



# DRAFT MINUTES

## HOUSE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 | 8:00 a.m. | 30 House Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox, Chair  
Rep. Mark A. Strong, Vice Chair  
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard  
Rep. Matthew H. Gwynn  
Rep. Katy Hall  
Rep. Sandra Hollins  
Rep. Trevor Lee  
Rep. Lisa Shepherd

Rep. Stephen L. Whyte

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Val L. Peterson  
Rep. Andrew Stoddard

**Staff Present:**

Lacey Johnson, Policy Analyst  
An Bradshaw, 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 Wilcox called the meeting to order at 8:18 a.m.

### 1. H.B. 476 Insanity Defense Amendments(*Moss, C.*)

[HB 476 Talking Points](#)

Rep. Moss presented the bill with the assistance of Mark Moffat, criminal defense attorney, Neal Hamilton, criminal defense attorney, and Tyler Durns, Director, University of Utah School of Medicine Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program. A handout was provided.

Carl Hollan, Executive Director, Statewide Association of Prosecutors and Public Attorneys, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Chair Strong moved to go to the next item on the agenda, then return to HB 476. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. L. Shepherd  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Stoddard

### 2. H.J.R. 28 Joint Resolution Amending Court Rules Related to Capital Felony Cases(*Pierucci, C.*)

Rep. Pierucci presented the resolution.

**MOTION:** Chair Strong moved to pass HJR028 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 1 - 2.

Yeas - 8

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. L. Shepherd  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 1

Rep. S. Hollins

Absent - 2

Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Stoddard

**3. H.B. 476 Insanity Defense Amendments(Moss, C.)**

Debra Widmer, Director, Utah Shattering Silence Coalition, spoke in support of the bill.

Erin Bigler, Assistant Director of Forensic Social Work, Salt Lake Legal Defender Association, spoke in support of the bill.

Sherry Whitworth, advocate, spoke in support of the bill.

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

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

**MOTION:** Rep. Hollins moved to pass HB0476 out favorably.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Gwynn moved to hold HB0476. The substitute motion passed with a vote of 7 - 2 - 2.

Yeas - 7

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 2

Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. L. Shepherd

Absent - 2

Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Stoddard

**MOTION:** Rep. Gwynn moved to refer HB 476, Insanity Defense Amendments, to interim for study.

The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. L. Shepherd  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Stoddard

**MOTION:** Rep. Shepherd moved to approve the minutes for the February 23, 2026 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 7

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. L. Shepherd  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Stoddard

**4. 2nd Sub. S.B. 183 Surveillance Camera Amendments(Pitcher, S.)**

Sen. Pitcher presented the bill with the assistance of Adam Craig, resident.

Nate Mutter, Chair, Law Enforcement Legislative Committee, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hollins moved to pass SB0183S02 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 7

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. L. Shepherd  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Stoddard

**MOTION:** Rep. Hollins moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 1 - 4.

Yeas - 6

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 1

Rep. L. Shepherd

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Stoddard

Chair Wilcox adjourned the meeting at 9:24 a.m.