



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.

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.