



LEGISLATURE

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.

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.