



# MINUTES

## HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 | 4:10 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 Burton called the meeting to order at 04:23 PM.

**MOTION:** Rep. MacPherson moved to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2026 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 7

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. M. MacPherson  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. D. Fiefia  
Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard

**1. 3rd Sub. S.B. 100 Federalism Revisions(Stratton, K.)**

Sen. Keven Stratton presented the bill with the assistance of Bill Duncan, Sutherland Institute.

**MOTION:** Rep. Maloy moved to pass SB0100S03 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. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Stoddard

**MOTION:** Rep. Cutler moved to place SB0100S03 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. M. MacPherson  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Stoddard

**2. 2nd Sub. S.B. 139 Notary Amendments(*Musselman, C.R.*)**

Sen. Calvin Musselman presented the bill with the assistance of Abbie Montgomery, Public Records Specialist, Lt. Governor's Office.

**MOTION:** Rep. MacPherson moved to pass SB0139S02 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. C. Pierucci

**3. S.B. 235 Attorney General Compensation Amendments(*McKell, M.*)**

This bill was not heard.

**4. S.B. 220 Veteran Scholarship Amendments(*Millner, A.*)**

Sen. Ann Millner presented the bill.

Brian Garrett, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Petersen moved to pass SB0220 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. C. Pierucci

**MOTION:** Chair Burton moved to saunter.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hayes moved to cease to saunter. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 1 - 2.

Yeas - 9

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

Nays - 1

Rep. A. Maloy

Absent - 2

Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. C. Pierucci

**5. H.B. 558 Elections Amendments(Wilcox, R.)**

Rep. Ryan Wilcox presented the bill.

Vice Chair Petersen assumed the chair.

Robert Axson, Chair, Utah Republican Party, spoke in favor of the bill.

Lori Cartwright, Mormon Women for Ethical Government, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Troy Walker, Mayor of Draper City, representing League of Cities and Towns, spoke in opposition to the bill.

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

Helen Moser, League of Women Voters, spoke in opposition to the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Stoddard moved to replace HB0558 with HB0558S01. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. C. Pierucci

**MOTION:** Rep. Stoddard moved to hold HB0558S01.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. MacPherson moved to pass HB0558S01 out favorably.

Rep. MacPherson withdrew the motion.

Rep. Stoddard's motion to hold HB0558S01 passed with a vote of 7 - 3 - 2.

Yeas - 7

Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 3

Rep. D. Fiefia  
Rep. M. MacPherson  
Rep. M. Petersen

Absent - 2

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. C. Pierucci

Rep. Maloy assumed the chair.

**6. H.B. 361 Elections Office Oversight Amendments(*Shepherd, L.*)**

Rep. Lisa Shepherd presented the bill with the assistance of Ryan Cowley, Director of Elections, Lt. Governor's Office.

Brian McKenzie, Davis County Clerk, spoke in favor of the bill.

Seth Stewart, resident, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Romero moved to replace HB0361 with HB0361S03. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. D. Fiefia  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. M. MacPherson  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. M. Petersen

**MOTION:** Rep. Romero moved to pass HB0361S03 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. D. Fiefia  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. M. MacPherson  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. M. Petersen

**MOTION:** Rep. Fiefia moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 10

Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. D. Fiefia  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Loubet  
Rep. M. MacPherson  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. J. Burton  
Rep. M. Petersen

Acting Chair Maloy adjourned the meeting at 6:16 PM.