



DRAFT MINUTES

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT

INTERIM COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 | 1:15 p.m. | 110 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Keven J. Stratton, Chair
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht, Chair
Sen. Nate Blouin
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Derrin R. Owens
Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Rep. Gay Lynn Bennion
Rep. Walt Brooks
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Logan J. Monson
Rep. Doug Owens
Rep. Thomas W. Peterson
Rep. Rex P. Shipp

Rep. Casey Snider
Rep. R. Neil Walter
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Members Absent:

Rep. Bridger Bolinder
Rep. Michael L. Kohler
Speaker Mike Schultz

Staff Present:

Charley Hart, Policy Analyst
Julie Humberstone, Managing Policy Analyst
Patricia Owen, Senior Associate General Counsel
Ryan C. Williams, Associate General Counsel
Kaelie Mortensen, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Albrecht called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

1. Mineral Surety Study

[11 - Mineral Surety Study \(Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining\)](#)

[11- Mineral Surety Study Presentation \(Division of Oil, Gas and Mining\)](#)

Mick Thomas, Director, Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining presented a report regarding surety requirements.

The committee asked questions of Mick Thomas.

2. Trigg Minerals

[12 - Trigg Minerals Presentation \(Trigg Minerals\)](#)

Andre Booyzen, Managing Director, Trigg Minerals, presented on the Antimony Canyon project.

The committee asked questions of Andre Booyzen.

Sen. Stratton assumed the chair.

3. Committee Business

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2025, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 13
Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. G. Bennion
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. L. Monson
Sen. D. Owens
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. K. Stratton
Rep. R. Walter
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 6
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. M. Kohler
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

4. Draft Legislation: Pest Control Amendments

[2 - Draft Legislation "Pest Control Amendments" \(V006\) \(Drafter: P. Owen\)](#)

Patricia Owen introduced draft legislation, "Pest Control Amendments."

Robert Hougaard, Director, UDAF Plant Industry Division, presented on draft legislation, "Pest Control Amendments," which addresses pest control regulations such as the permitting of ornamental and turf technicians.

The committee asked questions of Robert Hougaard.

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to approve as a committee bill 2026 General Session draft legislation, "Pest Control Amendments." The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 9.

Yeas - 10
Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. K. Stratton
Rep. R. Walter
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 9
Rep. G. Bennion
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. L. Monson
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

5. Draft Legislation: Used Oil Management Act Amendments

[3 - Draft Legislation "Used Oil Mangement Act Amendments \(V013\) \(Drafter: R. Williams\)](#)

[3 - Utah's Used Oil Program Presentation \(Waste Management and Radiation Control\)](#)

Ryan Williams introduced draft legislation, "Used Oil Management Act Amendments."

Doug Hansen, Director, Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control, and Stevie Norcross, Assistant Director, Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control, gave a presentation on draft legislation, "Used Oil Management Act Amendments," which increases the recycling fee on the sale of lubricating oil and grants rulemaking authority to the Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control.

The committee asked questions of Doug Hansen and Stevie Norcross.

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to approve as a committee bill 2026 General Session draft legislation, "Used Oil Management Act Amendments." The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 13

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. G. Bennion
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. L. Monson
Sen. D. Owens
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. K. Stratton
Rep. R. Walter
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. M. Kohler
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

6. Draft Legislation: State Weed Committee Amendments

[4 - Draft Legislation "State Weed Committee Amendments" \(V004\) \(Drafter: R. Williams\)](#)

Ryan Williams introduced draft legislation, "State Weed Committee Amendments."

MOTION: Sen. Owens moved to approve as a committee bill 2026 General Session draft legislation, "State Weed Committee Amendments." The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 8.

Yeas - 11

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. G. Bennion
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. L. Monson
Sen. D. Owens
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. K. Stratton
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 8

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. M. Kohler
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. C. Watkins

7. Draft Legislation: Soil Health Program Amendments

[5 - Draft Legislation "Soil Health Program Amendments" \(V001\) \(Drafter: P. Owen\)](#)

Patricia Owen introduced draft legislation, "Soil Health Program Amendments."

MOTION: Rep. Albrecht moved to approve as a committee bill 2026 General Session draft legislation, "Soil Health Program Amendments." The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 9.

Yeas - 10

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. G. Bennion
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. L. Monson
Sen. D. Owens
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. K. Stratton
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 9

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. M. Kohler
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. C. Watkins

8. Draft Legislation: Lead Acid Battery Amendments

[6 - Draft Legislation "Lead Acid Battery Disposal Sunset Amendments" \(V001\) \(Drafter: P. Owen\)](#)

Patricia Owen introduced draft legislation, "Lead Acid Battery Amendments."

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to approve as a committee bill 2026 General Session draft legislation, "Lead Acid Battery Disposal Amendments." The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 9.

Yeas - 10

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. G. Bennion
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. L. Monson
Sen. D. Owens
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. K. Stratton
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 9

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. M. Kohler
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider
Rep. C. Watkins

9. Draft Legislation: Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Office Amendments

[7 - Draft Legislation "Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Office Amendments" \(V019\) \(Drafter: T. Keetch\)](#)

[7 - Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Office Amendments \(Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Office\)](#)

Sen. Owens and Liz Mumford, Program Manager, Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Office, gave a presentation on draft legislation, "Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Office Amendments," which clarifies the Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Office's role and implements distribution accountability requirements for non-public education trust beneficiaries.

The committee asked questions of Sen. Owens and Liz Mumford.

MOTION: Rep. Watkins moved to approve as a committee bill 2026 General Session draft legislation, "Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Office Amendments" with technical changes to be made by staff.

Discussion to the motion.

Rep. Watkin's motion to approve as a committee bill 2026 General Session draft legislation, "Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Office Amendments" passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 13
Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. G. Bennion
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. L. Monson
Sen. D. Owens
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. K. Stratton
Rep. R. Walter
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 6
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

10. Draft Legislation: School and Institutional Trust Lands Amendments

[8 - Draft Legislation "School and Institutional Trust Land Amendments" \(V005\) \(Drafter: R. Williams\)](#)

Rep. Carl Albrecht, Michelle McConkie, Director, Utah Trust Lands Administration, and Leland Pollock, Commissioner, Garfield County, presented on draft legislation, "School and Institutional Trust Lands Amendments."

The committee asked questions of Rep. Albrecht, Michelle McConkie, and Leland Myers.

Kael Weston, Salt Lake County resident, commented.

Holly Baugh and Marty Rich, Garfield County residents, commented.

MOTION: Sen. Sandall moved to approve as a committee bill 2026 General Session draft legislation, "School and Institutional Trust Lands Amendments." The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 14
Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. G. Bennion
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. L. Monson
Sen. D. Owens
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. K. Stratton
Rep. R. Walter
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 5
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

11. Air Quality Sunsets

Tim Davis, Executive Director, Department of Environmental Quality, and Bryce Bird, Director, Division of Air Quality, gave a presentation on two sunsetting programs: Plantwide Applicability Limitations and the Permit-by-Rule Registration Expansion Study.

The committee asked questions of Tim Davis and Bryce Bird.

12. Water Reporting

[10 - Legislative Water Development Commission Report \(OLRGC\)](#)

Charley Hart briefly presented a report from the Legislative Water Development Commission.

[10 - Water Infrastructure Project Fee Study \(Utah Division of Water Resources\)](#)

Candice Hasenyager, Director, Division of Water Resources, and Eric Daenitz, Zion's Bank, presented on the Water Infrastructure Fee Study.

The committee asked questions of Candice Hasenyager and Eric Daenitz.

13. Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Shipp moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 12

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. G. Bennion
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. L. Monson
Sen. D. Owens
Rep. D. Owens
Rep. T. Peterson
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. K. Stratton
Rep. R. Walter
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. C. Snider

Chair Stratton adjourned the meeting at 3:51 p.m.