



# DRAFT MINUTES

## GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

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](http://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.



Yeas - 16

Sen. B. Brammer  
Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. D. Fiefia  
Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. M. MacPherson  
Sen. M. McKell  
Rep. G. Miller  
Sen. C. Musselman  
Rep. M. Petersen  
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.