

**MINUTES OF THE  
HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE**

Thursday, February 15, 2018 • 2:00 p.m. • 20 House Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards, Chair  
Rep. John R. Westwood, Vice Chair  
Rep. Cheryl K. Acton  
Rep. LaVar Christensen  
Rep. A. Cory Maloy  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
Rep. Scott D. Sandall

Rep. Christine F. Watkins  
Rep. Mike Winder

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Angela Romero

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Ryan M. Hunter, Policy Analyst  
Mr. Steve Benard, Committee Secretary

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).

Vice Chair Westwood called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Sandall moved to approve the minutes for Feb 13th. The motion passed with a vote of 6-0-4.

Yeas-6

Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. S. Sandall  
Rep. C. Watkins  
Rep. J. Westwood  
Rep. M. Winder

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. L. Christensen  
Rep. R. Edwards  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. A. Romero

**1. H.B. 319 Early Care and Learning Coordination Amendments (*Chavez-Houck, R.*)**

Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck presented the bill.

Ms. Gayle Ruzicka, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke against the the bill.

Ms. Elizabeth Garbe, United Way of Salt Lake, spoke in favor of the the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Watkins moved to pass H.B. 319 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6-2-2.

Yeas-6

Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. S. Sandall  
Rep. C. Watkins  
Rep. J. Westwood  
Rep. M. Winder

Nays-2

Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. L. Christensen

Absent-2

Rep. R. Edwards  
Rep. A. Romero

**2. H.B. 326 Intergenerational Poverty Initiative (*Redd, E.*)**

Rep. Edward H. Redd presented the bill with the assistance of Commissioner James Ebert, Weber County Commission.

Commissioner Will Talbot, Piute County Council, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Shane Erickson, Superintendent, Piute County School District, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Jackie de Gaston spoke to the bill.

Mr. Paul Mero, Next Generation Freedom Fund, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ms. Aimee Winder Newton spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Jesse Garcia spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Chair Edwards moved to pass H.B. 326 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-3.

Yeas-7

Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. L. Christensen  
Rep. R. Edwards  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. S. Sandall  
Rep. J. Westwood  
Rep. M. Winder

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. C. Watkins

**MOTION:** Rep. Moss moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0-3.

Yeas-7

Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. L. Christensen  
Rep. R. Edwards  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. S. Sandall  
Rep. J. Westwood  
Rep. M. Winder

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. C. Watkins

Vice Chair Westwood adjourned the meeting at 3:37 pm.