



# MINUTES

## HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, February 9, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. | 30 House Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenquist, Chair  
Rep. Mark A. Strong, Vice Chair  
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard  
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe  
Rep. Scott H. Chew  
Rep. Paul Cutler

Rep. Brett Garner  
Rep. Colin W. Jack  
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

**Staff Present:**

Sivan Nizan, 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).

Chair Stenquist called the meeting to order at 8:29 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Jack moved to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2023 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 5

Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. M. Wheatley

**1. 1st Sub. H.B. 177 State Hospital Amendments (Hawkins, J.)**

Rep. Hawkins presented the bill.

Tracy Gruber, Executive Director, Utah Department of Health and Human Services, spoke to the bill.

Rena Rogers, Executive Director, Mental Health America of Utah, spoke against the bill.

Rob Wessman, Executive Director, NAMI Utah, spoke to the bill.

Nate Crippes, Disability Law Center, spoke against the bill.

Amelia Powers Gardner, Utah County Commissioner, spoke in support of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Cutler moved to replace 1st Substitute H.B. 177 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 177. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 6

Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. M. Strong

**MOTION:** Rep. Briscoe moved to go to the next item on the agenda. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 1 - 2.



Yeas - 6

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 1

Rep. J. Stenquist

Absent - 2

Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. M. Strong

**2. H.B. 263 Apprenticeship on Public Works Requirements (*Dailey-Provost, J.*)**

Rep. Dailey-Provost presented the bill assisted by Brandon Dew, Labor Representative, Operating Engineers.

Darin Bushman, Piute County Commissioner, and Vice President Utah Association of Counties, spoke to the bill.

Ken Adams, Coordinating Director, Independent Electrical Contractors of Utah, spoke to the bill.

Rep. Strong assumed the chair.

Robert Bergman, Executive Vice President, Utah Mechanical Contractors Association, spoke in support of the bill.

Dennis Blackburn, Wayne County Commissioner, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Rep. Stenquist resumed the chair.

Justin Lee, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ballard moved to hold H.B. 263. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

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

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. C. Jack  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Chair Stenquist ajourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.