

# DRAFT MINUTES

## BUSINESS AND LABOR INTERIM COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, May 20, 2026 | 1:15 p.m. | 120 Senate Building

### Members Present:

Sen. Evan J. Vickers, Chair  
Rep. A. Cory Maloy, Chair  
Sen. Daniel McCay  
Sen. Stephanie Pitcher  
Sen. Todd Weiler  
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard  
Rep. Ken Ivory  
Rep. Jason B. Kyle  
Rep. Hoang Nguyen  
Rep. Jake Sawyer  
Rep. David Shallenberger  
Rep. Casey Snider  
Rep. Norman K Thurston  
Rep. Stephen L. Whyte

### Members Absent:

Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore  
Sen. Scott D. Sandall  
Rep. Jon Hawkins  
Rep. Ashlee Matthews  
Speaker Mike Schultz  
Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox

### Staff Present:

Allison Cowdell, Policy Analyst  
Rohnin Randles, Policy Analyst  
Tyler Moore, Associate General Counsel  
Austin Weenig, Associate General Counsel  
Alyssa Castor, Administrative Assistant

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 Vickers called the meeting to order at 1:44 p.m.

## 1. Committee Business

**MOTION:** Rep. Maloy moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2025, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 11.

### Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. J. Kyle  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Rep. H. Nguyen  
Rep. J. Sawyer  
Rep. D. Shallenberger  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Sen. T. Weiler

### Nays - 0

### Absent - 11

Sen. K. Cullimore  
Rep. J. Hawkins  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Sen. D. McCay  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. S. Whyte  
Rep. R. Wilcox

## [1 - 2026 General Session Passed Bills](#)

Rohnin Randles provided an overview of information about passed legislation from the 2026 General Session.

## 2. Adoption of Study Items

### [2 - 2026 Proposed Study Items](#)

Rohnin Randles presented the proposed 2026 interim study items approved by the Legislative Management Committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Thurston moved to add Pricing Transparency to the 2026 interim study item list and approve the list, as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 10.

Yeas - 10

- Rep. M. Ballard
- Rep. J. Kyle
- Rep. A. Maloy
- Rep. H. Nguyen
- Rep. J. Sawyer
- Rep. D. Shallenberger
- Rep. N. Thurston
- Sen. E. Vickers
- Sen. T. Weiler
- Rep. S. Whyte

Nays - 0

Absent - 10

- Sen. K. Cullimore
- Rep. J. Hawkins
- Rep. K. Ivory
- Rep. A. Matthews
- Sen. D. McCay
- Sen. S. Pitcher
- Sen. S. Sandall
- Rep. M. Schultz
- Rep. C. Snider
- Rep. R. Wilcox

Rohnin Randles explained the rules about a chair's authority to open bill files.

**MOTION:** Rep. Thurston moved to allow the chairs to open committee bill files if the chairs determine an issue requires expediency, the issue is on the approved study item list, and the chairs notify notify the committee before opening a committee bill file.

Discussion to the motion.

Rep. Thurston's underlying motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 10.

Yeas - 10

- Rep. M. Ballard
- Rep. J. Kyle
- Rep. A. Maloy
- Rep. H. Nguyen
- Rep. J. Sawyer
- Rep. D. Shallenberger
- Rep. N. Thurston
- Sen. E. Vickers
- Sen. T. Weiler
- Rep. S. Whyte

Nays - 0

Absent - 10

- Sen. K. Cullimore
- Rep. J. Hawkins
- Rep. K. Ivory
- Rep. A. Matthews
- Sen. D. McCay
- Sen. S. Pitcher
- Sen. S. Sandall
- Rep. M. Schultz
- Rep. C. Snider
- Rep. R. Wilcox

**3. Sunset Review: Workers' Compensation Advisory Council**

Allison Cowdell reviewed the procedures for conducting sunset reviews.

Austin Weenig provided an overview of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council.

Ron Dressler, Director, Division of Industrial Accidents, described the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council's membership and duties, and answered questions from the committee.

**4. Sunset Review: Alarm System and Security Licensing Advisory Board**

Austin Weenig provided an overview of the Alarm System and Security Licensing Advisory Board.

[4 - Alarm System and Security Licensing Advisory Board Presentation](#)

Adam Watson, Assistant Director, Division of Professional Licensing, provided background on the Alarm System and Security Licensing Advisory Board and answered questions from the committee.

**5. OPLR Annual Review: Initial Findings**

[5 - OPLR Review Presentation](#)[5 - Overview of OPLR's Initial Findings](#)

Jeff Shumway, Director, Office of Professional Licensure Review (OPLR), and Jennifer Adler, Head of Policy and Research, OPLR, presented preliminary findings from OPLR's annual review of healthcare licenses.

Jeff Shumway and Jennifer Adler answered questions from the committee.

Jeff Shumway continued his presentation and answered questions from the committee.

Public comment was heard from:

Michelle McComber, CEO, Utah Medical Association;

Daniel Reed, President, Utah Naturopathic Physicians;

Melissa Hinton, Legislative Committee Chair, Utah Nurse Practitioners;

Candace Daly, lobbyist, Utah Beauty School Owners Association;

Mark Taylor, optometrist, Utah Optometric Association; and

Kim Frost, Director of Government Relations, Regent's BlueCross BlueShield of Utah.

## **6. Currency Availability**

[6 - Currency Availability Presentation](#)

Rohnin Randles presented information on the business and government impacts of currency availability.

[6 - Penny Shortage Presentation](#)

Blake Young, Assistant Director, Division of Consumer Protection, presented information on currency availability and rounding policies.

[6 - Penny Shortage Letter](#)

Rebecca Rockwell, Commissioner, Tax Commission, and Jason Gardner, Deputy Executive Director, Tax Commission, presented information on the impacts of rounding policies.

Dave Davis, President, Utah Retail Merchants Association, presented information on currency availability and rounding policies.

Ericka Evans, Executive Director, Department of Alcoholic Beverage Services (DABS), and Todd Darrington, Deputy Director, DABS, presented information on how the department has handled currency availability.

## **7. Other Items/Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Sen. McCay moved to adjourn.

Chair Vickers adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.