# DRAFT MINUTES

## SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

UTAH STATE LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, January 28, 2026 | 2:00 p.m. | 215 Senate Building

**Members Present:**
Sen. Ann Millner, Chair
Sen. John D. Johnson
Sen. Karen Kwan
Sen. Derrin R. Owens
Sen. Jerry W Stevenson

**Members Absent:**
President J. Stuart Adams

**Staff Present:**
Sivan Nizan, Policy Analyst
Cassie Sudekum, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Millner called the meeting to order.

**MOTION:** Sen. Owens moved to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2026 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 2 - 0 - 4.

| Yeas - 2 | Nays - 0 | Absent - 4 |
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| Sen. A. Millner | | Sen. J. Adams |
| Sen. D. Owens | | Sen. J. Johnson |
| | | Sen. K. Kwan |
| | | Sen. J. Stevenson |

### 1. S.B. 98 Substance Use Rehabilitation Amendments*(Plumb, J.)*

**MOTION:** Sen. Owens moved to replace SB0098 with SB0098S02. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

| Yeas - 3 | Nays - 0 | Absent - 3 |
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| Sen. K. Kwan | | Sen. J. Adams |
| Sen. A. Millner | | Sen. J. Johnson |
| Sen. D. Owens | | Sen. J. Stevenson |

Sen. Jen Plumb presented the bill.

Evan Done, Public Policy Director, Utah Support Advocates for Recovery Awareness, spoke in favor of the bill.

Adam Cohen, President, Odyssey House of Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Melissa Cheng, physician, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dylan Soracco, student, Southern Utah University, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to pass SB0098S02 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 2.

| Yeas - 4 | Nays - 0 | Absent - 2 |
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| Sen. J. Johnson | | Sen. J. Adams |
| Sen. K. Kwan | | Sen. J. Stevenson |
| Sen. A. Millner | | |
| Sen. D. Owens | | |

### 2. S.B. 128 Public Alert Amendments*(Plumb, J.)*

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to replace SB0128 with SB0128S01. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 2.

| Yeas - 4 | Nays - 0 | Absent - 2 |
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| Sen. J. Johnson | | Sen. J. Adams |
| Sen. K. Kwan | | Sen. J. Stevenson |
| Sen. A. Millner | | |
| Sen. D. Owens | | |

Sen. Plumb presented the bill.

Brandon Christiansen, Deputy Chief, Salt Lake City Police Department, spoke in favor of the bill.

Elizabeth Larson, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to pass SB0128S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

| Yeas - 3 | Nays - 0 | Absent - 3 |
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| Sen. J. Johnson | | Sen. J. Adams |
| Sen. K. Kwan | | Sen. D. Owens |
| Sen. A. Millner | | Sen. J. Stevenson |

### 3. S.B. 165 Economic Mobility Initiative*(Fillmore, L.)*

Sen. Lincoln Fillmore presented the bill with the assistance of Bill Crim, Chief Executive Officer, United Way of Salt Lake.

SB 165 Fact Sheet

Cherie Wood, Mayor, South Salt Lake, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ben Horsley, Superintendent, Granite School District, spoke in favor of the bill.

Brian Martinez, Commissioner, Grand County, spoke in favor of the bill.

Bill Winfield, Commissioner, Grand County, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to pass SB0165 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 2 - 1 - 3.

| Yeas - 2 | Nays - 1 | Absent - 3 |
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| Sen. K. Kwan | Sen. J. Johnson | Sen. J. Adams |
| Sen. A. Millner | | Sen. D. Owens |
| | | Sen. J. Stevenson |

### 4. S.J.R. 9 Joint Resolution Expressing Friendship and Support for Taiwan*(Sandall, S.)*

Sen. Scott Sandall presented the bill.

Melissa Cheng, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to pass SJR009 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 2.

| Yeas - 4 | Nays - 0 | Absent - 2 |
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| Sen. J. Johnson | | Sen. J. Adams |
| Sen. K. Kwan | | Sen. J. Stevenson |
| Sen. A. Millner | | |
| Sen. D. Owens | | |

Sen. Owens assumed the chair.

### 5. S.B. 195 Workforce Development*(Millner, A.)*

Sen. Millner presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Stevenson moved to pass SB0195 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 1.

| Yeas - 5 | Nays - 0 | Absent - 1 |
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| Sen. J. Johnson | | Sen. J. Adams |
| Sen. K. Kwan | | |
| Sen. A. Millner | | |
| Sen. D. Owens | | |
| Sen. J. Stevenson | | |

Chair Millner resumed the chair.

### 6. H.B. 35 Bears Ears Visitor Center Advisory Committee Amendments*(Monson, L.)*

Rep. Logan Monson presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Owens moved to pass HB0035 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

| Yeas - 3 | Nays - 0 | Absent - 3 |
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| Sen. K. Kwan | | Sen. J. Adams |
| Sen. A. Millner | | Sen. J. Johnson |
| Sen. D. Owens | | Sen. J. Stevenson |

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

| Yeas - 3 | Nays - 0 | Absent - 3 |
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| Sen. K. Kwan | | Sen. J. Adams |
| Sen. A. Millner | | Sen. J. Johnson |
| Sen. D. Owens | | Sen. J. Stevenson |

Chair Millner adjourned the meeting.