



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Government Organization

Minutes for February 24, 2026, 9:30 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on February 24, 2026, 9:30 AM in Room 208-W.

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

Members absent: Senators Helton, Jeffries, 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 587- Adjusting salary schedule for elected county officials

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. 587 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 1006- Providing equal share of funds from fire and casualty premium tax to all departments

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. 1006 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 651- Relating to sale of certain properties subject to delinquent tax liens

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. Senator Weld moved to amend the bill. The question on adopting the amendment was put, the amendment was adopted. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, as amended, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 651 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended.

SB 1015- Establishing Drainage Relief Fund

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, S.B. 1015 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 762- Relating to comprehensive reform of state's water infrastructure systems

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Katie Franklin, Deputy General Counsel, Governor's Office, 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. 762 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 701- Relating to authority of sheriff's commission for collection of taxes

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. 701 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.

On Motion of Senator Woodrum the committee adjourned.



Robert L. Morris, Jr., Chair



Sierra Williams, Clerk

The Senate of West Virginia



Testimony taken this 24 day of February, 20 26 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."

Kane Fritlin

Print Witness Name

[Signature]

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Robert L. Morris, Jr.

Print Member Name

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Sign Member Name