



# MINUTES

## HOUSE PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Monday, February 24, 2020 | 8:00 a.m. | 450 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Rep. Carl R. Albrecht, Chair  
Rep. Walt Brooks, Vice Chair  
Rep. Patrice M. Arent  
Rep. Scott H. Chew  
Rep. Steve R. Christiansen  
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson  
Rep. Joel Ferry

Rep. Stephen G. Handy  
Rep. Angela Romero  
Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenquist  
Rep. Keven J. Stratton  
Rep. Elizabeth Weight

**Staff Present:**

Sarah J. Balland, Policy Analyst  
Linda Service, 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 Brooks called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Christofferson moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2020 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-7

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. S. Christiansen  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. K. Stratton

**1 . S.B. 78 Energy Storage Innovation, Research, and Grant Program Act (Fillmore, L.)**

Sen. Fillmore explained the bill assisted by Jon Cox, Rocky Mountain Power.

Elias Bishop, Chair, Utah Solar Energy Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Amanda Smith, Vice President for Public Policy, sPower Corporation, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jay Oman, Vice President, Wasatch Group, spoke in favor of the bill.

Noah Miterko, Policy Associate, HEAL Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Handy moved to pass S.B. 78 out favorably. The motion failed with a vote of 6 - 6 - 0.

Yeas-6

Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-6

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Christiansen  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. J. Stenquist

Absent-0

Chair Albrecht assumed the chair.

**2 . S.B. 96 Emerging Technology Talent Initiative (Millner, A.)**

Sen. Millner explained the bill assisted by Damien Patton, CEO, Banjo and Justin Lindsey, CTO, Banjo.

Todd Bingham, Utah Manufacturers Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kelvyn Cullimore, President, BioUtah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Spencer Jenkins, Chief of Staff, Utah System of Higher Education, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Stenquist moved to pass S.B. 96 out favorably.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Christiansen moved to hold S.B. 96. The substitute motion failed with a vote of 2 - 9 - 1.

Yeas-2

Rep. S. Christiansen  
Rep. K. Christofferson

Nays-9

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. E. Weight

Absent-1

Rep. K. Stratton

Rep. Stenquist's motion to pass S.B. 96 out favorably passed. passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-11

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Christiansen  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. K. Stratton

**MOTION:** Rep. Handy moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-11

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. P. Arent  
Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. S. Christiansen  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Rep. S. Handy  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. K. Stratton

Chair Albrecht adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

