



# MINUTES

## HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, February 19, 2026 | 4:00 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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Petersen called the meeting to order at 04:15 PM.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hayes moved to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2026 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 6

Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. D. Fiefia  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. A. Romero

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. M. MacPherson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. D. Welton

**1. 2nd Sub. S.B. 147 Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services Amendments(Escamilla, L.)**

Sen. Luz Escamilla presented the bill with the assistance of Rep. Norman Thurston.

**MOTION:** Rep. MacPherson moved to pass SB0147S02 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. A. Romero

**2. H.B. 511 Procurement Amendments(Shallenberger, D.)**

Rep. David Shallenberger presented the bill.

Jason Jolley, resident, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. MacPherson moved to replace HB0511 with HB0511S01. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. J. Burton  
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

Rep. A. Romero

**MOTION:** Rep. MacPherson moved to pass HB0511S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. J. Burton  
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

Rep. A. Romero

**3. H.B. 409 Legislator Leave Amendments(*Okerlund, C.*)**

Rep. Clinton Okerlund presented the bill with the assistance of Kristine Gilbert, Deputy General Counsel, Legislative Research and General Counsel.

Helen Moser, Director, Voter Services, League of Women Voters, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Pierucci moved to pass HB0409 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

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. D. Welton

Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard

**4. H.J.R. 25 Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Secretary of State(*Shepherd, L.*)**

Not heard today.

**5. 1st Sub. H.B. 147 Government Form Submission Amendments(*Teuscher, J.*)**

Rep. Jordan Teuscher had a handout distributed and presented the bill.

[HB147Sub3 Government Form Submissions](#)

**MOTION:** Rep. MacPherson moved to replace HB0147S01 with HB0147S03. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard

**MOTION:** Rep. MacPherson moved to pass HB0147S03 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

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. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard

**MOTION:** Rep. MacPherson moved to place HB0147S03 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

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. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard

**6. 1st Sub. H.B. 112 Political Advertising Amendments(Hayes, S.)**

Rep. Sahara Hayes presented the bill.

Lannie Chapman, Salt Lake County Clerk, representing the Clerks Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

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

**MOTION:** Rep. Loubet moved to replace HB0112S01 with HB0112S02. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 7

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. M. MacPherson  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. D. Fiefia  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. D. Welton

**MOTION:** Rep. Loubet moved to pass HB0112S02 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 7

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. M. MacPherson  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. D. Fiefia  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. D. Welton

**MOTION:** Rep. Hayes moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 1 - 5.

Yeas - 6

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. M. MacPherson  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. C. Pierucci

Nays - 1

Rep. A. Stoddard

Absent - 5

Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. D. Fiefia  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. D. Welton

Chair Petersen adjourned the meeting at 05:36 PM.