



LEGISLATURE

# MINUTES

## GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 20, 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. Doug Fiefia  
Rep. Anthony E. Loubet  
Rep. Matt MacPherson  
Rep. Grant Amjad Miller  
Rep. Michael J. Petersen  
Rep. Angela Romero

Rep. Lisa Shepherd  
Rep. Mark A. Strong

### Members Absent:

Sen. Michael K. McKell  
Rep. Andrew Stoddard  
Rep. Jason E. Thompson

### 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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

## 1. Committee Business

Chair Winterton called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Burton moved to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2025, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 8.

### Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. M. MacPherson  
Rep. G. Miller  
Sen. C. Musselman  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. L. Shepherd  
Rep. M. Strong  
Sen. R. Winterton

### Nays - 0

### Absent - 8

Sen. B. Brammer  
Rep. D. Fiefia  
Rep. A. Loubet  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. J. Thompson

## 2. Draft Legislation for Potential Special Session: "Election Records Amendments"

2 - Draft legislation, Election Records Amendments

Rep. Norman K. Thurston reviewed the provisions of draft legislation, "Election Records Amendments," which would establish requirements for certain election records.

Public comments were heard from:

Brian McKenzie, Davis County Clerk;

Marilyn Momeny, citizen;

Maryann Christiansen, Executive Director, Utah Legislative Watch;

Aaron Davidson, Utah County Clerk;

Ryan Cowley, Elections Director, Lieutenant Governor's Office; and

Seth Stewart, citizen.

**MOTION:** Sen. Brammer moved to go to the next agenda item. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 14

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. M. McKell  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. J. Thompson

### **3. Voter Registration List and Maintenance**

Megan Bolin presented an overview of the voter registration process.

[3 - Presentation, Voter Registration Maintenance, Davis County Clerk](#)

Brian McKenzie, Davis County Clerk, discussed voter registration processes at the county level and responded to committee members' questions.

[3 - Presentation, Elections Interim Report, Office of the Lieutenant Governor](#)

Cambria Cantrell, Elections Coordinator, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, discussed monthly voter list maintenance certification.

Ryan Cowley, Elections Director, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, presented an overview of the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC).

Lane Barret, Data Analyst, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, discussed processes by which deceased and duplicate voters are removed from voter rolls.

Daniel Wade, Election System Specialist, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, reviewed the 2024 and 2025 audits of the voter registration database.

### **4. Signature Gathering and Verification**

[4 - Presentation, Decentralizing Signature Verification](#)

[4 - 2026 General Session draft legislation, Candidate Petition Amendments](#)

[4 - 2026 General Session draft legislation, Signature Verification Revisions](#)

4 - 2026 General Session draft legislation, Signature Verification Revisions, v15

Rep. Shepherd discussed decentralizing signature verification and reviewed the provisions of 2026 General Session draft legislation, "Signature Verification Amendments," and "Candidate Petition Amendments."

**5. Voter Identification**

This item was not discussed.

**6. Other Items/Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Shepherd moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 11

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. D. Fiefia  
Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. M. MacPherson  
Rep. G. Miller  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Rep. L. Shepherd  
Rep. M. Strong  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0Absent - 6

Sen. B. Brammer  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. C. Musselman  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. J. Thompson

Chair Winterton adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.