

# DRAFT MINUTES

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, May 20, 2026 | 1:15 p.m. | 30 House Building

### Members Present:

Sen. Keith Grover, Chair  
Rep. Katy Hall, Chair  
Sen. Luz Escamilla  
Sen. Jerry W Stevenson  
Sen. Keven J. Stratton  
Rep. Cheryl K. Acton  
Rep. Bridger Bolinder  
Rep. Kristen Chevrier  
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost  
Rep. Steve Eliason  
Rep. Jake Fitisemanu  
Rep. Stephanie Gricius  
Rep. Sandra Hollins  
Rep. Logan J. Monson

Rep. Grant Pace  
Rep. Raymond P. Ward

### Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams  
Rep. Nelson T. Abbott  
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow

### Staff Present:

Seth Anderson, Policy Analyst  
Lisa Sorensen, Policy Analyst  
Kami Orton, Associate General Counsel  
Amy Shewan, Associate General Counsel  
Christopher Williams, Associate General Counsel  
Gabi Prior, 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 Hall called the meeting to order at 1:44 p.m.

## 1. Committee Business

Rep. Pace introduced himself to the committee.

**MOTION:** Rep. Gricius moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2025, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 5.

### Yeas - 14

Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. B. Bolinder  
Rep. K. Chevrier  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Eliason  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Rep. J. Fitisemanu  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Sen. K. Grover  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. G. Pace  
Sen. J. Stevenson  
Rep. R. Ward

### Nays - 0

### Absent - 5

Rep. N. Abbott  
Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. L. Monson  
Sen. K. Stratton

## [1 - Meeting Outline \(Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel\)](#)

Seth Anderson, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, gave an overview of the meeting outline.

## 2. 2026 Interim Study Plan

Seth Anderson presented an overview of the 2026 proposed study items list.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked a clarifying question.

**MOTION:** Rep. Monson moved to approve the interim study items list. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 15

Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. B. Bolinder  
Rep. K. Chevrier  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Eliason  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Rep. J. Fitisemanu  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Sen. K. Grover  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. L. Monson  
Rep. G. Pace  
Sen. J. Stevenson  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. N. Abbott  
Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. S. Barlow  
Sen. K. Stratton

**MOTION:** Rep. Monson moved to authorize the committee chairs to open committee bill files. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 16

Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. B. Bolinder  
Rep. K. Chevrier  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Eliason  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Rep. J. Fitisemanu  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Sen. K. Grover  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. L. Monson  
Rep. G. Pace  
Sen. J. Stevenson  
Sen. K. Stratton  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. N. Abbott  
Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. S. Barlow

Rep. Ward asked a clarifying question.

**3. Sunset Reviews**

[3 - Sunset Reviews Overview \(OLRGC\)](#)

Seth Anderson presented an overview of the sunset review process and the committee's upcoming sunset reviews.

Rep. Ward asked clarifying questions.

Rep. Eliason recommended that the chairs add time to review the Coordinating Council for Persons with Disabilities to the interim agenda.

Committee members continued to discuss sunset reviews.

#### **4. Statutory Reports**

##### [4 - 2026 Required Reports \(OLRGC\)](#)

Lisa Sorensen, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, gave an overview of statutorily required reports.

#### **5. A Performance Audit of the Utah Medical Cannabis Program**

##### [5 - A Performance Audit of the Utah Medical Cannabis Program \(Office of the Legislative Auditor General\)](#)

##### [5 - A Performance Audit of the Utah Medical Cannabis Program Presentation \(OLAG\)](#)

Jesse Martinson, Audit Manager, and McKenzie Cantlon, Performance Audit Supervisor, Office of the Legislative Auditor General (OLAG), presented on A Performance Audit of the Utah Medical Cannabis Program.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

Rep. Dailey-Provost spoke to the medical cannabis program.

Brandon Forsyth, Director, Department of Agriculture and Food Specialized Products Division, discussed the audit and answered questions from the committee.

Committee members continued to ask clarifying questions.

#### **6. A Performance Audit of Utah's Behavioral Health Beds Along the Continuum of Care**

##### [6 - A Performance Audit of Utah's Behavioral Health Beds Along the Continuum of Care \(OLAG\)](#)

##### [6 - A Performance Audit of Utah's Behavioral Health Beds Along the Continuum of Care Presentation \(OLAG\)](#)

Leah Blevins, Audit Manager, and Brendon Ressler, Lead Auditor, OLAG, presented on A Performance Audit of Utah's Behavioral Health Beds Along the Continuum of Care.

Rep. Eliason asked a clarifying question.

Rep. Ward asked a clarifying question.

Rep. Eliason spoke to Rep. Ward's question.

Committee members continued to ask clarifying questions and discuss the audit.

Rep. Eliason spoke to the recommendation to create a bed registry.

#### **7. Healthcare Workforce - Addressing Preceptor Shortages**

##### [7 - Clinical Preceptorship Stipends Presentation \(Department of Health and Human Services\)](#)

##### [7 - Clinical Preceptor Stipend Program Recommendation \(Health Workforce Advisory Council\)](#)

Heather Borski, Assistant Deputy Director, Department of Health and Human Services, and Teresa Garrett, member, Utah Health Workforce Advisory Council, presented on addressing preceptorship shortages.

Committee members asked clarifying questions and discussed the preceptorship shortage.

Lynsey Drew, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and Dean, Noorda College of Osteopathic Medicine, discussed preceptorship shortages.

## **8. Satellite Emergency Department Review**

### [8 - Satellite Emergency Department Review Presentation \(DHHS\)](#)

Shannon Thoman-Black, Director, Division of Licensing and Background Checks, and Florencia Shapira, Director of Licensing, Utah Hospital Association, presented on the status of satellite emergency departments and compliance with the provisions of 2025 General Session H.B. 152, "Health Care Facilities Amendments."

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

Dave Gessel, Executive Vice President, Utah Hospital Association, spoke to the compliance concerns regarding satellite emergency departments.

Rep. Gricius spoke to providers who have remained out of compliance.

Chair Hall spoke to satellite emergency department requirements and compliance.

Shannon Thoman-Black clarified the Division of Licensing and Background Check's involvement in satellite emergency departments' compliance with the provisions of H.B. 152, "Health Care Facilities Amendments."

Committee members continued to ask clarifying questions and discuss satellite emergency departments.

## **9. Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services**

### [9 - Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services Presentation \(Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services\)](#)

Marvin Dodge, Commissioner, Department of Government Operations, and Nate Checketts, Inspector General of Medicaid Services, Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services, presented a brief overview of the Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services.

Rep. Ward asked a clarifying question.

## **10. Other Items/Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Acton moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 11.

Yeas - 8

Rep. C. Acton  
Rep. K. Chevrier  
Rep. S. Eliason  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Rep. J. Fitisemanu  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. G. Pace  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays - 0

Absent - 11

Rep. N. Abbott  
Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. S. Barlow  
Rep. B. Bolinder  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. S. Gricius  
Sen. K. Grover  
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Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.