minor- Richard answered questions of the committee. Vice Chair Chiarelli advanced HB 4459 to markup.

On Motion of Delegate Chiarelli the committee adjourned. (3:58 PM)

Scot Heckert

Committee Chair

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