



DRAFT MINUTES

HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Friday, February 6, 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. Doug Fiefia
Rep. Sahara Hayes
Rep. Anthony E. Loubet
Rep. Matt MacPherson

Rep. A. Cory Maloy
Rep. Candice B. Pierucci
Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. Andrew Stoddard
Rep. Doug Welton

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 3:54 PM.

MOTION: Rep. Petersen moved to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2026 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson

1. S.B. 90 Occupational Licenses for Veterans and Service Members(Balderree, H.)

Rep. Heidi Balderree had a handout distributed and presented the bill with the assistance of Jason Chidman, Policy Director, Libertas Institute.

[SB 90 Military Crosswalk](#)

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

MOTION: Rep. Fiefia moved to pass SB0090 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson

2. H.B. 429 Special Districts Amendments(Pierucci, C.)

Rep. Candice Pierucci had a handout distributed and presented the bill with the assistance of Lorin Palmer, Mayor of Herriman, Utah.

[HB 429 Special Districts](#)

Kory Holdaway, representing Magna City, Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

LeGrande Bitter, Utah Association of Special Districts, spoke to the bill.

Emily Gray, Holiday City Council, Board Chair, Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling, spoke to the bill.

Sherie Orhn, resident, former Herriman City Council, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. MacPherson moved to replace HB0429 with HB0429S01. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 11
Rep. J. Burton
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 1
Rep. P. Cutler

MOTION: Rep. MacPherson moved to pass HB0429S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 1 - 1.

<u>Yea</u> s - 10	<u>Nay</u> s - 1	<u>Absent</u> - 1
Rep. J. Burton	Rep. A. Romero	Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. D. Fiefia		
Rep. S. Hayes		
Rep. A. Loubet		
Rep. M. MacPherson		
Rep. A. Maloy		
Rep. M. Petersen		
Rep. C. Pierucci		
Rep. A. Stoddard		
Rep. D. Welton		

3. 1st Sub. H.B. 391 Vacancy Replacement Amendments(*Shepherd, L.*)

Rep. Lisa Shepherd had handouts distributed and presented the bill.

[HB 391 S1 Bill Summary](#)

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Maryanne Christensen, Executive Director, Utah Legislative Watch, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Helen Moser, Director, Voter Service, Utah League of Women Voters, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Russ Rampton, resident, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Pierucci moved to pass HB0391S01 out favorably.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Stoddard moved to hold HB0391S01. The substitute motion failed with a vote of 5 - 6 - 1.

<u>Yea</u> s - 5	<u>Nay</u> s - 6	<u>Absent</u> - 1
Rep. S. Hayes	Rep. J. Burton	Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. A. Maloy	Rep. D. Fiefia	
Rep. A. Romero	Rep. A. Loubet	
Rep. A. Stoddard	Rep. M. MacPherson	
Rep. D. Welton	Rep. M. Petersen	
	Rep. C. Pierucci	

Rep. Pierucci's motion to pass HB0391S01 out favorably passed with a vote of 7 - 4 - 1.

<u>Yea</u> s - 7	<u>Nay</u> s - 4	<u>Absent</u> - 1
Rep. J. Burton	Rep. S. Hayes	Rep. P. Cutler
Rep. D. Fiefia	Rep. A. Romero	
Rep. A. Loubet	Rep. A. Stoddard	
Rep. M. MacPherson	Rep. D. Welton	
Rep. A. Maloy		
Rep. M. Petersen		
Rep. C. Pierucci		

4. H.B. 318 Agency Fee Amendments(*Christofferson, K.*)

Rep. Kay Christofferson presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Pierucci moved to pass HB0318 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 11

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. P. Cutler

5. H.B. 92 Presidential Electors Amendments(*Stoddard, A.*)

Rep. Andrew Stoddard presented the bill.

Maryann Christensen, Executive Director, Utah Legislative Watch, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Welton moved to go to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 1 - 1.

Yeas - 10

Rep. J. Burton
Rep. D. Fiefia
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Loubet
Rep. M. MacPherson
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 1

Rep. A. Romero

Absent - 1

Rep. P. Cutler

6. H.B. 396 Public Project Subcontractor Amendments(*Burton, J.*)

Vice Chair Petersen assumed the chair.

Rep. Jefferson Burton presented the bill.

David Spatafore, representing several subcontracting associations, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jeff Rogers, representing Workers Compensation Fund Insurance, spoke in favor of the bill.

Tyler Purcell, Vice President Preconstruction, Pete King Corporation, spoke in favor of the bill.

Trent Rounkles, Owner, Riverfront Roofing, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Romero moved to pass HB0396 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 11

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 1
Rep. A. Maloy

MOTION: Rep. Fiefia moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. A. Stoddard

Chair Petersen adjourned the meeting at 5:42 PM.