



# MINUTES

## HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 19, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. | 450 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Rep. Stephen G. Handy, Chair  
Rep. Merrill F. Nelson, Vice Chair  
Rep. Cheryl K. Acton  
Rep. Kim F. Coleman  
Rep. James A. Dunnigan  
Rep. Val K. Potter  
Rep. Marie H. Poulson

Rep. Susan Pulsipher  
Rep. Lawanna Shurtliff  
Rep. Elizabeth Weight  
Rep. Logan Wilde

**Staff Present:**

Samantha D. Brucker, 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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Nelson called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m

**MOTION:** Rep. Wilde moved to approve the minutes of February 18, 2020. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-9

Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. K. Coleman  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. V. Potter  
Rep. M. Poulson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. E. Weight  
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. J. Dunnigan  
Rep. L. Shurtliff

**1 . H.B. 261 Eminent Domain Revisions (Lyman, P.)**

Rep. Phil Lyman presented 1st Substitute H.B. 261.

George Chapman, resident, spoke for the bill.

Charles Stormont, Director of Right Away, Department of Transportation (UDOT), spoke against the bill.

Wade Garrett, Strategic Relations and Public Policy, Utah Farm Bureau, spoke for the bill.

Gary Crane, Layton City Attorney and representing the League of Cities and Towns, spoke against the bill.

Connor Boyack, President, Libertas Institute, spoke for the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Wilde moved to hold H.B. 261.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Coleman moved to replace H.B. 261 with 1st Substitute H.B. 261. The substitute motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas-11

Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. K. Coleman  
Rep. J. Dunnigan  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. V. Potter  
Rep. M. Poulson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. L. Shurtliff  
Rep. E. Weight  
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-0

**MOTION:** Rep. Coleman moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 261 out favorably.

Rep. Coleman's motion to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 261 out favorably failed with a vote of 3 - 8 - 0.

Yeas-3

Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. K. Coleman  
Rep. M. Nelson

Nays-8

Rep. J. Dunnigan  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. V. Potter  
Rep. M. Poulson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. L. Shurtliff  
Rep. E. Weight  
Rep. L. Wilde

Absent-0

**2 . H.B. 278 Jordan River Amendments (Acton, C.K.)**

Rep. Acton presented 1st Substitute H.B. 278 with the assistance of Soren Simonson, Executive Director, Jordan River Commission. A handout was provided.

[HB 278 Handout](#)

Linda Hull, Policy and Legislative Services Director, UDOT, answered questions from the committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Dunnigan moved to replace H.B. 278 with 1st Substitute H.B. 278. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas-11

Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. K. Coleman  
Rep. J. Dunnigan  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. V. Potter  
Rep. M. Poulson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. L. Shurtliff  
Rep. E. Weight  
Rep. L. Wilde

Nays-0

Absent-0

**MOTION:** Rep. Dunnigan moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 278 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 0.

Yeas-11

Nays-0

Absent-0

Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. K. Coleman  
Rep. J. Dunnigan  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. V. Potter  
Rep. M. Poulson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. L. Shurtliff  
Rep. E. Weight  
Rep. L. Wilde

**3 . H.B. 333 Limited Purpose Local Government Entity Amendments (*Handy, S.*)**

Rep. Handy presented the bill with the assistance of LeGrand Bitter, Executive Director, Utah Association of Special Districts.

Jill Love, Department of Heritage and Arts, answered questions from the committee.

Ron Mortenson, resident, spoke against the bill.

Crystal Young-Otterstrom, Executive Director, Utah Cultural Alliance, spoke for the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Poulson moved to pass H.B. 333 out favorably.

**MOTION:** Rep. Dunnigan moved to amend H.B. 333 with Amendment #1.

Rep. Dunnigan's motion to amend H.B. 333 with Amendment #1 failed with a vote of 5 - 6 - 0.

Yeas-5

Nays-6

Absent-0

Rep. C. Acton	Rep. S. Handy
Rep. K. Coleman	Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. J. Dunnigan	Rep. V. Potter
Rep. S. Pulsipher	Rep. M. Poulson
Rep. L. Wilde	Rep. L. Shurtliff
	Rep. E. Weight

Rep. Poulson's motion to pass H.B. 333 out favorably passed with a vote of 6 - 5 - 0.

Yeas-6

Nays-5

Absent-0

Rep. S. Handy	Rep. C. Acton
Rep. M. Nelson	Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. V. Potter	Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. M. Poulson	Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. L. Shurtliff	Rep. L. Wilde
Rep. E. Weight	

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



Yeas-11

Nays-0

Absent-0

Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. K. Coleman  
Rep. J. Dunnigan  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. V. Potter  
Rep. M. Poulson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. L. Shurtliff  
Rep. E. Weight  
Rep. L. Wilde

Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.