

MINUTES
HOUSE JUDICIARY, RULES & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 17, 2026

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW42

MEMBERS: Chairman Skaug (Chadwick), Vice Chairman Alfieri, Representatives Scott, Ehardt, Erickson, Garner, Handy, Hawkins, Hill, Hostetler, Pohanka, Shirts, Hall (Stone), Gannon, Mathias, Rubel

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Ehardt

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Vice Chairman Alfieri called the meeting to order at 1:31pm.

MOTION: **Rep. Mathias** made a motion to approve the March 13, 2026 meeting minutes.
Motion carried by voice vote.

HR 27: **Rep. Barbieri** presented **HR 27** regarding the Ethics and House Policy Committee.
Ken Burgess, Idaho Press Club, testified **in opposition.**

Committee inquired regarding number of times the House has received ethics complaints, necessity for transparency of procedure, clarification as to whether the accused may be represented by counsel, differences between ethics issues and legal issues, concerns regarding adverse impacts when criminal activity has occurred, optional legal counsel for ethics committee, probable cause, limits of confidentiality, origin of legislation, and prevention of public spectacle.

MOTION: **Rep. Scott** made a motion to send **HR 27** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a substitute motion to **HOLD HR 27** in committee.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Hill** made an amended substitute motion to send **HR 27** to the floor with no recommendation.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Vice Chairman Alfieri** requested a roll call vote. **Amended substitute motion failed by a vote of 6 AYE, 9 NAY, 1 Absent/Excused.** Voting in favor of the motion: **Reps. Alfieri, Scott, Hawkins, Hill, Hostetler, Stone.** Voting in opposition to the motion: **Reps. Chadwick, Erickson, Garner, Handy, Pohanka, Shirts, Gannon, Mathias, Rubel.** **Rep. Ehardt** was absent/excused.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Vice Chairman Alfieri** requested a roll call vote. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 7 AYE, 8 NAY, 1 Absent/Excused.** Voting in favor of the motion: **Reps. Erickson, Garner, Pohanka, Shirts, Gannon, Mathias, Rubel.** Voting in opposition to the motion: **Reps. Chadwick, Alfieri, Scott, Handy, Hawkins, Hill, Hostetler, Stone.** **Rep. Ehardt** was absent/excused.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: Vice Chairman Alfieri requested a roll call vote. **Original motion carried by a vote of 8 AYE, 7 NAY, 1 Absent/ Excused. Voting in favor of the motion: Reps. Chadwick, Alfieri, Scott, Handy, Hawkins, Hill, Hostetler, Stone. Voting in opposition to the motion: Reps. Erickson, Garner, Pohanka, Shirts, Gannon, Mathias, Rubel. Rep. Ehardt was absent/excused. Rep. Barbieri will sponsor the bill on the floor.**

DOCKET NO. 11-0601-2501: Lt. Col. Russ Wheatley, Chief of Staff, Idaho State Police, presented **Docket No. 11-0601-2501** regarding rules governing civil asset forfeiture reporting.
Committee inquired regarding clarification of changes and form.

MOTION: Rep. Chadwick made a motion to approve **Docket No. 11-0601-2501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 11-1001-2501: Lt. Col. Russ Wheatley, Chief of Staff, Idaho State Police, presented **Docket No. 11-1001-2501** regarding rules governing public safety and security information system.
Committee inquired regarding fiscal impact.

MOTION: Rep. Gannon made a motion to approve **Docket No. 11-1001-2501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 11-1002-2501: Lt. Col. Russ Wheatley, Chief of Staff, Idaho State Police, presented **Docket No. 11-1002-2501** regarding rules governing state criminal history records and crime information.

MOTION: Rep. Chadwick made a motion to approve **Docket No. 11-1002-2501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 11-1003-2501: Lt. Col. Russ Wheatley, Chief of Staff, Idaho State Police, presented **Docket No. 11-1003-2501** regarding rules governing the sex offender registry.
Committee inquired regarding fiscal impact.

MOTION: Rep. Hostetler made a motion to approve **Docket No. 11-1003-2501. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 57-0101-2502: Nancy Volle, Program Manager, Sexual Offender Management Board, presented **Docket No. 57-0101-2502.**
Committee inquired regarding clarification of changes in psychosexual evaluator training hours.

MOTION: Rep. Chadwick made a motion to approve temporary rule **Docket No. 57-0101-2502** in its entirety. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 57-0101-2501: Nancy Volle, Program Manager, Sexual Offender Management Board, presented **Docket No. 57-0101-2501.**

MOTION: Rep. Shirts made a motion to approve pending rule **Docket No. 57-0101-2501** with the early effective date of Sine Die 2026. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 62-0101-2501: Bryan Nickels, Chief Administrative Law Judge, Office of Administrative Hearings, presented **Docket No. 62-0101-2501** regarding Idaho rules of administrative procedure.
Committee inquired regarding artificial intelligence evidence sources, standard for admission, discretion, concerns regarding sanctions, contested cases, encroachment by government on property, examples of AI preparation of evidence, language change of "hearing officer" to "law judge", self-litigant misuse of AI, and legislative procedural options.

MOTION: Rep. Chadwick made a motion to approve **Docket No. 62-0101-2501.**

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Shirts** made a substitute motion to approve **Docket No. 62-0101-2501** with the exception of Section 11, Section 12, and Section 515, due to inconsistency with legislative intent. **Substitute motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:04pm.

Representative Alfieri
Chair

Nancy Conrad
Secretary