



DRAFT MINUTES

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 | 4:00 p.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Ronald M. Winterton, Chair
Rep. Jefferson S. Burton, Chair
Sen. Brady Brammer
Majority Assistant Whip Michael K. McKell
Sen. Calvin R. Musselman
Minority Assistant Whip 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. Lisa Shepherd
Rep. Andrew Stoddard
Rep. Mark A. Strong
Rep. Jason E. Thompson

Members Absent:

Minority Leader Angela Romero

Staff Present:

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 4:02 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Burton moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2025, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 8.

Yeas - 9

Sen. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. M. MacPherson
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. L. Shepherd
Rep. J. Thompson
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 8

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. A. Loubet
Sen. M. McKell
Rep. G. Miller
Sen. J. Plumb
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. M. Strong

2. Legislation, "Election Amendments"

[2 - S.B. 2001, Election Amendments, 2025 Second Special Session](#)

Sen. Sandall reviewed the provisions of S.B. 2001, "Election Amendments," which would modify election provisions relating to qualifying for placement on a primary election ballot, and responded to committee members' questions.

Public comments were heard from:

Mac Sims, speaking on behalf of himself;

Christy Henshaw, Utah County Republican Party;

Ricky Hatch, Clerk/Auditor, Weber County;

Ava Bostin; citizen; and

Caroline Blike, citizen.

3. Legislation, "Joint Resolution Amending Court Rules of Procedure"

4. Legislation, "Appellate Court Jurisdiction Amendments"

[3 - S.J.R. 201, Joint Resolution Amending Court Rules of Procedure, 2025 Second Special Session](#)

[4 - S.B. 2002, Appellate Court Jurisdiction Amendments, Second Special Session](#)

Sen. Brammer reviewed the provisions of S.J.R. 201, "Joint Resolution Amending Court Rules of Procedure," which would amend court rules of procedure, and S.B. 2002, "Appellate Court Jurisdiction Amendments," which would amend and clarify the jurisdiction of Utah appellate courts.

Chair Burton assumed the chair.

Committee discussion followed during which Sen. Brammer responded to questions related to both S.J.R. 201 and S.B. 2002.

Public comments were heard from:

Catherine Bealey, Utah League of Women Voters;

Jacob Tucker, citizen;

Caroline Colette, citizen; and

MacKay, citizen.

Sen. Brammer concluded the discussion noting that both S.J.R. 201 and S.B. 2002 were discussed simultaneously.

Chair Winterton resumed the chair.

5. Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Musselman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 1.



Yea - 16

Sen. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Burton
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Sen. J. Plumb
Rep. L. Shepherd
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. J. Thompson
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. A. Romero

Chair Winterton adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.