

# EXHIBIT B

**MINUTES**  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR**  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR**  
**Meeting Jointly**  
**Wednesday, February 4, 2026**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Room A, MAC**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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Committee members present: Senator Fredrick J. Love; Representatives Jeff Wardlaw, Chair; Glenn Barnes, Mary Bentley, Denise Jones Ennett, Kenneth B. Ferguson, Zach Gramlich, Dolly Henley, Lee Johnson, Jack Ladyman, Wayne Long, Stephen Magie, Kendra Moore, Mark Perry, Aaron Pilkington, David Ray, Jay Richardson, Ryan A. Rose, and Bart Schulz

Other members present: Senators Steve Crowell, Jamie Scott, and Dan Sullivan; Representatives Stan Berry, Les D. Eaves, Jon S. Eubanks, Brad Hall, Tippi McCullough, Mark D. McElroy, Jessie McGruder, Stetson Painter, Johnny Rye, Joy Springer, Tracy Steele, Dwight Tosh, and David Whitaker

Representative Wardlaw called the meeting to order.

**Consideration to Approve the January 7, 2026, Meeting Minutes [Exhibit B]**

Representative Ladyman made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative Bentley, and the motion carried.

**Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Medical Services (DMS), Review of Rule, Rehabilitative Hospital Provider Manual [Exhibit C]**

Elizabeth Pitman, Director, DMS, DHS, and Paula Stone, Director, Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, DHS, presented the rule allowing rehabilitative hospitals to establish psychiatric units and receive Medicaid reimbursement for services provided within those units.

Representative Wardlaw stated that, without objection, the rule stands as reviewed.

**DHS, DMS, Review of Rule, Cell and Gene Therapy (CGT) Model [Exhibit D]**

Elizabeth Pitman, Director, DMS, DHS, presented the rule enabling DHS to participate in the CGT Model, allowing the agency the opportunity to enter into value-based payment agreements.

Representative Wardlaw stated that, without objection, the rule stands as reviewed.

**DHS, DMS, Review of Rule, Recovery Audit Contractor Exemption SPA [Exhibit E]**

Elizabeth Pitman, Director, DMS, DHS, presented the rule exempting DHS from the Recovery Audit Contractor requirement outlined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Representative Wardlaw stated that, without objection, the rule stands as reviewed.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.