



MINUTES

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 | 8:00 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. David P. Hinkins, Senate Chair
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow, House Chair
Rep. Scott H. Chew, Vice Chair
Sen. Nate Blouin
Sen. Daniel McCay
Sen. Calvin R. Musselman
Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Sen. Ronald M. Winterton
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. John Arthur
Rep. Michael L. Kohler

Rep. Logan J. Monson

Rep. Hoang Nguyen
Rep. Rex P. Shipp

Members Absent:

Sen. Jerry W Stevenson
Rep. Troy Shelley
Rep. Casey Snider

Staff Present:

Ivan D. Djambov, Finance Manager
Lacey K. Moore, Finance Officer
Tisha Gibby, Committee Secretary

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

1. Call to Order

Chair Hinkins called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Rep. Albrecht moved to approve the January 28 and January 30, 2026 minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 10

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Barlow
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. H. Nguyen
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. M. Kohler
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. L. Monson
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. C. Snider
Sen. J. Stevenson

3. Voting Materials Review

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Lacey Moore presented.

4. Environmental Response and Remediation

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Brent Everett, Director, Division of Environmental Response and Remediation, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), presented.

Chair Hinkins asked about permits. Brent Everett responded.

5. Air Quality

[5. Air Quality Presentation](#)

Bryce Bird, Director, Division of Air Quality, DEQ, presented.

Chair Hinkins asked a clarifying question. Bryce Bird responded.

Rep. Arthur asked about the impact of warm winters on air quality. Bryce Bird responded.

6. Waste Management and Radiation Control

[6. Waste Management and Radiation Control Presentation](#)

Ted Sonnenburg, Director, Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control, DEQ, presented.

Chair Hinkins inquired regarding uranium recovery. Ted Sonnenburg responded.

Chair Hinkins asked about the disposal of X-ray machines. Ted Sonnenburg responded.

7. Office of Energy Development

[7. Office of Energy Development Presentation](#)

Emy Lesofski, Director, Office of Energy Development, presented.

8. Oil, Gas, and Mining

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Mick Thomas, Director, Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), presented.

Sen. Winterton spoke of the importance of recycling produced water. Chair Hinkins responded.

Chair Hinkins shared a story about oil and gas extraction.

9. RFA: Oil, Gas, and Minerals AI Permitting (Rep. Watkins)

[9. RFA Form: Oil, Gas and Minerals AI Permitting](#)

Rep. Christine Watkins presented the request with the assistance of Mick Thomas.

10. RFA: Utah Forest Resilience and Timber Supply Initiative (Rep. Albrecht)

[10. RFA Form: Utah Forest Resilience and Timber Supply Initiative](#)

[10. RFA Handout: Forest Resilience and Timber Supply Initiative](#)

Rep. Albrecht presented the request with the assistance of Brianne Emery, Deputy Director of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, DNR.

David Dodds, Public Lands Director, Garfield County, provided additional information on the request, with the assistance of Leland Pollock, Commissioner, Garfield County.

Chair Hinkins commented on the request. Rep. Albrecht responded.

11. RFA: Effluent Water Reuse Project - Phase 2 (Cedar City, Enoch City, and Iron

[11. RFA Form: Effluent Water Reuse Project - Phase 2](#)

[11. RFA Handout: Effluent Water Reuse Project - Phase 2](#)

Rep. Shipp presented the request with the assistance of Paul Monroe, General Manager, Central Iron County Water Conservancy District.

12. RFA: Cache Valley/North Logan Fire Prevention and Water System Improvements

[12. RFA Form: Cache Valley/North Logan Fire Prevention](#)

Rep. Mike Petersen presented the request with the assistance of Jordan Oldham, Public Works Director, North Logan City.

13. Other Business

There was no other business.

14. Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Nguyen moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 8.

Yeas - 9

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Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. L. Monson
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. H. Nguyen
Sen. S. Sandall

Nays - 0

Absent - 8

Rep. C. Albrecht
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Chair Hinkins adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.