



# DRAFT MINUTES

## GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

### Members Present:

Sen. Ronald M. Winterton, 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. Andrew Stoddard  
Rep. Mark A. Strong

### Members Absent:

Rep. Jefferson S. Burton, Chair  
Sen. Michael K. McKell  
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 8:37 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Miller moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2025, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 8.

### Yeas - 9

Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. D. Fiefia  
Rep. G. Miller  
Sen. C. Musselman  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Rep. L. Shepherd  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Sen. R. Winterton

### Nays - 0

### Absent - 8

Sen. B. Brammer  
Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. M. MacPherson  
Sen. M. McKell  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. J. Thompson

Kirsi Jarvis noted the receipt of a required report from the Government Records Office and where it could be viewed online.

## 2. Draft Legislation, "Credit Card Processing Fees Amendments"

### [2 - 2026 General Session Draft Legislation, Credit Card Processing Fee Amendments \(v1\)](#)

Thomas Vaughn gave an overview of the provisions of 2026 General Session draft legislation, "Credit Card Processing Fees Amendments," which would address the recovery of a fee charged by a credit card company or a processing agent to process an electronic payment.

Committee discussion followed.

**MOTION:** Sen. Musselman moved to recommend as a committee bill 2026 General Session draft legislation, "Credit Card Processing Fee Amendments." The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 8.

Yeas - 9

Sen. B. Brammer  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. D. Fiefia  
Rep. G. Miller  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Rep. L. Shepherd  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0Absent - 8

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. M. MacPherson  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. C. Musselman  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. J. Thompson

**3. Draft Legislation, "Political Signs Amendments"**[3 - 2026 General Session draft legislation, Political Signs Amendments, v16](#)

Rep. Teuscher discussed the background and provisions of 2026 General Session draft legislation, "Political Sign Amendments," which would amend provisions related to political signs.

Public comment was heard from Justin Lee, Deputy Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns, regarding the draft legislation.

**MOTION:** Sen. Musselman moved to move to the next agenda item. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 12

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

Nays - 0Absent - 5

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. M. MacPherson  
Sen. M. McKell  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. J. Thompson

**4. Legislative Audit, "A Performance Audit of the Office of the Inspector General of Medicaid Services"**[4 - Performance Audit of the Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services](#)[4 - Presentation, Performance Audit of the Inspector General of Medicaid Services, OLAG](#)

Jesse Martinson, Audit Manager, and Matthias Boone, Audit Supervisor, Office of the Legislative Auditor General, reviewed the legislative audit report of the Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services and responded to questions from committee members.

**5. Election Administration**[5 - Presentation, Write-In Filings](#)

Shelly Jackson, Deputy Director, Elections, and Cambria Cantrell, Election Coordinator, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, reviewed potential changes to the way write-in candidates are processed.

**MOTION:** Rep. Shepherd moved to open a committee bill file to address changes to processing for write-in candidates. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 13

Sen. B. Brammer  
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 - 4

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

Ryan Cowley, Director, Elections, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, reviewed recommendations for technical updates to the Election Code.

**MOTION:** Rep. Shepherd moved to open a committee bill file to address technical changes to the Election Code. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 13

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. J. Burton  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Rep. J. Thompson

## **6. Division of Facilities Construction and Management Operations and Costs Update**

### [6 - DFCM Deep Dive Final Report](#)

### [6 - Presentation, DFCM Deep Dive Findings](#)

Marvin Dodge, Executive Director, Department of Government Operations, and Andrew Marr, Director, Division of Facilities and Construction Management (DFCM), discussed the department's deep dive into DFCM's operations.

Rep. Jill Koford and Rep. Walt Brooks discussed potential statutory changes to strengthen DFCM's role, evaluate return on investment, and ensure cost efficiency.

## **7. State-Endorsed Digital Identity Update**



Alan Fuller, Chief Information Officer, and Chris Bramwell, Chief Privacy Officer, Division of Technology Services, presented an update on the implementation of a state-endorsed digital identity program.

## **8. Division of Technology Services Annual Report**

Alan Fuller, Chief Information Officer, Division of Technology Services, presented the annual report regarding the Division of Technology Services' projects and emerging issues over the past year.

## **9. Other Items/Adjourn**

In the absence of a quorum, Chair Winterton adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.