



# MINUTES

## SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, February 20, 2025 | 8:00 a.m. | 220 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Ronald M. Winterton, Chair  
Sen. Nate Blouin  
Sen. Jen Plumb  
Sen. Scott D. Sandall  
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher  
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Michael K. McKell

**Staff Present:**

Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst  
Lorna Wells, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Winterton called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2025 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 3

Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. S. Sandall

**1. S.B. 255 Line-of-Duty Death Benefit Amendments (Owens, D.R.)**

Sen. Owens presented the bill with the assistance of Rodney Hurst, Chief of Police, Santaquin City.

**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to replace S.B. 255 with 1st Substitute S.B. 255. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 3

Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. S. Sandall

Brian Gwilliam, President, Utah Chiefs of Police Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Nicole Kuhni, Insurance Agent, spoke in favor of the bill.

Colonel Mike Rapich, Deputy Commissioner, Utah Department of Public Safety, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Blouin moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 255 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. S. Sandall

**2. S.B. 263 Revisor's Corrections to Utah Code - Title 10 (Cullimore, K. A.)**

Sen. Kirk Cullimore presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Thatcher moved to pass S.B. 263 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. S. Sandall

Because the bill's sponsor had not yet arrived, Nathan Brady discussed the senate rules regarding who is permitted to present legislation to the committee.

**MOTION:** Sen. Blouin moved to saunter for 10 minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. S. Sandall

Chair Winterton called the meeting back to order.

### **3. S.B. 283 Funds Amendments (*Sandall, S.*)**

Sen. Sandall presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to pass S.B. 283 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. J. Plumb

### **4. S.B. 256 General Government and Appropriations Amendments (*Plumb, J.*)**

Sen. Plumb presented the bill with the assistance of Rep. Norm Thurston.

[SB 256 Bill Analysis LRGC FL 1230.pdf](#)

Mike Sonntag, Utah Health Insurance Association, spoke to the bill.

Tanji Northrup, Utah Insurance Department, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Plumb moved to amend S.B. 256 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

#### **Amendment 1**

1. Line 200 through 202:

200 (i)any state mandated health insurance benefit that applies to a health benefit plan  
201 effective on or after January 1, 2012, through January 1, {2016}2025; and  
202 (ii)additional benefits mandated by the PPACA.



Yeas - 5  
Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. S. Sandall

**MOTION:** Sen. Plumb moved to pass S.B. 256 as amended out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5  
Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. S. Sandall

**MOTION:** Sen. Plumb moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5  
Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. S. Sandall

Chair Winterton adjourned the meeting at 9:08 a.m.