



# MINUTES

## SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Friday, February 13, 2026 | 8:00 a.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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Millner called the meeting to order at 08:05 AM.

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

Yeas - 3

Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. D. Owens

**1. S.B. 248 Child Care Expansion Act(Escamilla, L.)**

Sen. Luz Escamilla presented the bill with the assistance of Andy Marr, Division Director, Division of Facilities and Construction Management (DFCM).

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to amend SB0248 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Amendment 1

1. Line 189 through 196:

189 insurance in minimum amounts established in rule by the Division of Risk  
190 Management;  
191 (d)the employer sponsor to require a contracted licensed provider to maintain general  
192 liability, ~~property~~ and workers' compensation insurance in minimum amounts established ~~{in-}~~  
193 ~~{rule made}~~ by the Division of Risk Management;  
194 (e)the employer sponsor to reserve 50% of capacity limit of the leased space for the  
195 children of employer sponsor employees and the remaining capacity limit of the  
196 leased space for the children of community members; and

Yeas - 3

Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. D. Owens

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to pass SB0248 as amended out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 1 - 1.

Yeas - 4  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 1  
Sen. A. Millner

Absent - 1  
Sen. D. Owens

## **2. S.B. 277 Utah Homes Investment Program Amendments(*Stratton, K.*)**

Sen. Keven Stratton presented the bill with the assistance of Steve Waldrip, Governor's Senior Advisor, Housing Strategy and Innovation.

Cameron Diehl, Executive Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT), spoke in favor of the bill.

Chris Gamvroulas, President, Ivory Development, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Stevenson moved to pass SB0277 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 4  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 2  
Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Owens

## **3. S.B. 278 Point of the Mountain State Land Authority Modifications(*Stevenson, J.*)**

Sen. Stevenson presented the bill with the assistance of Michael Ambre, Executive Director, Point of the Mountain State Land Authority (POMSLA).

Jeff Hartley, Lobbyist, Draper City, spoke in favor of the bill.

Soren Simonsen, Executive Director, Jordan River Commission, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to pass SB0278 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 5  
Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 1  
Sen. J. Adams

## **4. 1st Sub. H.C.R. 6 Concurrent Resolution Regarding the Utah Housing Strategic Plan(*Whyte, S.*)**

### [Waldrip Handout](#)

Rep. Stephen Whyte presented the bill with the assistance of Steve Waldrip, Governor's Senior Advisor, Housing Strategy and Innovation.

Kate Bradshaw, Mayor, Bountiful City, spoke in favor of the bill.

David Damschen, President, Utah Housing Corporation, spoke in favor of the bill.

Miranda Jones Cox, Government Affairs Manager, Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), spoke in favor of the bill.

Soren Simonsen, Executive Director, Jordan River Commission, spoke in favor of the bill.

Chris Kyler, Chief Executive Officer, Utah Association of Realtors, spoke in favor of the bill.

Chris Gamvroulas, Property Rights Coalition, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Owens moved to pass HCR006S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 5

Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. J. Adams

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to place HCR006S01 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 5

Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. J. Adams

Sen. Owens assumed the chair.

### **5. S.B. 276 Veteran Organization Amendments(*Millner, A.*)**

Sen. Millner presented the bill with the assistance of Terry Schow, American Legion Department of Utah, National Executive Committee.

**MOTION:** Sen. Stevenson moved to pass SB0276 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 5

Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. J. Adams

**MOTION:** Sen. Millner moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 5

Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. J. Adams

Acting Chair Owens adjourned the meeting at 09:23 AM.