



# DRAFT MINUTES

## HOUSE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, February 26, 2026 | 4:15 p.m. | 30 House Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox, 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. Mark A. Strong, Vice Chair  
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 4:28 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Lee moved to approve the minutes for the February 25, 2026 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 7

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. M. Strong

**1. H.J.R. 4 Resolution Regarding Prison Security and Successful Inmate Reentry(*Ballard, M.G.*)**

Rep. Ballard presented the bill with the assistance of Mike Schoenfeld, Deputy Executive Director, Department of Corrections.

Rep. Hall assumed the chair.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hollins moved to pass HJR004 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 7

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. R. Wilcox

**MOTION:** Rep. Gwynn moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 4.



Yeas - 7

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. R. Wilcox

Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m.