



DRAFT MINUTES

PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY INTERIM COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Derrin R. Owens, Chair
Rep. Colin W. Jack, Chair
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Karen Kwan
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. Walt Brooks
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson
Rep. Rosalba Dominguez
Rep. Doug Owens

Rep. Nicholeen P. Peck
Rep. Thomas W. Peterson
Rep. Troy Shelley
Rep. Rex P. Shipp
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Members Absent:

Rep. Casey Snider

Staff Present:

Samantha Hermany, Senior Policy Analyst
Scott Elder, Associate General Counsel
Samantha Merrell, 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 Jack called the meeting to order 8:32 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2025, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 11

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. K. Christofferson
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. C. Jack
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. T. Peterson
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Rep. S. Chew
Rep. R. Dominguez
Sen. D. Owens
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. N. Peck
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. C. Watkins

2. Draft Legislation: Nuclear Regulatory Amendments 9:15 - 9:30AM

[3 - Draft Legislation "Nuclear Regulatory Amendments" \(V003\) \(Drafter: S. Elder\)](#)

Rep. Albrecht presented on draft legislation, "Nuclear Regulatory Amendments."

Tim Davis, Director, Department of Environmental Quality, spoke to the bill.

Rep. Albrecht and Tim Davis responded to questions.

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to favorably recommend draft legislation, "Nuclear Regulatory Amendments," as a committee bill. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 13

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. K. Christofferson
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. C. Jack
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. S. Chew
Rep. R. Dominguez
Sen. D. Owens
Rep. N. Peck
Rep. C. Snider

3. Draft Legislation: Concurrent Resolution Regarding Nuclear Energy 10:50 - 11:00AM

[11 - Draft Legislation "Concurrent Resolution Regarding Nuclear Energy" \(V005\) \(Drafter: S. Elder\)](#)

Sen. Owens presented on draft legislation, "Concurrent Resolution Regarding Nuclear Energy."

Tim Davis spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Christofferson moved to favorably recommend draft legislation, "Concurrent Resolution Regarding Nuclear Energy," as a committee bill. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 13

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. K. Christofferson
Rep. R. Dominguez
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. C. Jack
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. D. Owens
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. S. Chew
Rep. N. Peck
Rep. T. Peterson
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider

4. Large-load User Updates 8:30 - 9:15 AM

Thom Carter, Vice President of Government Affairs, Rocky Mountain Power, and Craig Eller, Senior Vice President, Resource Strategy and Development, PacifiCorp, presented on implementation efforts of 2025 General Session S.B. 132, "Electric Utility Amendments" regarding electrical service to large-scale electrical loads.

Craig Eller responded to questions from the committee.

5. Statutorily Required Report: Cybersecurity Commission Assessment 9:30 - 9:40AM

[4 - Cybersecurity Commission Assessment Presentation \(Cybersecurity Commission\)](#)

[4 - Cybersecurity Commission Assessment Report \(Cybersecurity Commission\)](#)

Katherine McNeil, Supervisor Cyber Threat Intelligence Analyst, Utah Cybersecurity Commission, presented on the Utah Cyber Center's major accomplishments for this year, an overview of cyber threats, and recommendations for legislative action.

Katherine McNeil and Phil Bates, Chief Information Security Officer, responded to questions from the committee.

6. Statutorily Required Report: Cybersecurity Infrastructure Modifications 9:40 - 9:50AM

[5 - Zero Trust Architecture and Multi-Factor Authentication Report \(Division of Technology Services\)](#)

Alan Fuller, Chief Information Officer, Division of Technology Services, presented on zero trust architecture and multi-factor authentication implementation in Utah services.

7. Statutorily Required Report: State-endorsed Digital Identity Program 9:50 - 10:00AM

[6 - State-Endorsed Digital Identity Program \(Division of Technology Services\)](#)

Alan Fuller introduced Chris Bramwell, Chief Privacy Officer, Office of Data Privacy and introduced the State-Endorsed Digital Identity report, required by 2025 General Session S.B. 260 "Individual Digital Identity Amendments."

Chris Bramwell presented on the State-Endorsed Digital Identity report.

Alan Fuller presented on actions the Department of Government Operations has taken to implement S.B. 260, Individual Digital Identity Amendments.

Alan Fuller and Chris Bramwell responded to questions from the committee.

8. Statutorily Required Report: Grid Resilience Committee 10:00 - 10:10AM

Casey Coleman, Chairperson, Grid Resilience Committee, presented on the work of the Grid Resilience Committee this past year and recommendations.

Casey Coleman responded to questions from the committee.

9. Statutorily Required Report: Utility Bill Assistance Program 10:10 - 10:20AM

[8 - Utility Bill Assistance Program \(Division of Public Utilities\)](#)

Chris Parker, Director, Division of Public Utilities, presented on the Utility Bill Assistance Program report.

Chris Parker responded to questions from the committee.

10. Statutorily Required Report: Single Sign-on Expendable Special Revenue Fund 10:20 - 10:30AM

Carolyn Dennis, Deputy Director, Department of Commerce, and Adam Watson, Director, Division of Corporations and Commercial Code presented on the Single Sign-on Expendable Special Revenue Fund report.

11. Statutorily Required Report: Nuclear Energy Consortium 10:30 - 10:50AM

[10 - Nuclear Energy Consortium \(Office of Energy Development\)](#)

Jake Garfield, Deputy Director, Office of Energy Development, presented an update on the Nuclear Energy Consortium.



MOTION: Sen. Kwan moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 12

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Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. C. Jack
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. D. Owens
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. N. Peck
Rep. T. Peterson
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. C. Snider

Chair Jack adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.