



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Government Organization

Minutes for February 19, 2026, 9:45 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on February 19, 2026, 9:45 AM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Morris, Woodrum, Barrett, Charnock, Hamilton, Jeffries, Maynard, Maynard, Phillips, Rucker, Thorne, Weld

Members absent: Senators Helton, Rose, Woelfel

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

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

Com. Sub. For SB 714- Relating generally to Board of Veterinarians

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 714 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the committee on Finance.

SB 765- Allowing retail liquor outlets discount certain liquor below minimum markup

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 765 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the committee on Finance.

Com. Sub. For SB 856-Extending State Fire Marshal inspections to include municipalities with certified fire code

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Kenneth Tyree, State Fire Marshall, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). With leave of the committee, Chris Collins, Saint Albans Fire Department, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). With leave of the committee, Alan Roby, Huntington Fire Department, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 856 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the committee on Finance.

SB 952- Transferring Court Security Fund

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 952 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the committee on Finance.

Com. Sub. For SB 924- Streamlining and reforming Division of Personnel systems

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, division was demanded. Demand was sustained. With 5 yeas, and 3 nays, the committee substitute was agreed to. Senator Hamilton was a no vote. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 924 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the committee on Finance.

Com. Sub. For SB 672- Relating to acts for which WV Real Estate Commission may refuse, suspend, or revoke licenses

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 672 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

On Motion of Senator Woodrum the committee adjourned.



Robert L. Morris, Jr., Chair



Sierra Williams, Clerk

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Testimony taken this 19 day of February, 2026, in
the Senate Committee on Government Organization

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be
the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me
God."

Kenneth E Tyree Jr

Print Witness Name

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Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Robert L. Morris, Jr.

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Christopher W. Collins

Print Witness Name

[Signature]

Sign Witness Name

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Alan Roby

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Alan C. Roby

Sign Witness Name

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