



MINUTES

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Ronald M. Winterton, Chair
Rep. Jefferson S. Burton, Chair
Sen. Brady Brammer
Sen. Calvin R. Musselman
Sen. Jen Plumb
Rep. Paul A. Cutler
Rep. Anthony E. Loubet
Rep. Matt MacPherson
Rep. Grant Amjad Miller
Rep. Michael J. Petersen
Rep. Lisa Shepherd
Rep. Andrew Stoddard

Rep. Mark A. Strong
Rep. Jason E. Thompson

Members Absent:

Sen. Michael K. McKell
Rep. Doug Fiefia
Rep. Angela Romero

Staff Present:

Megan L. Bolin, Senior Policy Analyst
Kirsi Jarvis, Policy Analyst
Michael Cipriano, Associate General Counsel
Thomas R. Vaughn, Managing Associate
General Counsel
Tracey Fredman, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Winterton called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. MacPherson moved to approve the November 20, 2024, minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 8.

Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. M. Petersen
Sen. J. Plumb
Rep. L. Shepherd
Rep. J. Thompson
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 8

Sen. B. Brammer
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. A. Loubet
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. M. Strong

Chair Winterton invited committee members to introduce themselves.

2. Open and Public Meetings Act Training

[2 - 2025 OPMA Overview](#)

Megan Bolin presented a brief overview of the Open and Public Meetings Act.

3. Review of 2025 General Session Government Operations Legislation

[3 - 2025 General Session Passed Legislation Overview](#)

[3 - Presentation, 2025 General Session Government Operations Legislation Overview](#)

Kirsi Jarvis reviewed government operations-related legislation that passed during the 2025 General Session.

4. National Election Trends

[4 - Presentation, Election, Policy and Legal Landscape](#)

Megan Bolin, Michael Cipriano, and Thomas Vaughn discussed statewide legislative trends, relevant court cases, and federal legislation and executive orders related to elections. They also responded to committee members' questions.

5. Interim Study Items

[5 - 2025 GovOps LMC Approved Study Items](#)

Megan Bolin introduced the interim study items for 2025.

Committee discussion followed during which a review of the status of 2025 General Session H.B. 77, "Flag Display Amendments," was added to the list.

MOTION: Sen. Brammer moved to adopt the study items list, as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 13

Sen. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. G. Miller
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Sen. J. Plumb
Rep. L. Shepherd
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. J. Thompson
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. A. Loubet
Sen. M. McKell
Rep. A. Romero

MOTION: Sen. Musselman moved to grant the committee chairs authority to open committee bill files related to study items on the list. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 2 - 3.

Yeas - 12

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. G. Miller
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Sen. J. Plumb
Rep. L. Shepherd
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. J. Thompson
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 2

Sen. B. Brammer
Rep. P. Cutler

Absent - 3

Rep. D. Fiefia
Sen. M. McKell
Rep. A. Romero

6. Legislative Audit - Cybersecurity of Elections

[6 - Performance Audit, Election Cybersecurity, 2025-08_RPT](#)

Jesse Martinson, Audit Manager, and Jake Dinsdale, Senior Audit Supervisor, Office of the Legislative Auditor General, reviewed the legislative auditor's report for the Performance Audit of Election Cybersecurity.

Ricky Hatch, Weber County Clerk/Auditor, responded to the audit report.

MOTION: Rep. Shepherd moved to open a committee bill file to address the audit findings. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 14

Sen. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. G. Miller
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Sen. J. Plumb
Rep. L. Shepherd
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. J. Thompson
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0Absent - 3

Rep. D. Fiefia
Sen. M. McKell
Rep. A. Romero

7. Legislative Audit - State Credit Card Processing Fees

7 - A Performance Audit of Credit Card Processing Fees, 2025-09_RPT

7 - Performance Audit, State Credit Card Processing Fees, 2024-18_RPT

[7 - A Performance Audit of the State Credit Card Processing Fees, 2025-09_RPT](#)

[7 - Presentation, A Performance Audit of Credit Card Processing Fees, LAG](#)

Brian Dean, Deputy Auditor General, and Hillary Galvin, Performance Audit Supervisor, Office of the Legislative Auditor General, reviewed the legislative auditor's report for the Performance Audit of the State Credit Card Processing Fees.

Marvin Dodge, Executive Director, Department of Government Operations, and Windy Aphayrath, Director, Division of Purchasing and General Services, responded to the audit report.

Nate Talley, Deputy Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education, discussed ways being considered to implement recommendations made in the audit report.

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, State Board of Education, commented on actions taken by the board related to recommendations made in the audit report.

MOTION: Rep. Burton moved to open a committee bill file to address the audit findings. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 4.



Yeas - 13

Sen. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. G. Miller
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. L. Shepherd
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. J. Thompson
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. D. Fiefia
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. J. Plumb
Rep. A. Romero

8. Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 13

Sen. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. G. Miller
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. L. Shepherd
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. J. Thompson
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. D. Fiefia
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. J. Plumb
Rep. A. Romero

Chair Winterton adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.