



DRAFT MINUTES

POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 16, 2026 | 1:15 p.m. | 220 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Don L. Ipson, Chair
Rep. James A. Dunnigan, Chair
Sen. Nate Blouin
Sen. Emily Buss
Sen. Wayne A. Harper
Sen. Calvin R. Musselman
Rep. John Arthur
Rep. Leah Hansen
Rep. Jill Koford
Rep. Verona Mauga
Rep. Tracy J. Miller

Rep. Jordan D. Teuscher

Members Absent:

Sen. Chris H. Wilson
Rep. Michael L. Kohler
Rep. Trevor Lee
Rep. Val L. Peterson

Staff Present:

Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst
RuthAnne Oakey-Frost, Senior Associate
General Counsel
Steve Schaefermeyer, Associate General
Counsel
Naomi Garrow, Administrative Assistant

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

Chair Ipson called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

1. Committee Business

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2026, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 8.

Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Arthur
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. E. Buss
Rep. L. Hansen
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. T. Miller
Rep. V. Peterson

Nays - 0

Absent - 8

Rep. J. Dunnigan
Sen. W. Harper
Rep. J. Koford
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. T. Lee
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. J. Teuscher
Sen. C. Wilson

Nathan Brady, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, gave an update on reports received.

2. Municipal Services District

[2 - Municipal Services District Background \(Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel\)](#)

[2 - Municipal Services District Overview \(Municipal Services District\)](#)

[2 - Municipal Services Districts and Policy Concepts \(Sen. Jen Plumb\)](#)

Mr. Brady presented and answered questions from the committee.

Marla Howard, Municipal Services District, presented and answered questions from the committee.



Sen. Jen Plumb spoke and answered questions.

Catherine Kanter, Deputy Mayor of Regional Operations, Salt Lake County, spoke and answered questions from the committee.

Chair opened public comment.

Kelly Bush, Mayor of Magna, provided public comment.

LeGrand Bitter, Utah Association of Special Districts, provided public comment.

Sean Clayton, Mayor of Copperton, provided public comment.

Chair closed public comment.

3. Draft Legislation: Open and Public Meetings Act

[3 - Draft Legislation "Open and Public Meeting Modifications" \(V01\) \(Drafter: S. Schaefermeyer\)](#)

Steve Schaefermeyer, Associate General Counsel, OLRGC, presented the draft legislation to the committee.

Chair Dunnigan provided additional background.

Royce Van Tassle, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, provided public comment.

Melanie Robe, Utah Media Coalition, provided public comment.

Mr. Bitter provided public comment.

Cameron Diehl, Executive Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns, provided public comment.

Seth Stewart, American Fork resident, provided public comment.

Chair closed public comment.

Chair Dunnigan provided closing comments.

4. Annexations

Sen. Musselman introduced the item.

Wilf Sommerkorn, Deputy Executive Director, Utah Land Use Institute, spoke and answered questions from the committee.

Committee discussion.

MOTION: Sen. Musselman moved to open a committee bill file addressing annexation. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 1 - 8.



Yeas - 7

Rep. J. Arthur
Sen. E. Buss
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. J. Koford
Rep. T. Miller
Sen. C. Musselman

Nays - 1

Rep. L. Hansen

Absent - 8

Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. T. Lee
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. J. Teuscher
Sen. C. Wilson

5. County Recorder Standards Board

Chad Montgomery, Box Elder County Recorder, Chair of County Recorder Standards Board, presented the report, shared recommendations, and answered questions from the committee.

Shelly Brennan, Duchesne County Recorders Office, spoke.

Chair opened public comment.

Trent Williams, Chair of the Legislative Committee for Utah Council of Land Surveyors, provided public comment.

Bradley Park, Salt Lake County Surveyor, provided public comment.

Chair closed public comment.

6. Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 11

Rep. J. Arthur
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. E. Buss
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. L. Hansen
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. J. Koford
Rep. T. Miller
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. J. Teuscher

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. T. Lee
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. V. Peterson
Sen. C. Wilson

Chair Ipson adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.