



# DRAFT MINUTES

## SENATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, February 26, 2026 | 4:00 p.m. | 215 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Ann Millner, Chair  
Sen. John D. Johnson  
Sen. Karen Kwan

President J. Stuart Adams  
Sen. Derrin R. Owens  
Sen. Jerry W Stevenson

**Members Absent:**

**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 04:11 PM.

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2026 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 3

Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**1. 1st Sub. H.B. 373 Higher Education Innovation(Peterson, K.)**

Rep. Karen Peterson presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to pass HB0373S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 3

Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**2. 3rd Sub. H.B. 475 Development Planning and Coordination Amendments(Roberts, C.)**

Rep. Calvin Roberts presented the bill.

Karson Eilers, Policy Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to pass HB0475S03 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 3

Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**3. 1st Sub. H.B. 375 Outdoor Recreation Modifications(Kyle, J.)**

Rep. Jason Kyle presented the bill with the assistance of Jason Curry, Director, Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation (DOR).

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to pass HB0375S01 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 3

Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**4. H.C.R. 13 Concurrent Resolution Regarding Technical Education(*Dominguez, R.*)**

Rep. Rosalba Dominguez presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to pass HCR013 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 3

Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to place HCR013 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 3

Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**5. H.C.R. 12 Concurrent Resolution Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence(*Wilcox, R.*)**

Rep. Ryan Wilcox presented the bill.

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

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

**MOTION:** Sen. Johnson moved to pass HCR012 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 3

Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**MOTION:** Sen. Kwan moved to place HCR012 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 3

Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. J. Stevenson

**MOTION:** Sen. Johnson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 3 - 0 - 3.



Yeas - 3

Sen. J. Johnson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. D. Owens  
Sen. J. Stevenson

Chair Millner adjourned the meeting at 04:45 PM.