



# MINUTES

## GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

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  
Kirsti 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](http://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.

Yea - 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.