



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Government Organization

Minutes for March 05, 2026, 9:30 AM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on March 05, 2026, 9:30 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.

HB 4561-Clarifying the sheriff's authority to hire within their office.

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, H.B. 4461 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Strike and Insert for HB 4463-Relating to the Board of Sanitarians

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Wayne Clark, WV House of Delegate, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, the strike and insert amendment was adopted. Senator Rucker moved to amend that strike and insert amendment. With leave of the committee, Melanie Pagliaro, Lobbyist, Local Health Departments, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). With leave of the committee, V.J Davis, Preston County Health Department, addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). The question on adopting the amendment was put, the amendment was rejected. On motion of Senator Woodrum, H.B. 4463 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended.

HB 4638-Relating to registration of voters and voluntary registration of organ donors

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Scott Cosco, Lobbyist, Center for Organ Recovery & Education , addressed the committee, and responded to questions (see attached oath). On motion of Senator Woodrum, H.B. 4638 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

HB 5612-Relating to property valuations of properties located on the State Capitol Complex

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, H.B. 5612 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Strike and Insert for HB 5168- To increase funding for EMS first responders.

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Woodrum, the strike and insert amendment was adopted. On motion of Senator Woodrum, H.B. 4484 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended; 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

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Testimony taken this 5 day of March, 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."

Melanie A. Paglaro
Print Witness Name

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Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

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V.J. Davis

Print Witness Name

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