



MINUTES

HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 | 3:40 p.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Rep. Jefferson S. Burton, Chair
Rep. Michael J. Petersen, Vice Chair
Rep. Paul A. Cutler
Rep. Sahara Hayes
Rep. Anthony E. Loubet
Rep. Candice B. Pierucci
Rep. Andrew Stoddard
Rep. Doug Welton

Members Absent:

Rep. Doug Fiefia
Rep. Matt MacPherson
Rep. A. Cory Maloy
Rep. Angela Romero

Staff Present:

Kirsi Jarvis, Policy Analyst
Karen C. Allred, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Burton called the meeting to order at 03:45 PM.

MOTION: Rep. Stoddard moved to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2026 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 6

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Romero

1. S.B. 140 Election Adjustments(*Sandall, S.*)

Sen. Scott Sandall presented the bill.

Ricky Hatch, Weber County Clerk/ Auditor, Chair, Clerks Legislative Committee, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Petersen moved to pass SB0140 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 5

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Romero

MOTION: Rep. Petersen moved to place SB0140 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 6

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0Absent - 6

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Romero

2. S.B. 17 Credit Card Processing Fees Amendments(*Winterton, R.*)

Sen. Ronald Winterton presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to pass SB0017 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 6

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0Absent - 6

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Romero

3. H.B. 167 Signature Collection Modifications(*Kohler, M.*)

Rep. Mike Kohler presented the bill.

Ricky Hatch, Weber County Clerk/Auditor, Chair, Clerks Legislative Committee, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Marilyn Momeny, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Stoddard moved to hold HB0167. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 2 - 5.

Yeas - 5

Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 2

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. M. Petersen

Absent - 5

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Romero

4. H.B. 32 Signature Gathering and Verification Amendments(*Cutler, P.*)

Rep. Paul Cutler had a handout distributed and presented the bill with the assistance of Kenna Stringham, Lieutenant Governor's Office, and Shelly Jackson, Lieutenant Governor's Office.

[HB0032 Signature Verification Amendments](#)

[HB 32 Sub 1 Bill Analysis](#)

Ricky Hatch, Weber County/Auditor, Chair, Clerks Legislative Committee, spoke to the bill.

Kenna Stringham, Lieutenant Governor's Office, spoke in favor of the bill.

Seth Stewart, resident, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Marilyn Momeny, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Stoddard moved to replace HB0032 with HB0032S01. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0Absent - 4

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Romero

MOTION: Rep. Stoddard moved to pass HB0032S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0Absent - 4

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Romero

5. 1st Sub. H.B. 112 Political Advertising Amendments(Hayes, S.)

Rep. Sahara Hayes presented the bill with the assistance of Braden Mauch, Lieutenant Governor's Office.

Aaron Davidson, Utah County Clerk, spoke to the bill.

Braden Mauch, Lieutenant Governor's Office, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Stoddard moved to hold HB0112S01. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0Absent - 4

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Romero

MOTION: Rep. Hayes moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0Absent - 4

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Romero



Chair Burton adjourned the meeting at 05:03 PM.