



DRAFT MINUTES

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATIONS

SUBCOMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 11, 2026 | 8:00 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. David P. Hinkins, Senate Chair
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow, House Chair
Rep. Scott H. Chew, Vice Chair
Sen. Nate Blouin
Sen. Daniel McCay
Sen. Calvin R. Musselman
Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Sen. Jerry W Stevenson
Sen. Ronald M. Winterton
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. John Arthur
Rep. Michael L. Kohler

Rep. Logan J. Monson
Rep. Hoang Nguyen
Rep. Troy Shelley
Rep. Rex P. Shipp

Members Absent:

Rep. Casey Snider

Staff Present:

Ivan D. Djambov, Finance Manager
Lacey K. Moore, Finance Officer
An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary
Tisha Gibby, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Call to Order

Chair Chew called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Sen. Winterton moved to approve the February 3, 2026 minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 11

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. H. Nguyen
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. L. Monson
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. C. Snider
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Rep. Shipp moved to approve the February 5, 2026 minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 11

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. H. Nguyen
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. L. Monson
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. C. Snider
Sen. J. Stevenson

3. 2026 Interim Accountable Budget Process

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Lacey Moore presented an overview on the Accountable Budget Process for the 2026 interim.

4. Voting

[4. NRAEQ Voting Packet](#)

Lacey Moore presented the subcommittee's voting packet.

Rep. Shipp asked a clarifying question. Chair Chew responded.

MOTION: Rep. Barlow moved to approve the fee schedule for the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee as included in H.B. 8 "State Agency Fees and Internal Service Fund Rate Authorization and Appropriations," incorporating the changes posted to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee related links in the document titled "2026 NRAEQ Fee Change report." The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 14

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. S. Barlow
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. M. Kohler
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. L. Monson
Rep. H. Nguyen
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. C. Snider
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to approve the Federal Funds requests for the agencies in this subcommittee, as posted on the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee related links in the document titled "2026 NRAEQ Federal Funds Requests". The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 14

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. S. Barlow
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. M. Kohler
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. L. Monson
Rep. H. Nguyen
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. C. Snider
Sen. J. Stevenson

MOTION:

Rep. Barlow moved to approve the Other Motions as listed under item 3 of the voting packet. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 15

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. S. Barlow
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. M. Kohler
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. L. Monson
Rep. H. Nguyen
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. C. Snider

MOTION:

Sen. Hinkins moved to approve the Intent Language Requests as listed under item 4 of the voting packet. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 15

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. S. Barlow
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. M. Kohler
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. L. Monson
Rep. H. Nguyen
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. C. Snider

MOTION:

Rep. Barlow moved to approve the technical changes and reallocations as listed under item 5 of the voting packet. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 15

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. S. Barlow
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. M. Kohler
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. L. Monson
Rep. H. Nguyen
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. C. Snider

MOTION:

Sen. Hinkins moved to approve the priority list for reduction options as included under item 6 of the voting packet. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 15

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. S. Barlow
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. M. Kohler
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. L. Monson
Rep. H. Nguyen
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. C. Snider

MOTION:

Rep. Barlow moved to approve the requests from non-General Fund sources as listed under item 7 of the voting packet. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 15

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. S. Barlow
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. M. Kohler
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. L. Monson
Rep. H. Nguyen
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. C. Snider

MOTION:

Rep. Shipp moved to amend the voting list by moving priority 16: Effluent Water Reuse Project - Phase 2 (Cedar City, Enoch City, and Iron County) to priority 7.

There was committee discussion on the motion.

Rep. Monson requested clarification on the funding impact of the motion. Lacey Moore and Sen. Hinkins responded.

Sen. Stevenson and Ivan Djambov provided additional comments.

The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 16

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. S. Barlow
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. M. Kohler
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. L. Monson
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. H. Nguyen
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. C. Snider

MOTION:

Sen. Hinkins moved to approve the priority list for state fund requests as listed under item 8 of the voting packet, with the following change: move priority 16 "Effluent Water Reuse Project - Phase 2 (Cedar City, Enoch City, and Iron County) (H.A.R. 47)" to priority 7. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 16

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. S. Barlow
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. M. Kohler
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. L. Monson
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. H. Nguyen
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. C. Snider

5. Other Business

The committee had no other business.

6. Adjourn

MOTION:

Sen. Musselman moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 1.



Yeas - 16

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. S. Barlow
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. S. Chew
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. M. Kohler
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. L. Monson
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. H. Nguyen
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. T. Shelley
Rep. R. Shipp
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. C. Snider

Chair Chew adjourned the meeting at 8:21 a.m.