



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Finance

Minutes for January 28, 2026, 3:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Finance met on January 28, 2026, 3:00 PM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Barrett, Roberts, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Jeffries, Maynard, Morris, Oliverio, Phillips, Queen, Woodrum, Woelfel

Members absent: Martin, Takubo, Thorne

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

On motion of Senator Roberts, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Senate Bill 556 – Modifying priority of insurance coverage for drivers of certain vehicles to make consistent with federal law

Jeff Johnson, Counsel, Senate Finance Committee, was recognized to explain the bill and answer questions from the committee. The Vice-Chairman was recognized to move adoption of Senate Bill 556 with the recommendation it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion and declared the motion adopted. Counsel was recognized to explain a title amendment. The Chairman moved adoption of the title amendment. The motion carried.

Budget Presentation: West Virginia Department of Administration

Eric Householder, Cabinet Secretary, was recognized to present the agency's budget. Questions and answers followed. Brent Wolfenbarger, Director, PEIA, and Bob Kilpatrick, Director, General Services Division, were also recognized for additional questions.

Budget Presentation: West Virginia Department of Education

Michelle Blatt, Superintendent of the West Virginia Department of Education, was recognized to present the department's budget. Questions and answers followed. Phillip Uy, Financial Officer and Director of Operations, was also recognized for additional questions.

Budget Presentation: West Virginia Office of the Inspector General

Ann Urling, Inspector General, was recognized to present the agency's budget. Questions and answers followed.

On Motion of Senator Roberts The committee adjourned.



Jason Barrett
Chairman



Tammy Shamblin
Committee Clerk