



MINUTES

BUSINESS AND LABOR INTERIM COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. | 120 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Evan J. Vickers, Chair
Rep. A. Cory Maloy, Chair
Sen. Daniel McCay
Sen. Stephanie Pitcher
Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard
Rep. Jon Hawkins
Rep. Ken Ivory
Rep. Jason B. Kyle
Rep. Ashlee Matthews
Rep. Hoang Nguyen
Rep. Calvin Roberts
Rep. Jake Sawyer

Rep. David Shallenberger
Rep. Norman K Thurston
Rep. Stephen L. Whyte
Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox

Members Absent:

Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Speaker Mike Schultz

Staff Present:

Rohnin Randles, Policy Analyst
Robert Wood, Policy Analyst
Tyler Moore, Associate General Counsel
Austin Weenig, Associate General Counsel
Kaelie Mortensen, Administrative Assistant

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

Chair Maloy called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

1. Committee Business

MOTION: Rep. Hawkins moved to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2025, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 8.

Yeas - 12

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. H. Nguyen
Sen. S. Pitcher
Rep. J. Sawyer
Rep. D. Shallenberger
Rep. N. Thurston
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. T. Weiler
Rep. S. Whyte

Nays - 0

Absent - 8

Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. A. Matthews
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. C. Roberts
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. R. Wilcox

2. Regulatory Sandbox Update

[2 - Utah Office of Regulatory Relief \(Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity\)](#)

Jefferson Moss, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, and Dane Ishihara, Director, Office of Regulatory Relief, presented on the regulatory sandbox program's operations, outcomes, and direction.

The committee asked questions of Jefferson Moss and Dane Ishihara.

3. OPLR Prioritization of Licensing Reviews

[3 - Proposed List of Regulated Occupations for CY 2026 Periodic Review \(Office of Professional Licensure Review\)](#)

Jeff Shumway, Director, Office of Professional Licensure Review, presented on the scope of the proposed reviews.

The committee asked questions of Jeff Shumway.

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to approve the list of the proposed 2026 periodic reviews from the Office of Professional Licensure Review. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 13

Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. K. Ivory
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. H. Nguyen
Sen. S. Pitcher
Rep. C. Roberts
Rep. J. Sawyer
Rep. D. Shallenberger
Rep. N. Thurston
Sen. E. Vickers
Sen. T. Weiler
Rep. S. Whyte

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Rep. M. Ballard
Sen. K. Cullimore
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4. Office of Artificial Intelligence Policy: 2025 Annual Report

[4 - Annual Report \(Office of Artificial Intelligence Policy\)](#)

Zach Boyd, Director, Office of Artificial Intelligence Policy, presented on the research, findings, and outcomes from the artificial intelligence learning laboratory.

The committee asked questions of Zach Boyd.

Margaret Busse, Executive Director, Utah Department of Commerce, answered questions from the committee.

The committee continued to discussed the effects of the use of artificial intelligence and social media.

5. DABS: Identity Verification

[5 - Current Status of Utah ID Verification Laws \(Department of Alcoholic Beverage Services\)](#)

Ericka Evans, Executive Director, and Brian Swan, Deputy Director, Department of Alcoholic Beverage Services, presented on the processes and procedures in place to verify the age of individuals when purchasing alcohol at restaurants, bars, and retail DABS locations in the state.

The committee asked questions of Ericka Evans and Brian Swan.

The committee examined examples of fake ID cards and asked further questions of the presenters.

Captain Chamberlin Neff and Captain Tanner Jensen, Department of Public Safety presented on the enforcement of age verification methods in the state.

Lincoln Shurtz and Michelle Corigliano, Salt Lake Area Restaurant Association, commented on the cost of identification card scanners and fake identification cards, and answered questions from the committee.

Melba Sine, President, Utah Restaurant Association, provided comments from the association on identification methods and answered questions from the committee.

6. Other Items/Adjourn

Representative Ballard made comments on the passing of Robert Redford and acknowledged his influence on the state.

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 13

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Rep. K. Ivory
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Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Kyle
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Matthews
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. M. Schultz

Chair Maloy adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.