



## **West Virginia Senate**

### **Committee on Health and Human Resources**

#### **Minutes for January 20, 2026, 1:00 PM**

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources met on January 20, 2026, 1:00 PM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Helton, Deeds, Azinger, Bartlett, Fuller, Grady, Maynard, Roberts, Rose, Rucker, Takubo, Garcia

Members absent: Senators Martin, Queen, Taylor, Willis

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Senator Deeds, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Senator Helton announced that Senate Bill 455 would be pulled from the agenda.

Senator Helton recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 446.

Senator Helton recognized Jenny Entsminger, Executive Director, WV Mothers and Babies Support Program, and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Ms. Entsminger delivered a presentation to the Committee.

Senator Deeds moved that Senate Bill 446 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference, first be referred to the Committee on Finance. The motion carried.

Senator Helton recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 436. Counsel answered questions from the Committee.

Senator Garcia requested leave of committee for Lori Bragg, Commissioner of the Bureau for Social Services, to address the Committee. Senator Helton administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Ms. Bragg answered questions from the Committee.

Senator Helton recognized Mark Drennan, Vice-President, National Youth Advocate Program, and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Mr. Drennan delivered a presentation to the Committee and answered questions.

Senator Deeds moved that Senate Bil 436 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference, first be referred to the Committee on Finance. The motion carried.

Senator Helton recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 228. Senator Deeds moved that Senate Bill 228 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference, first be referred to the Committee on Finance. The motion carried.

On Motion of Senator Deeds the committee adjourned.



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Senator Brian Helton

Chair



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John T. Giovengo

Committee Clerk

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Remote/Virtual Testimony

Testimony taken this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, in  
the Senate Committee on Health + Human Resources

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be  
the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me  
God."

Lenny Entsninger

Print Witness Name

John George

Testimony Attested to by Committee  
Clerk

Oath was administered by:

Brian Helton

Print Member Name

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Sign Member Name

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Lori Bragg  
Print Witness Name

x Lorie Bragg  
Sign Witness Name

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