



# MINUTES

## HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 30, 2024 | 3:40 p.m. | 30 House Building

**Members Present:**

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

Rep. Andrew Stoddard  
Rep. Norman K Thurston

**Members Absent:**

Speaker Mike Schultz  
Rep. Douglas R. Welton

**Staff Present:**

Adam J. Sweet, Policy Analyst  
Karen C. Allred, 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 Petersen called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Thurston moved to approve the minutes of January 25, 2024. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 6

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. D. Welton

### 1. H.B. 245 Utah National Guard Amendments (*Burton, J.*)

Rep. Jefferson Burton presented the bill with the assistance of Brian Garret, Deputy Director, Military Affairs, Department of Veterans and Military Affairs, and Dan Schoenfeld, Deputy Director, State Operations, Utah National Guard.

Rep. Musselman assumed the chair.

Fred Hayes, Bear River, Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

David Peterson, Washington, Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Val Peterson moved to pass H.B. 245 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 10

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. D. Welton

**2. H.B. 284 Initiative Amendments (Kyle, J)**

Rep. Jason Kyle presented the bill.

Rusty Cannon, Utah Taxpayer's Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Katharine Biele, President, League of Women Voters of Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Chase Thomas, Senior Policy Advisor, Alliance for a Better Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Dixie Hufner, Steering Committee, Utah Citizens Council, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Dalane England, Utah Eagle Forum and United Women's Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kaelin Stanley, resident of Saratoga Springs, representing Mormon Women for Ethical Government, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Kael Weston, Salt Lake County, Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Kris Campbell, Summit County, Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Pierucci moved to pass H.B. 284 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 3 - 3.

Yeas - 7

Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 3

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Stoddard

Absent - 3

Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. D. Welton

**3. H.J.R. 14 Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution - Statewide Initiatives (Kyle, J)**

Rep. Jason Kyle presented the bill.

Katharine Biele, President, League of Women Voters, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Dixie Hufner, Steering Committee, Utah Citizens Council, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Kris Campbell, Summit County, Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Ellen Brady, citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Kael Weston, Salt Lake County, Utah, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Thurston moved to pass H.J.R. 14 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 3 - 3.

Yeas - 7

Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 3

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Stoddard

Absent - 3

Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. D. Welton

**4. H.B. 343 Design Professional Services Procurement Amendments (*Bolinder, B.*)**

Rep. Bridger Bolinder presented the bill.

Lars Erickson, President Elect, American Society of Landscape Architects, Utah Chapter, spoke in favor of the bill.

Bryce Ward, American Society of Landscape Architects, Utah Chapter, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Stoddard moved to pass H.B. 343 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 11

Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. D. Welton

**MOTION:** Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to place H.B. 343 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 11

Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Rep. S. Hayes  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. M. Petersen  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. A. Stoddard  
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. D. Welton

**5. H.J.R. 4 Joint Rules Resolution - Fiscal Note Process (*Dailey-Provost, J.*)**

Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Petersen moved to return H.J.R. 4 to the Rules Committee The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 11

- Rep. B. Brammer
- Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
- Rep. S. Gricius
- Rep. S. Hayes
- Rep. A. Maloy
- Rep. C. Musselman
- Rep. M. Petersen
- Rep. V. Peterson
- Rep. C. Pierucci
- Rep. A. Stoddard
- Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

- Rep. M. Schultz
- Rep. D. Welton

**MOTION:** Rep. Stoddard moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 11

- Rep. B. Brammer
- Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
- Rep. S. Gricius
- Rep. S. Hayes
- Rep. A. Maloy
- Rep. C. Musselman
- Rep. M. Petersen
- Rep. V. Peterson
- Rep. C. Pierucci
- Rep. A. Stoddard
- Rep. N. Thurston

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

- Rep. M. Schultz
- Rep. D. Welton

Chair Musselman adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.