



# DRAFT MINUTES

## SENATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 11, 2026 | 2:00 p.m. | 220 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Ronald M. Winterton, Chair  
Sen. Nate Blouin  
Sen. Emily Buss  
Sen. Michael K. McKell  
Sen. Jen Plumb

Sen. Scott D. Sandall  
Sen. Evan J. Vickers

**Staff Present:**

Devon Schechinger, Policy Analyst  
Zoe Adams, Committee Secretary

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).

Chair Winterton called the meeting to order at 02:11 PM.

**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2026 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4  
Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3  
Sen. E. Buss  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. S. Sandall

**1. S.B. 275 State-Endorsed Digital Identity Program Amendments(Cullimore, K. A.)**

Sen. Kirk Cullimore presented the bill with the assistance of Christopher Bramwell, Chief Privacy Officer and Director, Utah Office of Data Privacy.

Amelia Powers Gardner, Commissioner, Utah County, spoke in favor of the bill.

Gayle Ruzicka, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mac Sims, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

Steven McCown, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

Timothy Ruff, Chief Strategy Officer, Digital Trust Venture Partners, spoke in favor of the bill.

Will Seggos, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

Michael Proper, Member, Digital World, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dalane England, resident, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Vickers moved to pass SB0275 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. E. Buss  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. S. Sandall

Sen. Vickers assumed the chair.

## **2. S.B. 266 County Governance Revisions(*Winterton, R.*)**

Sen. Winterton presented the bill.

Jerry Houghton, Recorder and Surveyor, Tooele County, spoke in favor of the bill.

Roger Armstrong, Council Member, Summit County Council, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Amelia Powers Gardner, Commissioner, Utah County, spoke in favor of the bill.

Lincoln Shurtz, Utah Association of Counties, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Kendall Thomas, Councilman, Tooele County, spoke in opposition to the bill.

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Eve Furse, Clerk, Summit County, spoke in opposition to the bill.

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

Megan McKenna, Council Member, Summit County, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Winterton moved to hold SB0266. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. E. Buss  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. J. Plumb

**MOTION:** Sen. Winterton moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 7

Sen. N. Blouin  
Sen. E. Buss  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. J. Plumb  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Acting Chair Vickers adjourned the meeting.