



# MINUTES

## HOUSE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

Monday, February 26, 2024 | 8:45 a.m. | 445 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Rep. Kay J. Christofferson, Chair  
Rep. Douglas R. Welton, Vice Chair  
Rep. Nelson T. Abbott  
Rep. Ariel Defay  
Rep. Brett Garner  
Rep. Ken Ivory  
Rep. Dan N. Johnson  
Rep. Karen M. Peterson

Rep. Raymond P. Ward

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Ashlee Matthews  
Rep. Susan Pulsipher  
Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenquist

**Staff Present:**

Rachel Brooks, Policy Analyst  
Reese Boardman, 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 Christofferson called the meeting to order at 8:57 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ward moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2024 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 7

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. D. Welton

**1. S.B. 237 Towing Modifications (McKell, M.)**

Sen. McKell presented the bill with assistance from David Spatafore.

David Spatafore, representing Utah Chiefs of Police Association and Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communications Center, spoke in favor of the bill.

Mike Sonntag, Bear River Insurance, spoke in the favor of the bill.

Elizabeth Converse, Utah Tech Lead, spoke in opposition to the bill.

Neil Schultz, citizen, spoke to the bill.

Barbara Christensen, President, Utah Professional Towing Alliance, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Abbott moved to replace S.B. 237 with 1st Substitute S.B. 237. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Stenquist

**MOTION:** Rep. Abbott moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 237 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 3 - 3.

Yeas - 6

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 3

Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. R. Ward

Absent - 3

Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Stenquist

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

Yeas - 9

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Stenquist

Chair Christofferson adjourned the meeting at 9:36 a.m.