

# DRAFT MINUTES

## SENATE JUDICIAL CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, January 20, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. | 120 Senate Building

### Members Present:

Sen. Todd Weiler, Chair  
Sen. Brady Brammer  
Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore  
Sen. Don L. Ipson  
Sen. Karen Kwan  
Sen. Daniel McCay

### Members Absent:

Sen. Stephanie Pitcher

### Staff Present:

Jonathan Adams, Policy Analyst  
Jacqueline Carlton, Senior Associate General Counsel  
Naomi Garrow, Administrative Assistant

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 Weiler called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

### 1. Committee Business

**MOTION:** Sen. Brammer moved to approve the minutes from the November 3, 2025, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. B. Brammer  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. D. McCay  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. K. Cullimore  
Sen. S. Pitcher

**MOTION:** Sen. Brammer moved to close the meeting to discuss the character and qualifications of the appointee. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. B. Brammer  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. D. McCay  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. K. Cullimore  
Sen. S. Pitcher

Chair Weiler closed the meeting.

**MOTION:** Sen. Brammer moved to open the meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Sen. B. Brammer  
Sen. K. Cullimore  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. D. McCay  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. S. Pitcher

Chair Weiler opened the meeting.

Committee introductions

**2. Appointment of Joel Ferre to the Utah Third District Court**

Joel Ferre gave a personal statement and answered questions from the committee.

**MOTION:** Sen. McCay moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate Joel Ferre as a judge to the Utah Third District Court. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. B. Brammer  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. D. McCay  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. K. Cullimore  
Sen. S. Pitcher

**3. Other Items/Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Sen. McCay moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. B. Brammer  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. D. McCay  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. K. Cullimore  
Sen. S. Pitcher

Chair Weiler adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.