



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.

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.