



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for February 24, 2026, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources met on February 24, 2026, 1:00 PM in Room 451-M.

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

Members absent: Senators Martin, Queen, Rose, 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 recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 1036. Senator Deeds moved that Senate Bill 1036 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 44 and the committee substitute. The language of the committee substitute was agreed to. Senator Deeds moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 44 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

Senator Helton recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 619. Senator Deeds moved that Senate Bill 619 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 Education. The motion carried.

Senator Helton recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 906. Counsel answered questions from the committee. With leave of committee, Senator Helton recognized Dr. Steve Levine, Campus Pathways, and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Dr. Levine answered questions from the committee. Senator Deeds moved that Senate Bill 906 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

Senator Helton recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human resources, who explained Senate Bill 993. Counsel answered questions from the committee. With leave of committee, Senator Helton recognized Staysha Quentrill and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Ms. Quentrill answered questions from the committee. With leave of committee, Senator Helton recognized Beth Redden and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Ms. Redden answered questions from the committee. With leave of committee, Senator Helton recognized Sue Paynter, Executive Director, WV Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses, and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Ms. Paynter answered questions from the committee. Senator Rucker moved to table Senate Bill 993. The motion carried.

Senator Helton recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human resources, who explained Senate Bill 1003 and the committee substitute. Counsel answered questions from the committee. With leave of committee, Senator Helton recognized Delegate Elliot Pritt, who addressed the committee and answered questions. Senator Garcia moved to amend Senate Bill 1003 with a conceptual amendment. Counsel understood the amendment. By voice vote, the amendment was adopted. Senator Takubo moved to amend Senate Bill 1003 with a conceptual amendment. Counsel understood the amendment. Senator Garcia requested Senator Takubo to yield. Senator Takubo yielded to questions. By voice vote, the amendment failed. The language of the committee substitute was agreed to. Senator Deeds moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1003 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 1055. Senator Deeds moved that Senate Bill 1055 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 744. Senator Deeds moved that Senate Bill 744 be reported to the full Senate with recommendation that it do pass. The motion carried.

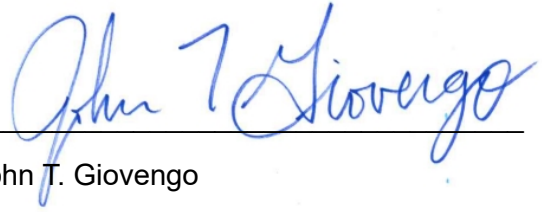
Senator Helton recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Health and Human Resources, who explained Senate Bill 897. Counsel answered questions from the committee. With leave of committee, Jeremy Truman, Board of Directors, West Virginia Certification Board for Addiction and Prevention Professionals, and administered the oath pursuant to Senate Rule 28a. Mr. Truman answered questions from the committee. Senator Deeds moved that Senate Bill 897 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.



Senator Brian Helton

Chair



John T. Giovengo

Committee Clerk

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Remote/Virtual Testimony

Testimony taken this 24th day of February, 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."

Steve Levine

Print Witness Name

John T. Linscott

Testimony Attested to by Committee
Clerk

Oath was administered by:

Brian Helton

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Stepha Overhill

Print Witness Name

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