



# MINUTES

## HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 31, 2023 | 3:40 p.m. | 30 House Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. Calvin R. Musselman, Chair  
Rep. Michael J. Petersen, Vice Chair  
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost  
Rep. Sahara Hayes  
Rep. A. Cory Maloy  
Rep. Val L. Peterson  
Rep. Candice B. Pierucci  
Rep. Andrew Stoddard

Rep. Douglas R. Welton

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Bridger Bolinder  
Rep. Stephanie Gricius  
Rep. Norman K Thurston

**Staff Present:**

Lisa Sorensen, Policy Analyst  
Ashley Dibble, 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 Musselman called the meeting to order.

Performance Audit of Utah's Election System & Controls

[1 A Performance Audit of Utah's Election System and Controls](#)

Leah Blevins, Audit Manager, OLAG, & Jake Dinsdale, Audit Supervisor, OLAG, presented.

**MOTION:** Rep. Stoddard moved to approve the 1/26/23 minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. B. Bolinder  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. N. Thurston

**1. H.B. 269 Election Audit Requirements (Schultz, M.)**

Rep. Schultz presented the bill w/ assistance of Kade Minchey, Legislative Auditor General.

Ryan Cowley, Director of Elections, Office of Lieutenant Governor, spoke in favor of the bill.

Bryan McKenzie, Davis County Clerk, Clerks of the State of UT, spoke to the bill.

David Burton spoke in favor of the bill.

Catherine Paquette-Richardson spoke in favor of the bill.

Neil Schultz, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Peterson moved to replace H.B. 269 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 269. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. B. Bolinder  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Rep. D. Welton

**MOTION:** Rep. Maloy moved to pass 2nd Substitute H.B. 269 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. B. Bolinder  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Rep. D. Welton

**2. H.B. 162 Voter Accessibility Amendments (Gwynn, M.)**

Rep. Gwyn presented the bill w/ assistance of Ryan Cowley, Director of Elections, Office of Lieutenant Governor.

Bryan McKenzie, Davis County Clerk, Clerks of the State of UT, spoke to the bill.

Nate Crippes, Public Affairs Supervising Attorney, Disability Law Center, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Stoddard moved to pass H.B. 162 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 8

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. B. Bolinder  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Rep. D. Welton

Rep. Petersen assumed the chair.

**3. H.B. 38 Initiative and Referendum Modifications (Musselman, C.R.)**

Rep. Musselman presented the bill.

Ryan Cowley, Director of Elections, Office of Lieutenant Governor, spoke in favor of the bill.

Bryan McKenzie, Davis County Clerk, Clerks of the State of UT, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to pass H.B. 38 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. B. Bolinder  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. N. Thurston

**4. H.B. 69 Election Modifications (*Musselman, C.R.*)**

Rep. Musselman presented the bill.

Bryan McKenzie, Davis County Clerk, Clerks of the State of UT, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ben Robbins, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Pierucci moved to replace H.B. 69 with 1st Substitute H.B. 69. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. B. Bolinder  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. N. Thurston

**MOTION:** Rep. Pierucci moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 69 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. B. Bolinder  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. N. Thurston

**MOTION:** Rep. Pierucci moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. B. Bolinder  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. N. Thurston

Chair Petersen adjourned the meeting.