

MINUTES

SENATE JUDICIAL CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 14, 2026 | 11:00 a.m. | 120 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Todd Weiler, Chair
Sen. Brady Brammer
Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Sen. Don L. Ipson
Sen. Karen Kwan

Sen. Daniel McCay
Sen. Stephanie Pitcher

Staff Present:

Jonathan Adams, Policy Analyst
Jacqueline Carlton, Senior Associate General Counsel
Naomi Garrow, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Weiler called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

1. Committee Business

MOTION: Sen. Brammer moved to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2026, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4
Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. D. McCay
Sen. S. Pitcher

MOTION: Sen. Brammer moved to close the meeting to discuss the characteristics and qualifications of the appointees. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4
Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. D. McCay
Sen. S. Pitcher

MOTION: Sen. Brammer moved to reopen the meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6
Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. D. McCay
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 1
Sen. D. Ipson

Committee introductions.

2. Appointment of Jack Burns to the Utah Fifth District Court

Jack Burns gave a personal statement and answered questions from the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Cullimore moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate Jack Burns as a judge for the Utah Fifth District Court.

Discussion to the motion

Sen. Cullimore's motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 0.

<u>Yeas - 7</u>	<u>Nays - 0</u>	<u>Absent - 0</u>
Sen. B. Brammer		
Sen. K. Cullimore		
Sen. D. Ipson		
Sen. K. Kwan		
Sen. D. McCay		
Sen. S. Pitcher		
Sen. T. Weiler		

3. Appointment of Bryan Pattison to the Utah Fifth District Court

Bryan Pattison gave a personal statement and answered questions from the committee.

MOTION: Sen. McCay moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate Bryan Pattison as a judge for the Utah Fifth District Court. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

<u>Yeas - 6</u>	<u>Nays - 0</u>	<u>Absent - 1</u>
Sen. B. Brammer		Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. K. Cullimore		
Sen. D. Ipson		
Sen. K. Kwan		
Sen. D. McCay		
Sen. T. Weiler		

MOTION: Sen. Brammer moved to go into a closed session. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

<u>Yeas - 6</u>	<u>Nays - 0</u>	<u>Absent - 1</u>
Sen. B. Brammer		Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. K. Cullimore		
Sen. D. Ipson		
Sen. K. Kwan		
Sen. D. McCay		
Sen. T. Weiler		

MOTION: Sen. Brammer moved to reopen the meeting The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

<u>Yeas - 5</u>	<u>Nays - 0</u>	<u>Absent - 2</u>
Sen. B. Brammer		Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. D. Ipson		Sen. D. McCay
Sen. K. Kwan		
Sen. S. Pitcher		
Sen. T. Weiler		

Chair Weiler had the committee reintroduce themselves.

4. Appointment of Patricia Kuendig to the Utah Third District Court

Patricia Kuendig gave a personal statement and answered questions from the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Pitcher moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate Jack Burns as a judge for the Utah Third District Court. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6
Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 1
Sen. D. McCay

MOTION: Sen. Pitcher moved to be recorded as a "yes" for Jack Burns's appointment to the Fifth District Court. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4
Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. D. McCay

MOTION: Sen. Pitcher moved to be recorded as a "yes" for Bryan Pattison's appointment to the Fifth District Court. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4
Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 3
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. D. McCay

5. Appointment of Todd Olsen to the Utah Third District Court

Todd Olsen gave a personal statement and answered questions from the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Pitcher moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate Todd Olsen as a judge for the Utah Third District Court. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. D. McCay

MOTION: Sen. Cullimore moved to be recorded as a "yes" for Patricia Kuending's appointment to the Third District Court. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 2
Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. D. McCay

MOTION: Sen. Ipson moved to be recorded as a "yes" for Patricia Kuendig's appointment to the Third District Court. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. D. McCay

6. Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Ipson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. K. Kwan
Sen. S. Pitcher
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. B. Brammer
Sen. D. McCay

Chair Weiler adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.