

**2021-2022 Session**

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# Senate Committee on Government Operations

## (Room 4)

The Senate Committee on Government Operations has jurisdiction over matters relating to the administration of government and justice; compensation of and retirement benefits for public officials and employees; suffrage; nominations and elections; municipal corporations; military affairs, including veterans and civil defense; public records and open meetings; and reapportionment.

### Previous Meetings - Full Report

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#### Wednesday, January 6, 2021

##### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

##### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM** Senate Floor

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#### Thursday, January 7, 2021

##### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

##### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM** Joint Assembly  
*Canvassing Committee Report*

**11:30 AM** Senate Floor

**2:00 PM** Joint Assembly  
*Governor's Remarks*

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## Friday, January 8, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM** **Town Meeting Bill**

*Committee Discussion*

Amerin Aborjaily, Office of Legislative Counsel

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Susan Clark, Moderator, Middlesex

Hon. James Condos, Secretary of State

Carol Dawes, Legislative Chair, Vermont Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Association

John Odum, Montpelier City Clerk

Will Senning, Director, Elections and Campaign Finance, Secretary of State's Office

Kendal Smith, Director of Policy Development and Legislative Affairs, Governor's Office

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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## Tuesday, January 12, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:30 PM** **Town Meeting Bill**

*Committee discussion and continued testimony.*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

John Odum, Montpelier City Clerk

Kendal Smith, Director of Policy Development and Legislative Affairs, Governor's Office

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

**2:00 PM Update from Ethics Commission**

Julie Hurlburd, Commission Chair, Vermont State Ethics Commission  
Larry Novins, Executive Director, Vermont State Ethics Commission

**3:00 PM 15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM Committee Discussion**

*Priorities and committee logistics*

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## Wednesday, January 13, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:30 PM H.48 - An act relating to authorizing alternative procedures for 2021 annual municipal meetings in response to COVID-19**

*Vote*

**2:00 PM Public Records**

*Discuss public records of arrests and charges of juveniles.*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County, Sheriffs' Association  
Michael Donoghue, Executive Director, Vermont Press Association  
Patricia Gabel, Vermont State Court Administrator, Vermont Judiciary  
Jennifer Myka, General Counsel, Department for Children and Families  
James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of State's Attorneys & Sheriffs  
David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont Attorney General's Office  
Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

**3:00 PM 15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM**

## Update from VSEA

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

Vincent Illuzzi, Attorney/Lobbyist, VSEA

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Thursday, January 14, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:30 PM** **Elections Discussion**

*Debriefing from the past election and suggestions for either temporary or permanent changes.*

Paul Burns, Executive Director, Vermont Public Interest Research Group

Hon. James Condos, Secretary of State

Carol Dawes, Legislative Chair, Vermont Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Association

Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Donna Kinville, South Burlington City Clerk, VMCTA Legislative Committee

John Odum, Montpelier City Clerk

Will Senning, Director, Elections and Campaign Finance, Secretary of State's Office

Chris Winters, Deputy Secretary, Secretary of State's Office

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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## Friday, January 15, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM** **Briefing from JFO**

*Regarding CARES funds that might be within the jurisdiction of government operations: EMS, law enforcement, state employees, military, elections, etc.*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Doug Farnham, Chief Operations Officer, Agency of Administration

Richard Hallenbeck, Director of Administration, Department of Public Safety

Drew Hazelton, Chief of Operations, Rescue Inc.; Chair, Emergency Medical Services  
Advisory Committee, Rescue Inc.

Stephen Klein, Chief Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

Susanne Young, Secretary of Administration, Agency of Administration

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## Tuesday, January 19, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**10:15 AM** **Implicit Bias Prevention Training**

**1:30 PM** **Committee Discussion**

*Committee discussion of how cannabis bill affects municipalities. S.54 and S.25.*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Michele Childs, Attorney, Legislative Counsel

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

**2:15 PM** **Census Report**

*Committee discussion*

Jason Broughton, State Librarian, Department of Libraries

Tom Little, Chair, Legislative Apportionment Board

**3:15 PM** **Committee Discussion**

*Committee discussion*

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

**4:00 PM** **Chairs' Meeting**

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## Wednesday, January 20, 2021

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **Racial Equity Plan Report**

*Committee discussion*

Andrea Brett, Chair, Racial Equity Advisory Panel

Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity, Agency of Administration; and Chair of the Governor's Task Force on Racial Equality, Agency of Administration

Clarence Davis, Director of State Relations, University of Vermont

Karen L. Richards, Executive Director, Vermont Human Rights Commission

Stephanie Seguino, Professor, University of Vermont

**2:15 PM** **Commission Discussion**

*RDAP Report*

Etan Nasreddin-Longo, Chair, RDAP, Co-Chair Fair and Impartial Policing Committee

**3:30 PM** **Committee Discussion**

*Committee discussion*

Gregory C. Knight, Adjutant General, Vermont National Guard

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**Thursday, January 21, 2021**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**1:45 PM** **VLCT Priorities; Clerks; CARES Past and Future Needs**

*Committee discussion*

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

**2:15 PM Preparedness Bill**

*DR 21-0002, Draft 1.1, 1-12-2021*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
David Herlihy, Executive Director, Vermont Board of Medical Practice

**3:15 PM EMS - What Worked, What Didn't; Needs Going Forward**

*Committee discussion*

Dan Batsie, Chief, Emergency Medical Services, Vermont Department of Health  
Jim Finger , President, Vermont Ambulance Association  
Drew Hazelton, Chief of Operations, Rescue Inc.; Chair, Emergency Medical Services  
Advisory Committee, Rescue Inc.

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## Friday, January 22, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:00 AM Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM No Committee Meeting**

*Hearing canceled.*

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## Tuesday, January 26, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM Governor's FY2022 Budget Address**

*Joint Assembly*

**2:15 PM**      **Continued discussion of public records of juveniles**

*Committee discussion*

- Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County, Sheriffs' Association
- Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- Patricia Gabel, Vermont State Court Administrator, Vermont Judiciary
- Christopher Herrick, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Safety
- Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender, Defender General's Office
- James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

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## Wednesday, January 27, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **Governor's Executive Order - DPS**

*Committee discussion*

- Michael E. Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

**2:00 PM**      **Criminal Justice Council**

*Discuss law enforcement reports (S.124)*

- Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety
- William Sheets, Interim Executive Director, Vermont Criminal Justice Council
- William Sorrell, Chair, Criminal Justice Council

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## Thursday, January 28, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **Elections Discussion**

*Discuss issues list*

Deborah Billado, Chair, Vermont Republican Party

Paul Burns, Executive Director, Vermont Public Interest Research Group

Hon. James Condos, Secretary of State

Carol Dawes, Legislative Chair, Vermont Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Association

Audrey Kline, Policy Director, National Vote at Home Institute

Greg Marchildon, State Director, AARP

Pat McDonald, Board President, Campaign for Vermont

Amber McReynolds, Executive Director, National Vote at Home Institute

Bruce Olsson, Chair, Democratic Party

Lila Richardson, League of Women Voters

Will Senning, Director, Elections and Campaign Finance, Secretary of State's Office

Chris Winters, Deputy Secretary, Secretary of State's Office

**3:15 PM**      **Vermont State Employees**

*Discuss retirement proposal*

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National Education Association

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

Will Kriewald, Chief Financial Officer, Office of the State Treasurer

Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer

Aimee Towne, President, Vermont State Employees Association

Erika Wolffing, Retirement Policy and Outreach Director, State Treasurer's Office

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## Friday, January 29, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:00 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM**      **Committee Discussion**

*Regarding commission as described in S.42*

James Baker, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Elizabeth Novotny, Lobbyist

**1:30 PM EMS - What Worked, What Didn't; Needs Going Forward**

*Continued*

Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Pat Moulton, President, Vermont Technical College

**2:15 PM Discuss Approach to Address Elections Issues**

*Committee discussion*

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## Tuesday, February 2, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM S.43 - An act relating to the contractual rights of members of the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System**

*Walk-through*

Vincent Illuzzi, Attorney/Lobbyist, VSEA

Michael O'Neil, President, Vermont Troopers Association

Tom Waldman, General Counsel, Department of Human Resources

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:15 PM Temporary Workers**

Vincent Illuzzi, Attorney/Lobbyist, VSEA

Aimee Pope, Classification Manager, Department of Human Resources

Dan Pouliot, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Human Resources

**4:00 PM Chairs' Meeting**

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## Wednesday, February 3, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **Elections Discussion**

*CHECKLIST*

*-Purging*

*-One checklist statewide*

*-Remove name upon death notice from tax department*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Paul Burns, Executive Director, Vermont Public Interest Research Group

Carol Dawes, Legislative Chair, Vermont Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Association

Audrey Kline, Policy Director, National Vote at Home Institute

Pat McDonald, Board President, Campaign for Vermont

John Odum, Montpelier City Clerk

Lila Richardson, League of Women Voters

Chris Winters, Deputy Secretary, Secretary of State's Office

**1:50 PM** **Elections Discussion**

*BALLOTS*

*-Guarantee paper ballot*

*-Nicknames on ballots*

*-Expand electronic return*

*-Clarify defective ballot*

*-Inner envelope*

*-Curing, signature verification*

*-Ballots to nursing homes*

*-Use postmark for receipt*

*-Absentee deadline same as in person*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Paul Burns, Executive Director, Vermont Public Interest Research Group

Carol Dawes, Legislative Chair, Vermont Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Association

John Odum, Montpelier City Clerk

Will Senning, Director, Elections and Campaign Finance, Secretary of State's Office

**3:00 PM** **Elections Discussion**

*TOWN CLERKS*

- TC independence from select boards
- Allow muni to mail out
- Multiple return options
- Drop boxes
- Flexibility for election venues
- Consistent polling hours across state
- Early processing
- Wire-ins must declare
- Report total number of votes cast at end of day
- Collect data on number returned late
- Voter ID required
- Authorize multi-party observers
- Same day registrants get provisional ballot

Carol Dawes, Legislative Chair, Vermont Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Association  
John Odum, Montpelier City Clerk  
Lila Richardson, League of Women Voters  
Will Senning, Director, Elections and Campaign Finance, Secretary of State's Office  
Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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## Thursday, February 4, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **Continued discussion of public records of juveniles**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County, Sheriffs' Association  
Michael Donoghue, Executive Director, Vermont Press Association  
Jaye Johnson, General Counsel, Governor's Office  
Lisa Loomis, President, Vermont Press Association  
David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont Attorney General's Office  
Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

**2:30 PM**      **Elections Discussion**

*CANDIDATES*  
- Residency  
- Define requirements

- *Deadlines for parties*
- *Run one party*
- *Primary party same as general*
- *Penalty for candidates opening ballot bag*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Carol Dawes, Legislative Chair, Vermont Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Association

John Odum, Montpelier City Clerk

Bruce Olsson, Chair, Democratic Party

Sue Racanelli, President, League of Women Voters

Will Senning, Director, Elections and Campaign Finance, Secretary of State's Office

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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## Friday, February 5, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:00 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM** **Retirement for State Employees**

*Committee discussion*

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National Education Association

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

Michael O'Neil, President, Vermont Troopers Association

Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer

Aimee Towne, President, Vermont State Employees Association

Erika Wolffing, Retirement Policy and Outreach Director, State Treasurer's Office

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## Tuesday, February 9, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM Department of Public Safety**

*Creation of the Agency of Public Safety*

- Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County Sheriff's Department
- Bill Bohnyak, Sheriff, Sheriffs' Association
- Tony Facos, Director of Enforcement & Safety, Department of Motor Vehicles
- John Federico, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Inspector, VSEA Board of Trustees
- Timothy Page, Chief of Police, St. Johnsbury, Police Chief's Association
- Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety
- William Sheets, Interim Executive Director, Vermont Criminal Justice Council
- William Sorrell, Chair, Criminal Justice Council
- Cindy Taylor-Patch, Director of Training, Vermont Police Academy

**3:00 PM State Employees**

*Temporary workers*

- Patricia Gabel, Vermont State Court Administrator, Vermont Judiciary
- Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer
- Aimee Pope, Classification Manager, Department of Human Resources
- Dan Pouliot, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Human Resources

**4:00 PM Chairs' Meeting**

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## Wednesday, February 10, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM Elections Discussion**

*Continued*

- Candidate voting requirements
- Limit number of JP candidates from each party

*PRIMARIES*

- Timing of local ballots
- Alternative to three ballots
- Allow people to request ballot
- Allow parties to use RCV in their own primary

*GENERAL ELECTION*

- RCV for federal elections
- Presidential nominating process
- Election day holiday
- Coordination of school/town
- Review major party requirements
- Mail out ballots

*MISC.*

- Corporate contributions
- Translation services

- Martha Abbott, State Assistant Treasurer, Vermont Progressive Party
- Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- Deborah Billado, Chair, Vermont Republican Party
- Paul Burns, Executive Director, Vermont Public Interest Research Group
- Carol Dawes, Legislative Chair, Vermont Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Association
- Audrey Kline, Policy Director, National Vote at Home Institute
- Greg Marchildon, State Director, AARP
- Pat McDonald, Board President, Campaign for Vermont
- John Odum, Montpelier City Clerk
- Bruce Olsson, Chair, Democratic Party
- Lila Richardson, League of Women Voters
- Will Senning, Director, Elections and Campaign Finance, Secretary of State's Office
- Chris Winters, Deputy Secretary, Secretary of State's Office
- Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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## Thursday, February 11, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **Continued discussion of public records of juveniles**

Tyler Allen, Adolescent Services Director, DCF, Family Services Division  
Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County, Sheriffs' Association  
Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Patricia Gabel, Vermont State Court Administrator, Vermont Judiciary  
Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office  
Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender, Defender General's Office  
James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of State's Attorneys & Sheriffs  
Michael Pieciak, Commissioner, Department of Financial Regulation  
David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont Attorney General's Office  
Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

**3:00 PM      Preparedness Bill**

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Friday, February 12, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:00 AM      Senate Floor**

**1:15 PM      Proposed Changes to Retirement System**

*Committee discussion*

Keith Brainard, Research Director, National Association of State Retirement Administrators  
Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National Education Association  
Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association  
Mike O'Neil, Executive Director, Vermont Troopers Association  
Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer  
Erika Wolffing, Retirement Policy and Outreach Director, State Treasurer's Office

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## Tuesday, February 16, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

## Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **Preparedness Bill**

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:00 PM**      **OPR**

*Discussion; DOC Notaries*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Lauren Layman, Staff Attorney, Secretary of State

Chris Winters, Deputy Secretary, Secretary of State's Office

**2:30 PM**      **Mixed Martial Arts**

*Committee discussion*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Rex Thompson, Owner, DonnyBrooke Fight Promotion

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## Wednesday, February 17, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**After the Floor**      **Caucus of the Whole**

*Update of the State's Vaccination Efforts*

Mark Levine, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Health

**2:00 PM**      **Department of Public Safety**

*Joint Meeting Between HGO and SGO: Draft bill walk-through: Creation of the Agency of Public Safety*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County Sheriff's Department  
Bill Bohnyak, Sheriff, Orange County, Sheriffs' Association  
John Campbell, Executive Director, Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs  
Tony Facos, Director of Enforcement & Safety, Department of Motor Vehicles  
John Federico, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Inspector, VSEA Board of Trustees  
Timothy Page, Chief of Police, St. Johnsbury, Police Chief's Association  
Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety  
William Sheets, Interim Executive Director, Vermont Criminal Justice Council  
William Sorrell, Chair, Vermont Criminal Justice Council

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## Thursday, February 18, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:30 AM** **Election of UVM Trustees, Sergeant at Arms and the Adjutant General of the Vermont National Guard**

*Joint Assembly*

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **S.107 - An act relating to confidential information concerning the initial arrest and charge of a juvenile**

*Discuss proposed bill*

Tyler Allen, Adolescent Services Director, DCF, Family Services Division

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County, Sheriffs' Association

Michael Donoghue, Executive Director, Vermont Press Association

Kevin Gaffney, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Financial Regulation, Insurance Division

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender, Defender General's Office

David Scherr, Assistant Attorney General, Vermont Attorney General's Office

**2:30 PM** **S. - An act relating to establishing the Municipal Self-Governance Program**

*Discuss proposed bill*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

**3:30 PM Temporary Workers**

*Committee discussion*

Patricia Gabel, Vermont State Court Administrator, Vermont Judiciary  
Vince Illuzzi, State's Attorney, Essex and Orleans County  
Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer  
Aimee Pope, Classification Manager, Department of Human Resources  
Dan Pouliot, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Human Resources  
Harold Schwartz, Director of Operations, Department of Human Resources

**4:00 PM S.43 - An act relating to the contractual rights of members of the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System**

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Friday, February 19, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM Elections Discussion**

*Continued. Review outline of bill.*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Paul Burns, Executive Director, Vermont Public Interest Research Group  
Carol Dawes, Legislative Chair, Vermont Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Association  
Audrey Kline, Policy Director, National Vote at Home Institute  
Pat McDonald, Board President, Campaign for Vermont  
John Odum, Montpelier City Clerk  
Lila Richardson, League of Women Voters  
Will Senning, Director, Elections and Campaign Finance, Secretary of State's Office  
Chris Winters, Deputy Secretary, Secretary of State's Office  
Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

## Tuesday, February 23, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **Cannabis Bill**

*(S.25) Discuss aspects of the bill relevant to government operations*

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

**2:00 PM** **S.15 - An act relating to mailing out ballots, correcting defective ballots, and miscellaneous changes to State election laws**

*Voted out of committee*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:15 PM** **Cannabis Bill**

*(S.25) Discuss aspects of the bill relevant to government operations*

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

**3:00 PM** **S. - An act relating to establishing the Municipal Self-Governance Program**

*Committee discussion*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

**4:00 PM** **Chairs' Meeting**

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## Wednesday, February 24, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **S.95 - An act relating to government accountability and State quality of life outcomes**  
*Discuss proposed bill; adding indicators specific to Black, Indigenous and people of color to the outcome in our statutes*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Dru Roessle, Director of Performance Improvement, Agency of Human Services  
Susan Zeller, Chief Performance Officer, Agency of Administration

**2:00 PM**      **S.51 - An act relating to the persons authorized to make contributions to candidates and political parties and to political committee names**

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Paul Burns, Executive Director, Vermont Public Interest Research Group

**3:00 PM**      **S.43 - An act relating to the contractual rights of members of the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System**

*Committee discussion*

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association  
Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:30 PM**      **S.78 - An act relating to binding interest arbitration for employees of the Vermont Judiciary**

*Committee discussion*

Patricia Gabel, Vermont State Court Administrator, Vermont Judiciary  
Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association  
Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Joseph McNeil, Chief Negotiator, Employer Commissioners, Vermont Judiciary

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## Thursday, February 25, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM Agency of Public Safety**

*Discuss bill proposal*

Christopher Cockrell, Vermont Racial Justice Foundation  
Mark Hughes, Executive Director, Vermont Racial Justice Alliance  
Jessica Laporte, Resident, Burlington, Vermont  
William Sorrell, Chair, Vermont Criminal Justice Council

**2:00 PM Results of the Votes for Sergeant at Arms, Adjutant and Inspector General, Trustees of the UVM and State Agricultural College**

*Joint Assembly*

**2:15 PM Agency of Public Safety**

*Resume discussion after joint assembly*

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## Friday, February 26, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:00 AM Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM Mixed Martial Arts**

Rebecca Bell, Doctor, Academy of Pediatrics Vermont Chapter  
Rex Thompson, Owner, DonnyBrooke Fight Promotion

**1:30 PM Cannabis Bill**

*(S.25) Discuss aspects of the bill relevant to government operations*

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Mark Hughes, Executive Director, Vermont Racial Justice Alliance  
Geoffrey Pizzutillo, Executive Director and CoFounder, Vermont Growers Association  
Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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## Tuesday, March 9, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM** **Results of the Votes for Sergeant at Arms, Adjutant and Inspector General, Trustees of the UVM and State Agricultural College**

*Joint Assembly*

**1:30 PM** **Cannabis Bill**

*(S.25) Discuss aspects of the bill relevant to government operations*

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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Mark Hughes, Executive Director, Vermont Racial Justice Alliance

Monica Caserta Hutt, Chief Prevention Officer, Office of Phil Scott

Geoffrey Pizzutillo, Executive Director and CoFounder, Vermont Growers Association

Virginia Renfrew, Lobbyist, Marijuana Dispensaries

Graham Unangst-Rufehacht, Policy Director, Rural Vermont

**5:00 PM** **Chairs' Meeting**

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## Wednesday, March 10, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **S.107 - An act relating to confidential information concerning the initial arrest and charge of a juvenile**

*Voted out of committee*

**1:45 PM** **S.51 - An act relating to the persons authorized to make contributions to candidates and political parties and to political committee names**

*Voted out of committee*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Deborah Billado, Chair, Vermont Republican Party  
Paul Burns, Executive Director, Vermont Public Interest Research Group  
Will Senning, Director, Elections and Campaign Finance, Secretary of State's Office  
Chris Winters, Deputy Secretary, Secretary of State's Office

**2:15 PM S.78 - An act relating to binding interest arbitration for employees of the Vermont Judiciary**

*Committee discussion; voted out of committee*

Patricia Gabel, Vermont State Court Administrator, Vermont Judiciary  
Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association  
Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Joseph McNeil, Chief Negotiator, Employer Commissioners, Vermont Judiciary

**3:15 PM Cannabis Bill**

*Proposed amendment*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Sen. Corey Parent, Sponsor, Franklin County

**3:30 PM S.15 - An act relating to mailing out ballots, correcting defective ballots, and miscellaneous changes to State election laws**

*Proposed amendments*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Sen. Joe Benning, Sponsor, Caledonia District  
Paul Burns, Executive Director, Vermont Public Interest Research Group

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## Thursday, March 11, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM Senate Floor**

**2:15 PM Cannabis Bill**

*Proposed amendment to bill*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Sen. Corey Parent, Sponsor, Franklin County

**3:00 PM Cannabis Bill**

*(S.25) Continue discussion of aspects of the bill relevant to government operations*

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Virginia Renfrew, Lobbyist, Marijuana Dispensaries

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## Friday, March 12, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:00 AM Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM No Committee Meeting**

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## Tuesday, March 16, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM Senate Floor**

**1:15 PM S.15 - An act relating to mailing out ballots, correcting defective ballots, and miscellaneous changes to State election laws**

*Discuss proposed amendment*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Sen. Corey Parent, Sponsor

**1:30 PM Committee Discussion**

Discuss committee priorities

**2:00 PM H.289 - An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation**

*Walk-through*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Rep. Harold "Hal" Colston, Reporter, House Committee On Government Operations  
Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

**2:15 PM H.338 - An act relating to reapportionment proposal deadlines**

*Walk-through*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Jason Broughton, State Librarian; Commissioner of Libraries, Vermont Department of Libraries  
Tom Little, Chair, Legislative Apportionment Board

**5:00 PM Chairs' Meeting**

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**Wednesday, March 17, 2021**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**12:30 PM Senate Floor**

**2:00 PM S.15 - An act relating to mailing out ballots, correcting defective ballots, and miscellaneous changes to State election laws**

*Discuss Parent Amendment, Draft 2.0*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Sen. Corey Parent, Sponsor  
Chris Winters, Deputy Secretary, Secretary of State's Office

**2:15 PM H.122 - An act relating to boards and commissions**

*Walk-through*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Robert LaClair, Reporter, House Committee On Government Operations

**2:45 PM H.135 - An act relating to the State Ethics Commission**

*Walk-through*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Rep. John Gannon, Reporter, House Committee On Government Operations  
Larry Novins, Executive Director, Vermont State Ethics Commission

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## Thursday, March 18, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM Senate Floor**

**After the Floor H.127 - An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Barre**

*Walk-through*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:30 PM H.177 - An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Montpelier**

*Walk-through*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
John Odum, Montpelier City Clerk

**3:00 PM H.151 - An act relating to vital records, mausoleums and columbaria, and emergency health orders**

*Walk-through*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Rep. Robert LaClair, Reporter, House Committee On Government Operations

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## Friday, March 19, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**11:00 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM** **Potential New Employee Classification System**

*Discuss Vermont state employees proposed classification system*

Beth Fastiggi, Commissioner, Department of Human Resources  
Patricia Gabel, Vermont State Court Administrator, Vermont Judiciary  
Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association  
Neville Kenning, DHR Consultant, Kenning Consulting  
Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Aimee Pope, Classification Manager, Department of Human Resources  
Dan Pouliot, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Human Resources  
Harold Schwartz, Director of Operations, Department of Human Resources

**2:30 PM** **Filling Vacancies on School Boards**

*Committee discussion*

Rob Congdon, Select Board Member, Clarendon resident  
Lynn Edmunds, Retired Businessman, Shrewsbury resident  
Todd Fillmore, Self-Employed Businessman, Shrewsbury resident  
Ken Fredette, Former School Board Member, Wallingford  
Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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## Tuesday, March 23, 2021

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**9:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **Update and independence of the Council under APS**

Christopher Corbin, Vermont Fire Service Training Council  
Michael Desrochers, Director, Division of Fire Safety, Department of Public Safety  
Peter Lynch, Chief of Training, Vermont Fire Academy

William Sheets, Interim Executive Director, Vermont Criminal Justice Council

William Sorrell, Chair, Vermont Criminal Justice Council

**2:30 PM S.96 - An act relating to the State Planning Office**

*Walk-through*

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:00 PM S.122 - An act relating to the required votes of presidential electors**

*Walk-through*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Sponsor

**3:30 PM S.106 - An act relating to the livestream of legislative proceedings of the General Assembly and lobbying regulations**

*Walk-through*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sen. Michael Sirotkin, Sponsor

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## Wednesday, March 24, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM Senate Floor**

**3:30 PM Legislative Reports: Update on military equipment, body cam policy and hiring/supervising qualifications**

*Committee discussion*

William Sheets, Interim Executive Director, Vermont Criminal Justice Council

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## Thursday, March 25, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:30 AM** **Retention of Superior Court Judges and Magistrates**

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**2:30 PM** **H.289 - An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation**

*MMA Amendment; Update on massage therapists*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Michelle Feldman, Program Director, Council of State Governments Justice Center

Joshua Gaines, Senior Policy Analyst, Criminal Records Project, Council of State Governments Justice Center

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Rex Thompson, Owner, DonnyBrooke Fight Promotion

**4:15 PM** **H.10 - An act relating to permitted candidate expenditures**

*Walk-through*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. John Gannon, Reporter, House Committee On Government Operations

Kate Lapp, Government Reform Associate and Project Coordinator, VPIRG

**4:30 PM** **S.73 - An act relating to allowing probation and parole officers to carry firearms while on duty**

*Walk-through*

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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**Friday, March 26, 2021**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**11:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**After the Floor      Municipal Priorities**

*Committee discussion*

- Chris Brimmer, Zoning Administrator, Fairlee
- Julie Hance, Town Manager, Chester
- Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns
- Kristine Lott, Mayor, Winooski
- Walter Martone, Resident, Springfield
- Erik Wells, Town Manager, Williston
- Deborah Wright, President, Bellows Fall Village
- Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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## Tuesday, March 30, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **Emergency Management**

*Committee discussion*

- Erica Bornemann, Director, Vermont Emergency Management & Homeland Security
- Christopher Herrick, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Safety
- Kim LaPierre, Chair, State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)
- Victoria Littlefield, Committee Liaison Chair, State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)
- Patrick McLaughlin, Response Team Chief, VT State Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT)

**2:15 PM**      **H.149 - An act relating to modernizing statutes related to the Vermont National Guard**

- Ken Gragg, Deputy Adjutant General, Vermont National Guard
- Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:45 PM**      **H.337 - An act relating to the printing and distribution of State publications**

*Walk-through*

- Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- Jason Broughton, State Librarian; Commissioner of Libraries, Vermont Department of Libraries

Rep. Samantha Lefebvre, Reporter, House Committee On Government Operations

Thomas McMurdo, Assistant State Librarian, Vermont Department of Libraries

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## Wednesday, March 31, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**2:15 PM** **H.337 - An act relating to the printing and distribution of State publications**

*Vote*

**2:50 PM** **H.154 - An act relating to the failure of municipal officers to accept office**

*Walk-through*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Tanya Vyhovsky, Reporter, House Committee On Government Operations

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

**3:00 PM** **Government Accountability Report**

*Walk-through*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Dru Roessle, Director of Performance Improvement, Agency of Human Services

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## Thursday, April 1, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **Governor's Appointments**

Beth Fastiggi

Beth Fastiggi, Commissioner, Department of Human Resources

**2:00 PM Results of the Votes for Retention of Superior Court Judges and Magistrates**

*Joint Assembly*

**2:30 PM Governor's Appointments**

*John Quinn*

John Quinn, Secretary, Agency of Digital Services

**3:15 PM Governor's Appointments**

*Susanne Young*

Susanne Young, Secretary, Agency of Administration

**3:45 PM Governor's Appointments**

*Adam Greshin*

Adam Greshin, Commissioner, Department of Finance & Management

**4:15 PM H.338 - An act relating to reapportionment proposal deadlines**

*Vote*

**4:25 PM H.149 - An act relating to modernizing statutes related to the Vermont National Guard**

*Vote*

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## Friday, April 2, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM H.177 - An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Montpelier**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

John Odum, Montpelier City Clerk

Dan Richardson, Attorney, Tarrant, Gilles, Richardson & Shems

**2:00 PM H.135 - An act relating to the State Ethics Commission**

*Committee discussion*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Larry Novins, Executive Director, Vermont State Ethics Commission

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## Tuesday, April 6, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM H.289 - An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation**

*Committee discussion*

Michelle Feldman, Program Director, Council of State Governments Justice Center

Joshua Gaines, Senior Policy Analyst, Criminal Records Project, Council of State Governments Justice Center

Joshua Green, Vermont Association of Naturopathic Physicians

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Jill Mazza Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont

Elizabeth St.James, Chief Prosecutor, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

**2:45 PM S.106 - An act relating to the livestream of legislative proceedings of the General Assembly and lobbying regulations**

*Committee discussion*

Kevin Christopher , President, Vermont Access Network

Lauren-Glenn Davitian, Executive Director, CCTV Center for Media and Democracy

**3:15 PM Adjourn**

**4:00 PM Chairs' Meeting**

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## Wednesday, April 7, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **H.151 - An act relating to vital records, mausoleums and columbaria, and emergency health orders**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
David Englander, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor, Department of Health

**2:00 PM** **Agency of Public Safety**

*Committee discussion*

Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County Sheriff's Department  
Anthony Facos, Director of Enforcement & Safety, Department of Motor Vehicles  
John Federico, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Inspector, VSEA Board of Trustees  
Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety  
William Sorrell, Chair, Vermont Criminal Justice Council  
Cindy Taylor-Patch, Director of Training, Vermont Police Academy

**3:30 PM** **ARPA Funds**

*Committee discussion*

Jack Anderson, President, Vermont Association of County Judges  
Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County Sheriff's Department  
Peter Gregory, Executive Director, Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission  
Drew Hazelton, Chief of Operations, Rescue Inc.; Chair, Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, Rescue Inc.  
Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns  
Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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## Thursday, April 8, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **H.289 - An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation**

*Possible mark-up and vote*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Mike Duteau, Kinney Drugs, Vermont Association of Chain Drug Stores  
David Englander, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor, Department of Health  
Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

**3:00 PM** **H.337 - An act relating to the printing and distribution of State publications**

Jason Broughton, State Librarian; Commissioner of Libraries, Vermont Department of Libraries  
Thomas McMurdo, Assistant State Librarian, Vermont Department of Libraries  
Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:30 PM** **Governor's Appointments**

*Discussion of confirmations/vote*

**4:00 PM** **H.154 - An act relating to the failure of municipal officers to accept office**

*Discuss adding school board vacancies.*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Rob Congdon, Select Board Member, Clarendon resident  
Todd Fillmore, Self-Employed Businessman, Shrewsbury resident  
Ken Fredette, Former School Board Member, Wallingford

**4:30 PM** **S.85 - An act relating to designating certain sheriff's deputies as classified State employees**

*Walk-through*

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association  
Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Annie Noonan, Labor Relations Manager, State's Attorneys and Sheriffs Association

## Friday, April 9, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM** **Legislative Reports: Models of civilian oversight and how they might meet the needs of our communities**

Julio Thompson, Director, Civil Rights Unit, Office of the Attorney General

**2:30 PM** **H.135 - An act relating to the State Ethics Commission**

*Vote*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:45 PM** **H.384 - An act relating to adoption of a State code of ethics**

*Walk-through*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Thomas K. Jones, Ethics Enforcement Officers, Office of State Ethics, Connecticut

Larry Novins, Executive Director, Vermont State Ethics Commission

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## Tuesday, April 13, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **S.155 - An act relating to the creation of the Agency of Public Safety**

*Committee discussion*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County Sheriff's Department

Bill Bohnyak, Sheriff, Orange County, Sheriffs' Association

Anthony Facos, Director of Enforcement & Safety, Department of Motor Vehicles

John Federico, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Inspector, VSEA Law Enforcement Representative

Timothy Page, Chief of Police, St. Johnsbury, Police Chief's Association

Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

William Sorrell, Chair, Vermont Criminal Justice Council

Cindy Taylor-Patch, Director of Training, Vermont Police Academy

**3:00 PM**      **JRH2 - Joint resolution sincerely apologizing and expressing sorrow and regret to all individual Vermonters and their families and descendants who were harmed as a result of State-sanctioned eugenics policies and practices**

*Walk-through*

Michael Chernick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:00 PM**      **Chairs' Meeting**

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## Wednesday, April 14, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **ARPA Funds**

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Stephen Klein, Chief Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

**3:30 PM**      **H.366 - An act relating to 2021 technical corrections**

*Walk-through*

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Thursday, April 15, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

## Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**     **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**     **Pay Act**

*H.439; Section F, Starting on page 170*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Beth Fastiggi, Commissioner, Department of Human Resources

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

Harold Schwartz, Director of Operations, Department of Human Resources

**2:30 PM**     **Governor's Appointments**

*Committee discussion*

Kyle Harris, Appointee, Cannabis Control Board

**2:50 PM**     **Governor's Appointments**

*Committee discussion*

Julie Hulburd, Appointee, Cannabis Control Board

**3:10 PM**     **Governor's Appointments**

*Committee discussion*

James Pepper, Appointee, Cannabis Control Board

**3:30 PM**     **Pensions**

*DR-21-0967, v1.4 Walk-through*

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Friday, April 16, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**     Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM**     **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM ARPA Funds**

Drew Hazelton, Chief of Operations, Rescue Inc.; Chair, Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, Rescue Inc.

**1:45 PM Pensions**

*Committee discussion*

Rep. Sarah Copeland Hanzas, Chair, House Committee On Government Operations  
Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National Education Association  
Thomas Golonka, Chair, Vermont Pension Investment Committee  
Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association  
Michael O'Neil, President, Vermont Troopers Association

**3:00 PM H.449 - An act relating to the membership and duties of the Vermont Pension Investment Commission and the creation of the Pension Benefits, Design, and Funding Task Force**

*Continued walk-through*

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Tuesday, April 20, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM H.449 - An act relating to the membership and duties of the Vermont Pension Investment Commission and the creation of the Pension Benefits, Design, and Funding Task Force**

*Committee discussion on governance*

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National Education Association  
Thomas Golonka, Chair, Vermont Pension Investment Committee  
Eric Henry, Chief Investment Officer, Office of the State Treasurer  
Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns  
Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association  
Michael O'Neil, President, Vermont Troopers Association  
Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer

Michael Pieciak, Commissioner, Department of Financial Regulation

**3:30 PM**      **Chairs' Meeting**

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## Wednesday, April 21, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **H.449 - An act relating to the membership and duties of the Vermont Pension Investment Commission and the creation of the Pension Benefits, Design, and Funding Task Force**

*Committee discussion on the taskforce*

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National Education Association  
Beth Fastiggi, Commissioner, Department of Human Resources  
Thomas Golonka, Chair, Vermont Pension Investment Committee  
Eric Henry, Chief Investment Officer, Office of the State Treasurer  
Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns  
Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association  
Michael O'Neil, President, Vermont Troopers Association  
Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer  
Michael Pieciak, Commissioner, Department of Financial Regulation

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## Thursday, April 22, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**2:30 PM**      **JRH2 - Joint resolution sincerely apologizing and expressing sorrow and regret to all individual Vermonters and their families and descendants who were harmed as a**

**result of State-sanctioned eugenics policies and practices**

*Committee discussion*

Judy Dow, Author, Understanding the Vermont Eugenics Survey and its Impacts Today,  
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Tanya Marshall, State Archivist and Director, VT State Archives & Records  
Administration, Secretary of State's Office

Carol McGranaghan, Chair, Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs

Rep. Thomas Stevens, Reporter, House Committee on General, Housing & Military  
Affairs

**4:00 PM Retirement for State Employees**

*H.449 Committee discussion*

- Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National Education Association
- Eric Henry, Chief Investment Officer, Office of the State Treasurer
- Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association
- Mike O'Neil, Executive Director, Vermont Troopers Association
- Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer
- Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**Friday, April 23, 2021**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**11:30 AM Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM Retirement for State Employees**

*H.449 Committee discussion*

- Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National Education Association
- Thomas Golonka, Chair, Vermont Pension Investment Committee
- Eric Henry, Chief Investment Officer, Office of the State Treasurer
- Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns
- Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association
- Michael O'Neil, President, Vermont Troopers Association
- Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- Erika Wolffing, Retirement Policy and Outreach Director, Office of the State Treasurer

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## Tuesday, April 27, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **H.289 - An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation**

*Committee discussion*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Sam Russo, ND, Vermont Association of Naturopathic Physicians

**2:00 PM** **H.435 - An act relating to miscellaneous Department of Corrections-related amendments**

James Baker, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Rep. Sara Coffey, Reporter, House Committee on Corrections and Institutions

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:30 PM** **S.142 - An act relating to designating August 31 as Overdose Awareness Day**

*Walk-through*

Michael Chernick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Deborah Ferrell, Executive Manager, Government Business Services Division,  
Department of Buildings & General Services

Mitul Patel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:45 PM** **H.177 - An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Montpelier**

*Vote*

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## Wednesday, April 28, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**2:00 PM S.142 - An act relating to designating August 31 as Overdose Awareness Day**

*Vote*

Michael Chernick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Deborah Ferrell, Executive Manager, Government Business Services Division,  
Department of Buildings & General Services  
Mitul Patel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:15 PM H.122 - An act relating to boards and commissions**

*Emergency management; Committee discussion*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Erica Bornemann, Director, Vermont Emergency Management & Homeland Security  
Kim LaPierre, Chair, State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)  
Victoria Littlefield, State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)  
Patrick McLaughlin, Response Team Chief, VT State Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT)

**3:15 PM Retirement for State Employees**

*H.449 Committee discussion*

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National Education Association  
Thomas Golonka, Chair, Vermont Pension Investment Committee  
Eric Henry, Chief Investment Officer, Office of the State Treasurer  
Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association  
Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer  
Chris Rupe, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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**Thursday, April 29, 2021**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM No Committee Meeting**

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## Friday, April 30, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**15 Minutes After the Floor** **H.449 - An act relating to the membership and duties of the Vermont Pension Investment Commission and the creation of the Pension Benefits, Design, and Funding Task Force**

*Committee discussion*

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National Education Association  
Thomas Golonka, Chair, Vermont Pension Investment Committee  
Eric Henry, Chief Investment Officer, Office of the State Treasurer  
Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns  
Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association  
Michael O'Neil, President, Vermont Troopers Association  
Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer  
Chris Rupe, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Erika Wolffing, Retirement Policy and Outreach Director, Office of the State Treasurer

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## Monday, May 3, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**4:30 PM** **H.449 - An act relating to the membership and duties of the Vermont Pension Investment Commission and the creation of the Pension Benefits, Design, and Funding Task Force**

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Tuesday, May 4, 2021

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM** **Senate Floor**

**11:00 AM** **H.122 - An act relating to boards and commissions**

*Committee discussion*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Erica Bornemann, Director, Vermont Emergency Management & Homeland Security

Sue Minter, Executive Director, Capstone Community Action

**11:45 AM** **Per Diem for Climate Council**

*Committee discussion*

**12:00 PM** **Lunch Break**

**1:30 PM** **H.289 - An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation**

*Possible vote*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

David Englander, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor, Department of Health

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Travis Knapp, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist/Advanced Practice Registered Nurse

Sam Russo, ND, Vermont Association of Naturopathic Physicians

Gail Zatz, Lobbyist, Vermont Association of Nurse Anesthetists

**2:15 PM** **H.435 - An act relating to miscellaneous Department of Corrections-related amendments**

*Committee discussion*

James Baker, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Rep. Sara Coffey, Reporter, House Committee on Corrections and Institutions

Tim Doherty, Director, Litigation Group, Downs Rachlin Martin

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jennifer McDonald, Director, Downs Rachlin Martin

4:30 PM Chairs' Meeting

## Wednesday, May 5, 2021

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

### Meeting Record

10:00 AM Senate Floor

1:25 PM **H.227 - An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Winooski**

*Walk-through*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

1:45 PM **H.435 - An act relating to miscellaneous Department of Corrections-related amendments**

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

James Baker, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Rep. Sara Coffey, Reporter, House Committee on Corrections and Institutions

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

Vincent Illuzzi, Lobbyist, Vermont State Employees Association

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

3:00 PM **JRH2 - Joint resolution sincerely apologizing and expressing sorrow and regret to all individual Vermonters and their families and descendants who were harmed as a result of State-sanctioned eugenics policies and practices**

Susan Aranoff, Senior Planner and Policy Analyst, Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council

Doug Bent, Member of Koasek Tribe, Commissioner, Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs

Michael Chernick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Judy Dow, Author, Understanding the Vermont Eugenics Survey and its Impacts Today, Gedakina

Rich Holschuh, Executive Director, Atowi Project

Carol Irons, Abenaki Elder, Albany

Carol McGranaghan, Chair, Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs

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## Thursday, May 6, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM** **H.435 - An act relating to miscellaneous Department of Corrections-related amendments**

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
James Baker, Commissioner, Department of Corrections  
Rep. Sara Coffey, Reporter, House Committee on Corrections and Institutions  
Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

**2:15 PM** **JRH2 - Joint resolution sincerely apologizing and expressing sorrow and regret to all individual Vermonters and their families and descendants who were harmed as a result of State-sanctioned eugenics policies and practices**

Michael Chernick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Friday, May 7, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:15 PM** **H.122 - An act relating to boards and commissions**

*Vote*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**1:50 PM** **H.140 - An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Williston**

*Walk-through*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Robert Hooper, Reporter, Chittenden 6-1

**2:05 PM**     **H.445 - An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the Town of Underhill**

*Walk-through*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:15 PM**     **JRH2 - Joint resolution sincerely apologizing and expressing sorrow and regret to all individual Vermonters and their families and descendants who were harmed as a result of State-sanctioned eugenics policies and practices**

*Vote*

Michael Chernick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:45 PM**     **Committee Discussion**

*Governance regarding H.360*

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Sponsor

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## Tuesday, May 11, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**     Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM**     **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM**     **Committee Discussion**

*Discuss governance in regard to H.360*

Chris Campbell, Former Executive Director, Vermont Telecommunications Authority

Holly Groschner, Former General Counsel, VTA

Maria Royle, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Irv Thomae, Former Chair, ECFiber

June Tierney, Commissioner, Department of Public Service

Stephen Whitaker, Advocate, Montpelier

**2:30 PM**     **S.15 - An act relating to mailing out ballots, correcting defective ballots, and miscellaneous changes to State election laws**

*Committee discussion*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Will Senning, Director, Elections and Campaign Finance, Secretary of State's Office

**3:00 PM Ethics Commission**

*Committee discussion*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Thomas K. Jones, Ethics Enforcement Officers, Office of State Ethics, Connecticut

Larry Novins, Executive Director, Vermont State Ethics Commission

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## Wednesday, May 12, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM Ethics Commission**

*Committee discussion -- code of ethics (H.384)*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Thomas K. Jones, Ethics Enforcement Officers, Office of State Ethics, Connecticut

Larry Novins, Executive Director, Vermont State Ethics Commission

**3:00 PM 15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM S.15 - An act relating to mailing out ballots, correcting defective ballots, and miscellaneous changes to State election laws**

*Committee discussion*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Will Senning, Director, Elections and Campaign Finance, Secretary of State's Office

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## Thursday, May 13, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM** **H.443 - An act relating to approval of the merger of the Wilmington Water District with the Town of Wilmington**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Rep. John Gannon, Reporter, House Committee On Government Operations

**1:30 PM** **S.155 - An act relating to the creation of the Agency of Public Safety**

*Committee discussion*

Anthony Facos, Director of Enforcement & Safety, Department of Motor Vehicles  
Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety  
Cindy Taylor-Patch, Director of Training, Vermont Police Academy

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## Friday, May 14, 2021

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **S.85 - An act relating to designating certain sheriff's deputies as classified State employees**

John Berard, Director, Labor Relations, Department of Human Resources  
John Campbell, Executive Director, Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs  
Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association  
Vincent Illuzzi, Lobbyist, Vermont State Employees Association  
Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Roger Marcoux, Chair, Enhanced 9-1-1 Board  
Annie Noonan, Director of Human Resources, State's Attorneys and Sheriffs Association  
Marc Poulin, Transport Deputy, Washington County

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## Friday, November 19, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM** **Committee Discussion**

*Regarding Special Session Legislation - Draft 21-1038*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Peter Elwell, Town Manager, Town of Brattleboro

Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Jaye Johnson, General Counsel, Governor's Office

Kendal Smith, Director of Policy Development and Legislative Affairs, Governor's Office

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## Tuesday, January 4, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **Welcome**

**2:00 PM** **Committee Discussion and Planning**

*Committee priorities*

**2:30 PM** **S.172 - An act relating to authorizing alternative procedures for 2022 annual municipal meetings in response to COVID-19**

*Walk-through and vote*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:00 PM** **Committee Discussion**

Hon. James Condos, Secretary of State

**3:30 PM**      **Committee Discussion**

Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns  
Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

**4:00 PM**      **Chairs' Meeting**

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## Wednesday, January 5, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**2:00 PM**      **Governor's State of the State Address**

*Joint Assembly*

**3:15 PM**      **Craft Open Meeting Bill**

*Committee discussion*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Sarah Bruce, Chair, Hartland Energy Committee  
Catherine Dimitruk, Executive Director, Northwest Regional Planning Commission  
Michael Donoghue, Vermont Press Association  
Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns  
Jenny Prosser, General Counsel and Director, Municipal Services, Secretary of State's Office  
Chris Winters, Deputy Secretary, Secretary of State's Office  
Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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## Thursday, January 6, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 1:00 PM**     **Senate Floor**
  
  - 1:30 PM**     **S.222 - An act relating to authorizing temporary Open Meeting Law procedures in response to COVID-19**  

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
  
  - 2:00 PM**     **S.171 - An act relating to adoption of a State code of ethics**  

*Walk-through*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Thomas K. Jones, Ethics Enforcement Officers, Office of State Ethics, Connecticut  
Christina Sivret, Executive Director, Vermont State Ethics Commission
  
  - 2:30 PM**     **Break**
  
  - 2:45 PM**     **S.147 - An act relating to language access plans**  

*Walk-through*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
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## Friday, January 7, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**     Standard

### Meeting Record

- 11:30 AM**     **Senate Floor**
  
- 1:00 PM**     **Pensions 101**  

Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer  
Chris Rupe, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office
  
- 2:30 PM**     **Proposed bill on signatures and school ballots**  

*Discussion*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns  
Chris Winters, Deputy Secretary, Secretary of State's Office

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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## Tuesday, January 11, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:30 AM** **Senate Floor**
- 1:30 PM** **S.95 - An act relating to government accountability and State quality of life outcomes**  
*Committee discussion*
- 2:00 PM** **S.155 - An act relating to the creation of the Agency of Public Safety**  
*Walk-through*  
Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety  
William Sorrell, Chair, Vermont Criminal Justice Council
- 3:00 PM** **15 Minute Break**
- 3:15 PM** **S.96 - An act relating to the State Planning Office**  
*Walk-through*  
Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 4:00 PM** **Chairs' Meeting**
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## Wednesday, January 12, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **S.173 - An act relating to the State House art collections**

*Walk-through*

Steve Perkins, Executive Director, Vermont Historical Society  
David Schutz, State Curator, Department of Buildings and General Services  
Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:00 PM**      **S.171 - An act relating to adoption of a State code of ethics**

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
John Bloomer, Secretary, Office of the Senate Secretary  
Paul Burns, Executive Director, Vermont Public Interest Research Group  
Beth Fastiggi, Commissioner, Department of Human Resources  
Thomas K. Jones, Ethics Enforcement Officers, Office of State Ethics, Connecticut  
Ben Kinsley, Board Member, Campaign for Vermont  
Pat McDonald, President, Board of Directors, Vote for Vermont  
Christina Sivret, Executive Director, Vermont State Ethics Commission  
Tom Waldman, General Counsel, Department of Human Resources

**3:30 PM**      **Pensions Task Force Report Summary**

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National Education Association  
Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association  
Michael O'Neil, President, Vermont Troopers Association  
Colin Robinson, Political Director, Vermont National Education Association  
Chris Rupe, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Thursday, January 13, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **S.181 - An act relating to authorizing miscellaneous regulatory authority for municipal governments**

*Walk-through*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

**2:30 PM S.175 - An act relating to confidential information concerning the initial arrest and charge of a child**

*Walk-through*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:30 PM S.158 - An act relating to optometrists' scope of practice**

*Walk-through*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Dean Barcelow, President, Vermont Optometric Association

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Heather Shouldice, Lobbyist, Vermont Optometric Association

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## Friday, January 14, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM Pensions 101**

Eric Davis, Environmental Analyst VI, Environmental Conservation

Andrew Emrich, Teacher, Vermont National Education Association

Sen. Jane Kitchel, Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations

Kate McCann, Teacher, U32

Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer

Chris Rupe, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Molly Stoner, Teacher, Vermont National Education Association

Dan Trottier, Sergeant, Public Safety Department

Leona Watt, Senior ProbationParole Officer, State of Vermont Corrections

## Tuesday, January 18, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM** **Governor's FY 2023 Budget Address**

*Joint Assembly*

**15 Minutes After the Floor** **H.361 - An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Brattleboro**

*Walk-through*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:15 PM** **H.454 - An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington**

*Walk-through*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:00 PM** **Chairs' Meeting**

**5:30 PM** **Public Hearing**

*The Senate Government Operations Committee will hold a public hearing on the Final Report and Recommendations of the Pension Task Force.*

David Bellini, Concerned Citizen, Montpelier  
Peter Booth, Teacher, Jericho  
Karen Denniston, State employee, Cambridge  
Beverly Foster, Teacher, Londonderry  
Caitlin MacLeod-Bluver, Teacher, Moretown  
Jody Sabataso, Teacher, Rutland City  
Alison Sylvester, Teacher, Springfield

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## Wednesday, January 19, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **Pensions**

*Committee discussion*

Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National Education Association  
Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association  
Mike O'Neil, Executive Director, Vermont Troopers Association  
Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer  
Colin Robinson, Political Director, Vermont National Education Association  
Chris Rupe, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**3:00 PM** **S.192 - An act relating to creditable service for temporary State employment**

*Walk-through*

Thomas Abdelnour, Legislative Coordinator, Vermont State Employees Association  
Beth Fastiggi, Commissioner, Department of Human Resources  
Chris Rupe, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Thursday, January 20, 2022

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **S.155 - An act relating to the creation of the Agency of Public Safety**

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Anthony Facos, Director of Enforcement & Safety, Department of Motor Vehicles  
Wanda Minoli, Commissioner, Department of Motor Vehicles  
Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

**2:45 PM S.171 - An act relating to adoption of a State code of ethics**

*Committee discussion*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Thomas K. Jones, Ethics Enforcement Officers, Office of State Ethics, Connecticut  
Ben Kinsley, Board Member, Campaign for Vermont  
Pat McDonald, Berlin, VT, Vote for Vermont  
Christina Sivret, Executive Director, Vermont State Ethics Commission

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## Friday, January 21, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM S.168 - An act relating to cemetery fencing**

*Walk-through*

Thomas Giffin, President, Vermont Old Cemetery Association  
Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**1:30 PM H.454 - An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington**

Miro Weinberger, Mayor, City Of Burlington

**2:00 PM S.156 - An act relating to the appointment of the Adjutant and Inspector General**

*Walk-through*

Ken Gragg, Deputy Adjutant General, Vermont National Guard  
Gregory C. Knight, Adjutant General, Vermont National Guard  
Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Tracy Poirier, Colonel; Chief of Staff, Vermont National Guard

**2:30 PM S.174 - An act relating to publication of State, county, and municipal notices on electronic news media**

*Walk-through*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Michael Donoghue, Vice President, Vermont Press Association

Anne Galloway, Executive Director, Vermont Digger

Cathy Resmer, Deputy Publisher, Seven Days Newspaper

**3:30 PM S.176 - An act relating to voter approval of water supply rates**

*Walk-through*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Tuesday, January 25, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM Department of Corrections**

*Committee discussion on staffing issues*

Al Cormier, Chief of Operations, Department of Corrections

Nicholas Deml, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Rachel Feldman, Principal Assistant and Public Information Officer, Office of the  
Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

**3:00 PM S.173 - An act relating to the State House art collections**

*Committee discussion*

Jennifer Fitch, Commissioner, Department of Buildings and General Services

Janet Miller, Sergeant-At-Arms

David Schutz, State Curator, Department of Buildings and General Services

**4:00 PM Chairs' Meeting**

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## Wednesday, January 26, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **S.181 - An act relating to authorizing miscellaneous regulatory authority for municipal governments**

*Committee discussion*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

**2:45 PM** **15 Minute Break**

**3:00 PM** **S.171 - An act relating to adoption of a State code of ethics**

*Committee discussion*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Thomas K. Jones, Ethics Enforcement Officers, Office of State Ethics, Connecticut

Ben Kinsley, Board Member, Campaign for Vermont

Pat McDonald, Berlin, VT, Vote for Vermont

Christina Sivret, Executive Director, Vermont State Ethics Commission

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## Thursday, January 27, 2022

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **S.158 - An act relating to optometrists' scope of practice**

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Dean Barcelow, President, Vermont Optometric Association

Richard Castillo, - Assistant Dean for Surgical Training & Education, College of Optometry; Northeastern State University, Oklahoma

Lisa Fennell, American Board of Optometry & Council on Optometric Practitioners

Education (COPE)

Amy Gregory, Ophthalmologist

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Dorothy Hitchmoth, Education: VA, Board of Directors

Luben Ikononov, Student, New England College of Optometry

Brian Kim, Chief, Ophthalmology, Larner College of Medicine at the University of Vermont

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## Friday, January 28, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM** **S.155 - An act relating to the creation of the Agency of Public Safety**

*Committee discussion*

Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity and Chair of the Governor's Task Force on Racial Equality, Agency of Administration

Etan Nasreddin-Longo, Chair of RDAP and Co-director of Fair and Impartial Policing and Community Affairs, Putney

Wilda White, DPS Policy and Training Consultant, MadFreedom

**2:15 PM** **S.175 - An act relating to confidential information concerning the initial arrest and charge of a child**

*Committee discussion*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Charity Clark, Chief of Staff, Attorney General's Office

Michael Donoghue, Vice President, Vermont Press Association

Jaye Johnson, General Counsel, Governor's Office

Lisa Loomis, President, Vermont Press Association and editor/co-owner, Valley Reporter

Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender, Defender General's Office

**3:15 PM** **S.174 - An act relating to publication of State, county, and municipal notices on electronic news media**

*Committee discussion*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Jordan Brechenser, President and Publisher, Vermont News and Media  
Michael Donoghue, Executive Director, Vermont Press Association  
Anne Galloway, Executive Director, Vermont Digger  
Chris Winters, Deputy Secretary, Secretary of State's Office  
Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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## Tuesday, February 1, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **S.218 - An act relating to prohibiting public bodies from discouraging public participation based on race**

*Walk-through*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Sen. Randy Brock, Sponsor

**2:00 PM** **S.203 - An act relating to workforce development**

*Walk-through*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Sen. Randy Brock, Sponsor  
Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office  
Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:15 PM** **S.251 - An act relating to divestment of State pension funds from fossil fuel companies**

Thomas Golonka, Chair, Vermont Pension Investment Committee  
Will Kriewald, Chief Financial Officer, Office of the State Treasurer  
Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer  
Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:00 PM** **Chairs' Meeting**

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## Wednesday, February 2, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **S.147 - An act relating to language access plans**

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Amanda Garces, Director of Policy, Education and Outreach, Vermont Human Rights Commission

Linda Li, President, NASW Vermont Chapter, Community Health Center of Burlington

Amila Merdzanovic, Director, USCRI-Vermont

Alison Segar, Vermont Language Justice Project

**3:00 PM** **S.181 - An act relating to authorizing miscellaneous regulatory authority for municipal governments**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Peter Walke, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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## Thursday, February 3, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**2:30 PM**

### S.96 - An act relating to the State Planning Office

Ed Bove, Executive Director, Rutland Regional Planning Commission  
Chris Campany, Executive Director, Windham Regional Commission  
Chris Cochran, Director of Community Planning & Revitalization, Agency of Commerce and Community Development  
Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Friday, February 4, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM** **S.171 - An act relating to adoption of a State code of ethics**

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
John Bloomer, Secretary, Vermont Senate  
Scott Griffith, Interim State Court Administrator, Vermont Judiciary  
Thomas K. Jones, Ethics Enforcement Officers, Office of State Ethics, Connecticut  
Mike Kennedy, Vermont Bar Counsel, The Vermont Judiciary  
Ben Kinsley, Board Member, Campaign for Vermont  
Pat McDonald, Berlin, VT, Vote for Vermont  
Christina Sivret, Executive Director, Vermont State Ethics Commission  
BetsyAnn Wrask, Clerk of the House, Vermont House of Representatives

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## Tuesday, February 8, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **S.158 - An act relating to optometrists' scope of practice**

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Dean Barcelow, President, Vermont Optometric Association

Lisa Fennell, American Board of Optometry & Council on Optometric Practitioners  
Education (COPE)

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Dorothy Hitchmoth, Education: VA, Board of Directors

Sierra Powell, American Board of Optometry

Steve St.Marie, Optometrist

Mitchell Styczynski, Resdient

Jeff Young, Ophthalmologist, UVMMC

**3:00 PM**      **15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM**      **H.361 - An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Brattleboro**

*Vote*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Peter Anthony, Sponsor of amendment, Washington-3

Rep. Mollie S. Burke, Sponsor of amendment, Windham 2-2

Rep. Emilie Kornheiser, Co-Chair, Windham 2-1

Rep. Tristan Toleno, Brattleboro

**3:30 PM**      **S.122 - An act relating to the required votes of presidential electors**

Will Senning, Director, Elections and Campaign Finance, Secretary of State's Office

Chris Winters, Deputy Secretary of State, Secretary of State's Office

**4:00 PM**      **Chairs' Meeting**

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## Wednesday, February 9, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**2:00 PM**      **S.122 - An act relating to the required votes of presidential electors**

Vote

Will Senning, Director, Elections and Campaign Finance, Secretary of State's Office

**2:15 PM**     **S.171 - An act relating to adoption of a State code of ethics**

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Teri Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar Association  
Scott Griffith, Interim State Court Administrator, Vermont Judiciary  
Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association  
Vincent Illuzzi, Lobbyist, Vermont State Employees Association  
Thomas K. Jones, Ethics Enforcement Officers, Office of State Ethics, Connecticut  
Mike Kennedy, Vermont Bar Counsel, The Vermont Judiciary  
Pat McDonald, Berlin, VT, Vote for Vermont  
Christina Sivret, Executive Director, Vermont State Ethics Commission

**3:00 PM**     **15 Minute Break**

**3:30 PM**     **S.175 - An act relating to confidential information concerning the initial arrest and charge of a child**

*Vote*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Charity Clark, Chief of Staff, Attorney General's Office  
Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender, Defender General's Office

**3:45 PM**     **S.181 - An act relating to authorizing miscellaneous regulatory authority for municipal governments**

*Possible vote*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Thursday, February 10, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**     Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**     **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **S.173 - An act relating to the State House art collections**

Jennifer Fitch, Commissioner, Department of Buildings and General Services  
Janet Miller, Sergeant at Arms, Vermont General Assembly  
David Schutz, State Curator, Department of Buildings and General Services  
Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:00 PM**      **15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM**      **S.250 - An act relating to law enforcement data collection and interrogation**

*Walk-through*

Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County Sheriff's Office  
Christopher Brickell, Deputy Director, Vermont Criminal Justice Council  
Jennifer Harlow, Sheriff, Orleans County, Sheriffs' Association  
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Brian Peete, Chief of Police, Montpelier, Vermont Police Association  
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William Sorrell, Chair, Vermont Criminal Justice Council  
Julio Thompson, Director, Civil Rights Unit, Office of the Attorney General  
Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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## Friday, February 11, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM**      **S.155 - An act relating to the creation of the Agency of Public Safety**

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Mark Anderson, Executive Board President, Sheriff's, Windham County Sheriff's Office  
Christopher Brickell, Deputy Director, Vermont Criminal Justice Council  
Jennifer Frank, President, Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police  
Brian Peete, Chief of Police, Montpelier, Vermont Police Association  
Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety  
Heather Simons, Executive Director, Vermont Criminal Justice Council

William Sorrell, Chair, Vermont Criminal Justice Council

Julio Thompson, Director, Civil Rights Unit, Office of the Attorney General

**3:00 PM**     **15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM**     **Committee Discussion**

*Follow up on S.171 and S.181; general discussion*

**3:30 PM**     **S.173 - An act relating to the State House art collections**

John Dumville, Co-Chair, Friends of the State House

Jennifer Fitch, Commissioner, Department of Buildings and General Services

Janet Miller, Sergeant at Arms, Vermont General Assembly

David Schutz, State Curator, Department of Buildings and General Services

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Tuesday, February 15, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**     Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**     **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**     **H.444 - An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Barre**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Carol Dawes, Chair of the Legislative Committee, Vermont Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Association

**2:15 PM**     **S.176 - An act relating to voter approval of water supply rates**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Dominic Cloud, City Manager, City of St. Albans

Brendon Deso, Selectboard Chair, Town of St. Albans

Susan Fortin, Citizen, Town of St. Albans

Ed Groff, Citizen, Town of St. Albans

Sally Groff, Citizen, Town of St. Albans

Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Gordon Merrick, Law Clerk

Ben Montross, Drinking Water Program Manager, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

Sen. Corey Parent, Sponsor, Franklin County

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

**3:00 PM**      **15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM**      **S.176 - An act relating to voter approval of water supply rates**

*Resume discussion*

**4:15 PM**      **Chairs' Meeting**

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## Wednesday, February 16, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **RAD-VT Lobby Day**

Christie Delphia, Housing Justice Organizer, Rights and Democracy Vermont

Tom Proctor, Housing Justice Organizer, Rights and Democracy Vermont

**1:45 PM**      **S.96 - An act relating to the State Planning Office**

Chris Campany, Executive Director, Windham Regional Commission

Chris Cochran, Director of Community Planning & Revitalization, Agency of Commerce and Community Development

Ellen Czajkowski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:45 PM**      **15 Minute Break**

**3:00 PM**      **S.181 - An act relating to authorizing miscellaneous regulatory authority for municipal governments**

*Possible vote*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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## Thursday, February 17, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:30 AM Election of Legislative Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation**

*Joint assembly*

**1:00 PM Senate Floor**

**2:00 PM S.147 - An act relating to language access plans**

*To access specific closed captioning for this meeting, please go to: <https://www.captionedtext.com/client/event.aspx?EventID=5040765&CustomerID=4322>*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Cory Brunner, Translator, Vancro Interpreting Services

Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity and Chair of the Governor's Task Force on Racial Equality, Agency of Administration

Amanda Garces, Director of Policy, Education and Outreach, Vermont Human Rights Commission

Linda Li, President, NASW Vermont Chapter, Community Health Center of Burlington

Amila Merdzanovic, Director, USCRI-Vermont

Alison Segar, Vermont Language Justice Project

Laura Siegel, Director, Director of Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing, and DeafBlind Services

**2:30 PM 15 Minute Break**

**2:45 PM S.155 - An act relating to the creation of the Agency of Public Safety**

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Christopher Brickell, Deputy Director, Vermont Criminal Justice Council

John Federico, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Inspector, VSEA Law Enforcement Representative

Jennifer Frank, President, Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police

Brian Peete, Chief of Police, Montpelier, Vermont Police Association

Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

Heather Simons, Executive Director, Vermont Criminal Justice Council

William Sorrell, Chair, Vermont Criminal Justice Council

Julio Thompson, Director, Civil Rights Unit, Office of the Attorney General

**3:30 PM S.250 - An act relating to law enforcement data collection and interrogation**

*Discussion. (This is tentative, depending on whether the committee can fit it into the agenda.)*

- Christopher Brickell, Deputy Director, Vermont Criminal Justice Council
- Jennifer Harlow, Sheriff, Orleans County, Sheriffs' Association
- Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns
- Benjamin Novogroski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- Brian Peete, Chief of Police, Montpelier, Vermont Police Association
- Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety
- William Sorrell, Chair, Vermont Criminal Justice Council
- Julio Thompson, Director, Civil Rights Unit, Office of the Attorney General
- Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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## Friday, February 18, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM S.158 - An act relating to optometrists' scope of practice**

*Mark-up and possible vote*

- Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- Dean Barcelow, President, Vermont Optometric Association
- David Herlihy, Executive Director, Vermont Board of Medical Practice
- Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office
- Jessica McNally, President, Vermont Ophthalmological Society

**3:00 PM 15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM S.171 - An act relating to adoption of a State code of ethics**

- Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- John Campbell, Executive Director, Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs

- Paul Erlbaum, Vermont State Ethics Commission
- Paul Gillies, Attorney
- Jason Grammit, Past President, Council on Government Ethics Law
- Scott Griffith, Interim State Court Administrator, Vermont Judiciary
- Vincent Illuzzi, Lobbyist, Vermont State Employees Association
- Thomas K. Jones, Ethics Enforcement Officers, Office of State Ethics, Connecticut
- Ben Kinsley, Board Member, Campaign for Vermont
- Pat McDonald, Berlin, VT, Vote for Vermont
- Christina Sivret, Executive Director, Vermont State Ethics Commission

## Tuesday, February 22, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **S.286 - An act relating to amending various public pension and other postemployment benefits**

- Michael Clasen, Deputy State Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer
- Andrew Emrich, Teacher, Vermont National Education Association
- Jeff Fannon, Executive Director, Vermont National Education Association
- Thomas Golonka, Chair, Vermont Pension Investment Commission
- Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association
- Kate McCann, Teacher, U32
- Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer
- Chris Rupe, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office
- Dan Trottier, Sergeant, Public Safety Department
- Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- Leona Watt, Senior Probation and Parole Officer, State of Vermont Corrections

**3:00 PM** **15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM**

**S.251 - An act relating to divestment of State pension funds from fossil fuel companies**

Richard Brooks, Climate Finance Director, STAND.earth  
Thomas Golonka, Chair, Vermont Pension Investment Commission  
Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer

**4:00 PM      Chairs' Meeting**

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**Wednesday, February 23, 2022**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**1:30 PM      Committee Discussion**

**2:00 PM      S.171 - An act relating to adoption of a State code of ethics**

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
John Campbell, Executive Director, Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs  
Teri Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar Association  
Paul Gillies, Attorney  
Jason Grammit, Past President, Council on Government Ethics Law  
Scott Griffith, Interim State Court Administrator, Vermont Judiciary  
Vincent Illuzzi, Lobbyist, Vermont State Employees Association  
Thomas K. Jones, Ethics Enforcement Officers, Office of State Ethics, Connecticut  
Ben Kinsley, Board Member, Campaign for Vermont  
Pat McDonald, Berlin, VT, Vote for Vermont  
Christina Sivret, Executive Director, Vermont State Ethics Commission

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**Thursday, February 24, 2022**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**2:00 PM      S.181 - An act relating to authorizing miscellaneous regulatory authority for municipal**

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### Vote

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Gordon Merrick, Law Clerk

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

### 3:00 PM **S.171 - An act relating to adoption of a State code of ethics**

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

John Campbell, Executive Director, Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs

Teri Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar Association

Scott Griffith, Interim State Court Administrator, Vermont Judiciary

Vincent Illuzzi, Lobbyist, Vermont State Employees Association

Thomas K. Jones, Ethics Enforcement Officers, Office of State Ethics, Connecticut

Ben Kinsley, Board Member, Campaign for Vermont

Pat McDonald, Berlin, VT, Vote for Vermont

Christina Sivret, Executive Director, Vermont State Ethics Commission

### 3:45 PM **H.444 - An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Barre**

#### Vote

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Carol Dawes, Clerk-Treasurer, Barre City

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## Friday, February 25, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM** **S.155 - An act relating to the creation of the Agency of Public Safety**

*Discussion on office of community engagement; vote*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Christopher Brickell, Deputy Director, Vermont Criminal Justice Council

Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity and Chair of the Governor's Task Force on Racial Equality, Agency of Administration

Anthony Facos, Director of Enforcement & Safety, Department of Motor Vehicles

Dan Fingas, Vermont Organizing Director, Rights and Democracy Vermont

Kiah Morris, Movement Politics & Policy Director, Rights and Democracy Vermont

Etan Nasreddin, Chair, RDAP

Brian Peete, Chief of Police, Montpelier, Vermont Police Association

Falko Schilling, Advocacy Director, ACLU of Vermont

Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

Heather Simons, Executive Director, Vermont Criminal Justice Council

Julio Thompson, Director, Civil Rights Unit, Office of the Attorney General

**3:00 PM**      **15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM**      **S.250 - An act relating to law enforcement data collection and interrogation**

*Note: Due to crossover deadlines, this hearing may be shorter or will occur after the Town Meeting Break.*

*We will be taking up S.250 in sections, as follows:*

- Start with Section 3 - Training - Xusanna Davis, Etan Nasreddin-Longo, Bill Sorrell, Christopher Brickell
- Section 4 - Data Collection - Jeff Wallin, Michael Schirling
- Sec 9 - confessions based on false information - Michael Schirling, Julio Thompson

Christopher Brickell, Deputy Director, Vermont Criminal Justice Council

Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity and Chair of the Governor's Task Force on Racial Equality, Agency of Administration

Dan Fingas, Vermont Organizing Director, Rights and Democracy Vermont

Steffen Gillom, President, Windham County NAACP

Jennifer Harlow, Sheriff, Orleans County, Sheriffs' Association

Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

Kiah Morris, Movement Politics & Policy Director, Rights and Democracy Vermont

Etan Nasreddin, Chair, RDAP

Benjamin Novogroski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Brian Peete, Chief of Police, Montpelier, Vermont Police Association

Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

Falko Schilling, Advocacy Director, ACLU of Vermont

Mia Schultz, Statewide Campaigns Organizer, Education Justice

William Sorrell, Chair, Vermont Criminal Justice Council

Julio Thompson, Director, Civil Rights Unit, Office of the Attorney General

Jeffrey Wallin, Director, Vermont Crime Information Center (VCIC)

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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**Tuesday, March 8, 2022**

## Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

## Meeting Record

**1:00 PM S.251 - An act relating to divestment of State pension funds from fossil fuel companies**

Thomas Golonka, Chair, Vermont Pension Investment Commission  
Eric Henry, Chief Investment Officer, Office of the State Treasurer  
Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:00 PM S.274 - An act relating to joint meetings of town and village legislative bodies**

*Walk-through*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns  
Sen. Corey Parent, Sponsor, Franklin County  
Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

**2:30 PM 15 Minute Break**

**2:45 PM S.176 - An act relating to voter approval of water supply rates**

*Resume discussion*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Rep. Eileen Dickinson, Member, House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development  
Sally Groff, Citizen, Town of St. Albans  
Ed Groff, Citizen, Town of St. Albans  
Sen. Corey Parent, Sponsor, Franklin County  
Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

**3:30 PM S.158 - An act relating to optometrists' scope of practice**

*Mark-up and vote*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Dean Barcelow, President, Vermont Optometric Association  
Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office  
Dorothy Hitchmoth, Education: VA, Board of Directors  
Jessica McNally, President, Vermont Ophthalmological Society  
Stephanie Winters, Deputy Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

## Wednesday, March 9, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

- 1:00 PM**     **S.171 - An act relating to adoption of a State code of ethics**
- Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
John Campbell, Executive Director, Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs  
Teri Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar Association  
Scott Griffith, Interim State Court Administrator, Vermont Judiciary  
Vincent Illuzzi, Lobbyist, Vermont State Employees Association  
Pat McDonald, Berlin, VT, Vote for Vermont  
Christina Sivret, Executive Director, Vermont State Ethics Commission
- 2:15 PM**     **S.220 - An act relating to State-paid deputy sheriffs**
- Walk-through*
- Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County Sheriff's Office  
John Berard, Director, Labor Relations, Department of Human Resources  
Jonathan Bixby, State Transport Deputy, Rutland  
David Fox, Sheriff, Rutland County  
Vincent Illuzzi, Lobbyist, Vermont State Employees Association  
Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Roger Marcoux, Sherriff, Sheriff's Association  
Annie Noonan, Labor Relations and Operations Manager, Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs
- 2:45 PM**     **S.143 - An act relating to the membership of the Vermont Municipal Employees' System**
- Walk-through*
- 3:00 PM**     **S.170 - An act relating to membership in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System for certain county sheriff department employees**
- Walk-through*
- 3:15 PM**     **S.250 - An act relating to law enforcement data collection and interrogation**
- Cover sections not discussed in previous hearings*
- Christopher Brickell, Deputy Director, Vermont Criminal Justice Council  
Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity and Chair of the Governor's Task

Force on Racial Equality, Agency of Administration  
Benjamin Novogroski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety  
Falko Schilling, Advocacy Director, ACLU of Vermont  
Julio Thompson, Director, Civil Rights Unit, Office of the Attorney General  
Jeffrey Wallin, Director, Vermont Crime Information Center (VCIC)  
Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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## Thursday, March 10, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**After the Floor** **S.143 - An act relating to the membership of the Vermont Municipal Employees' System**

*Walk-through*

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:45 PM** **S.170 - An act relating to membership in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System for certain county sheriff department employees**

*Walk-through and vote*

Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County Sheriff's Office

Vincent Illuzzi, Lobbyist, Vermont State Employees Association

Roger Marcoux, Chair, Sheriff's Association

Annie Noonan, Labor Relations and Operations Manager, Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sen. Richard Westman, Sponsor

**3:45 PM**

**S.251 - An act relating to divestment of State pension funds from fossil fuel companies**

*Discuss amendment*

Thomas Golonka, Chair, Vermont Pension Investment Commission

Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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**Friday, March 11, 2022**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**11:00 AM** **Senate Floor**

**10 Minutes After  
the Floor**

**S.251 - An act relating to divestment of State pension funds from fossil fuel companies**

*Review new draft and vote*

Thomas Golonka, Chair, Vermont Pension Investment Commission

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**1:30 PM**

**S.250 - An act relating to law enforcement data collection and interrogation**

*Section 8 and additional discussion; vote*

Christopher Brickell, Deputy Director, Vermont Criminal Justice Council

Evan Meenan, Deputy Director, State's Attorneys and Sheriffs' Dept.

Benjamin Novogroski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Falko Schilling, Advocacy Director, ACLU of Vermont

Julio Thompson, Director, Civil Rights Unit, Office of the Attorney General

**2:30 PM**

**S.229 - An act relating to ranked-choice voting**

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Paul Burns, Executive Director, Vermont Public Interest Research Group

James Condos, Vermont Secretary of State, Secretary of State's Office

David O'Brien, Policy Counsel, RepresentUs

Will Senning, Director, Elections and Campaign Finance, Secretary of State's Office

## Tuesday, March 15, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

*Pro forma*

**1:00 PM** **H.628 - An act relating to amending a birth certificate to reflect gender identity**

*Walk-through and vote*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Taylor Small, Reporter and Sponsor, Chittenden-6-7

Chris Winters, Deputy Secretary of State, Secretary of State's Office

**2:00 PM** **H.447 - An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Springfield**

*Walk-through and possible vote*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Walter Martone, Select Board Member, Springfield

Jeff Mobus, Town Manager, Springfield

Rep. Kristi Morris, Co-sponsor, Windsor-3-2

**3:15 PM** **15 Minute Break**

**3:30 PM** **H.491 - An act relating to the creation of the City of Essex Junction and the adoption of the City charter**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Peter Anthony, Reporter, House Committee On Government Operations

Rep. Karen Dolan, Co-sponsor, Chittenden-8-2

Rep. Lori Houghton, Co-sponsor, Chittenden-8-2

Rep. Christopher Mattos, Amendment Reporter, House Committee on Ways and Means

**4:30 PM** **Chairs' Meeting**

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## Wednesday, March 16, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

*Pro forma*

**After the Floor** **H.708 - An act relating to the approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
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Rep. Robert Hooper, Reporter, House Committee On Government Operations  
Rep. Robert Hooper, Reporter, House Committee On Government Operations

**2:00 PM** **H.448 - An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Burlington**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Rep. Brian Cina, Sponsor, Chittenden-6-4  
Rep. Robert Hooper, Reporter, House Committee On Government Operations  
Rep. Carol Ode, Reporter, House Ways & Means Committee

**3:00 PM** **15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM** **SR16 - Senate resolution urging the United States Postal Service to improve immediately the reliability and timeliness of its deliveries and requesting that Congress take any necessary legislative actions to effectuate this objective**

Michael Chernick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Sen. Dick Sears, Sponsor, Bennington County

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**Thursday, March 17, 2022**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM** **Senate Floor**

**After the Floor**      **H.628 - An act relating to amending a birth certificate to reflect gender identity**

*Continued discussion*

David Englander, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor, Department of Health

**2:00 PM**      **H.447 - An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Springfield**

*Continued discussion*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Chris D'Elia, President, Vermont Bankers' Association

Jeff Mobus, Town Manager, Springfield

Rep. Kristi Morris, Co-sponsor, Windsor-3-2

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## Friday, March 18, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM**      **Burn Pits**

*Follow up discussion and status report*

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Robert Burke, Director, Vermont Office of Veteran Affairs

June Heston

Kathryn Becker Van Haste, State Director, Office of Senator Bernie Sanders

Peter Welch, U.S. Congressman, Vermont

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## Tuesday, March 22, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM Senate Floor**

**1:15 PM EMS - What Worked, What Didn't; Needs Going Forward**

Jim Finger , President, Vermont Ambulance Association

Drew Hazelton, Chief of Operations, Rescue Inc.; Chair, Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, Rescue Inc.

Will Moran, EMS Chief, Emergency Medical Services, Vermont Department of Health

Haley Pero, Outreach Staff, Office of Senator Bernie Sanders

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

**2:15 PM S.250 - An act relating to law enforcement data collection and interrogation**

*Regarding the Giglio language*

Evan Meenan, Deputy Director, State's Attorneys and Sheriffs' Dept.

Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

Julio Thompson, Director, Civil Rights Unit, Office of the Attorney General

**2:30 PM 15 Minute Break**

**2:45 PM H.447 - An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Springfield**

*Continued discussion*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Walter Martone, Select Board Member, Springfield

Jeff Mobus, Town Manager, Springfield

**3:15 PM H.448 - An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Burlington**

*Continued discussion*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sarah Carpenter, City Councilor, Ward 4, Burlington, VT

Matt Cota, Executive Director, Vermont Fuel Dealers Association

Dylan Giambatista, Leader of Public Affairs, Vermont Gas Systems

Darren Springer, General Manager, Burlington Electric Department

Peter Sterling, Director, Renewable Energy Vermont

William Ward, Director of Permitting and Inspections, Burlington Electric Department

Sebbi Wu, Climate and Equity Advocate, VPIRG

**4:00 PM Chairs' Meeting**

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## Wednesday, March 23, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**After the Floor** **H.708 - An act relating to the approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington**

Devon Ayers, Paralegal, Vermont Legal Aid  
Sarah Carpenter, City Councilor, Ward 4, Burlington, VT  
Erik Hoekstra, Member, Burlington Housing Alliance  
Larry Miller, Member, Burlington Housing Alliance  
Tom Proctor, Housing Justice Organizer, Rights and Democracy Vermont  
Dan Richardson, Attorney, Burlington City Attorney

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## Thursday, March 24, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:30 AM** **Retention of Superior Court Judges**

*Joint Assembly*

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**After the Floor** **Dispatch**

Kimberly B. Cheney, Board Member, Central Vermont Public Safety Authority  
Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety  
Stephen Whitaker, Advocate  
Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

## Friday, March 25, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 PM** **Senate Floor**

**3:00 PM** **H.680 - An act relating to obtaining a marriage license in any town in Vermont**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Tim Arsenault, VMCTA Legislative Committee

Gordon Merrick, Law Clerk

**3:45 PM** **H.448 - An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of Burlington**

*Vote*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Tuesday, March 29, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM** **S.181 - An act relating to authorizing miscellaneous regulatory authority for municipal governments**

*Discuss questions brought up on this bill*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

**1:15 PM** **H.491 - An act relating to the creation of the City of Essex Junction and the adoption of the City charter**

*Finish walk-through, testimony, and vote*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Karen Dolan, Co-sponsor, Chittenden-8-2

Rep. Lori Houghton, Co-sponsor, Chittenden-8-2

**2:00 PM H.708 - An act relating to the approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington**

*Possible vote*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Lisa Black, Resident, Burlington

Zoraya Hightower, Councilor, Burlington City Council

Brian Pine, Director, Community and Economic Development Office

Joan Shannon, City Councilor, Burlington South

Peter Tucker, Advocacy & Public Policy Director, Vermont Association of Realtors

**3:15 PM 15 Minute Break**

**3:30 pm H.572 - An act relating to the retirement allowance for interim educators**

*Walk-through*

Timothy Duggan, Legal Director, Office of the State Treasurer

Jay Nichols, Executive Director, Vermont Principals' Association

Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer

Colin Robinson, Political Director, Vermont National Education Association

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Wednesday, March 30, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM Senate Floor**

**After the Floor Language Access in the Legislature**

*Captioning services (CART) this afternoon: <https://www.captionedtext.com/client/event.aspx?EventID=5073990&Customer...>*

Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity, Agency of Administration

Mike Ferrant, Director, Office of Legislative Operations

Amanda Garces, Director of Policy, Education and Outreach, Vermont Human Rights

Commission

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Kevin Moore, Director of Information Technology

John Pirone, Resident, South Burlington

Laura Siegel, Director, Director of Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing, and DeafBlind Services

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## Thursday, March 31, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**12:30 PM** **Senate Floor**

**2:15 PM** **EMS**

*Discuss funding*

Jim Finger , President, Vermont Ambulance Association

Drew Hazelton, Chief of Operations, Rescue Inc.; Chair, Emergency Medical Services  
Advisory Committee, Rescue Inc.

Will Moran, EMS Chief, Emergency Medical Services, Vermont Department of Health

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

**3:15 PM** **EMS**

*Governor's budget*

Dan Batsie, Director of Emergency Preparedness, Response & Injury, Vermont  
Department of Health

Will Moran, EMS Chief, Emergency Medical Services, Vermont Department of Health

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## Friday, April 1, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM Dispatch**

- Dona Bate, Board Chair, CVPSA
- Douglas Brent, Fire Chief, Barre City Fire Department
- Rick Burke, Consultant, Televate
- Kimberly B. Cheney, Board Member, Central Vermont Public Safety Authority
- Jim Finger , President, Vermont Ambulance Association
- Drew Hazelton, Chief of Operations, Rescue Inc.; Chair, Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, Rescue Inc.
- Adam Heuslein, Chief, Glover, E.M.S.
- Douglas Hoyt, Vice Chair, CVPSA
- Will Moran, EMS Chief, Emergency Medical Services, Vermont Department of Health
- Brian Peete, Chief of Police, Montpelier, Vermont Police Association
- Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety
- Stephen Whitaker, Advocate
- Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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## Tuesday, April 5, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM Senate Floor**

**1:15 PM H.572 - An act relating to the retirement allowance for interim educators**

- Sue Ceglowski, Executive Director, Vermont School Boards Association
- Tim Duggan, Director of Vermont Retirement Systems, Office of the State Treasurer
- Jeffrey Francis, Executive Director, Vermont Superintendents Association
- Jay Nichols, Executive Director, Vermont Principals' Association
- Beth Pearce, Vermont State Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer
- Colin Robinson, Political Director, Vermont National Education Association
- Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:15 PM H.708 - An act relating to the approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington**

- Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- Sarah Carpenter, City Councilor, Ward 4, Burlington, VT

Erik Hoekstra, Member, Burlington Housing Alliance

Erika Johnson, Attorney, Housing Discrimination Law Project at Vermont Legal Aid

Larry Miller, Member, Burlington Housing Alliance

Tom Proctor, Housing Justice Organizer, Rights and Democracy Vermont

Joan Shannon, City Councilor, Burlington South

Angela Zaikowski, Director, Vermont Landlord Association

**2:45 PM**      **15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM**      **Burn Pits**

Robert Burke, Director, Vermont Office of Veteran Affairs

Ken Gragg, Deputy Adjutant General, Vermont National Guard

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Gregory C. Knight, Adjutant General, Vermont National Guard

Katherine Long, Office of Senator Patrick Leahy

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## Wednesday, April 6, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:30 PM**      **H.512 - An act relating to modernizing land records and notarial acts law**

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Chris Winters, Deputy Secretary of State, Secretary of State's Office

**2:30 PM**      **H.465 - An act relating to boards and commissions**

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. John Gannon, Sponsor, House Government Operations

**3:15 PM**      **H.293 - An act relating to creating the State Youth Council**

*Walk-through*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sara Chesbrough, Equity Technical Coordinator, Health Operations Center, Youth Services Advisory Council

Una Fonte, Member, Youth Advisory Group

Justin Kenney, Chief Performance Officer, Agency of Administration

Holly Morehouse, Executive Director, Vermont Afterschool, Inc.

Cheryle Wilcox, Interagency Planning Director, Department of Mental Health

**4:00 PM H.410 - An act relating to the use and oversight of artificial intelligence in State government**

*Walk-through*

Mark Combs, Chief Technology Officer, Agency of Digital Services

John A. Dooley, former member, Artificial Intelligence (AI) Task Force

Mark Hughes, Executive Director, Justice for All

Kristin McClure, Chief Data Officer, Agency of Digital Services

John Quinn, Secretary, Agency of Digital Services

Stephanie Seguino, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Vermont

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Thursday, April 7, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM H.661 - An act relating to licensure of mental health professionals**

*Walk-through*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity, Agency of Administration

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Linda Li, President, NASW Vermont Chapter, Community Health Center of Burlington

Rep. Tanya Vyhovsky, Reporter, House Committee On Government Operations

**2:30 PM SR16 - Senate resolution urging the United States Postal Service to improve immediately the reliability and timeliness of its deliveries and requesting that Congress take any necessary legislative actions to effectuate this objective**

Michael Chernick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Kathryn Becker Van Haste, State Director, Office of Senator Bernie Sanders

**3:00 PM**      **15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM**      **H.731 - An act relating to technical corrections for the 2022 legislative session**

*Vote*

Anthea Dexter-Cooper, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Friday, April 8, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM**      **H.718 - An act relating to approval of the dissolution of Colchester Fire District No. 1**

*Walk-through*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**1:45**      **H.96 - An act relating to creating the Truth and Reconciliation Commission**

*Walk-through*

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:15 PM**      **Committee Discussion**

*Tentative: Discuss issues relevant to Senate Government Operations in H.546 (currently in Senate Judiciary Committee)*

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## Tuesday, April 12, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:15 PM**      **H.96 - An act relating to creating the Truth and Reconciliation Commission**

*Committee discussion*

Susan Aranoff, Senior Planner and Policy Analyst, Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council

Rep. Kevin "Coach" Christie, Co-Chair, House Committee on Judiciary

Rep. Harold "Hal" Colston, Co-sponsor, House Committee On Government Operations

Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity, Agency of Administration

Mark Hughes, Executive Director, Justice for All

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Carol McGranaghan, Chair, Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs

Don Stevens, Chief, Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk-Abenaki Nation

Rep. Thomas Stevens, House Committee on General, Housing & Military Affairs

Wilda White, Founder, Mad Freedom

**3:00 PM**      **15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM**      **Committee Discussion**

*Discuss issues relevant to Senate Government Operations in H.546 (currently in Senate Judiciary Committee)*

**4:30 PM**      **Chairs' Meeting**

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## Wednesday, April 13, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **H.512 - An act relating to modernizing land records and notarial acts law**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Teri Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar Association

Chris D'Elia, President, Vermont Bankers' Association

Carol Dawes, Clerk/Treasurer, Barre City

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

James Knapp, Co-Chair, Vermont Bar Association Property Law Section

Tanya Marshall, State Archivist and Director, VT State Archives & Records Administration, Secretary of State's Office

Andrew Mikell, State Manager, VT Attorneys Title Corp.

Charles Storrow, Leonine Public Affairs

Peter Tucker, Advocacy & Public Policy Director, Vermont Association of Realtors

Chris Winters, Deputy Secretary of State, Secretary of State's Office

**3:30 PM H.465 - An act relating to boards and commissions**

*Vote*

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

**4:00 PM H.661 - An act relating to licensure of mental health professionals**

*Language change; vote*

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## Thursday, April 14, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM Senate Floor**

**After the Floor SR16 - Senate resolution urging the United States Postal Service to improve immediately the reliability and timeliness of its deliveries and requesting that Congress take any necessary legislative actions to effectuate this objective**

*Discuss new language and vote*

Michael Chernick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:30 PM**

## H.410 - An act relating to the use and oversight of artificial intelligence in State government

### *Committee discussion*

Robbie Adler, Chief Strategy Officer, Faraday

Mark Combs, Chief Technology Officer, Agency of Digital Services

John A. Dooley, former member, Artificial Intelligence (AI) Task Force

Mark Hughes, Executive Director, Justice for All

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## Friday, April 15, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM** **EMS**

### *Committee discussion*

Dan Batsie, Director of Emergency Preparedness, Response & Injury, Vermont Department of Health

Jim Finger, President, Vermont Ambulance Association

Drew Hazelton, Chief of Operations, Rescue Inc.; Chair, Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, Rescue Inc.

Will Moran, EMS Chief, Emergency Medical Services, Vermont Department of Health

Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns

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## Tuesday, April 19, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:15 PM** **H.96 - An act relating to creating the Truth and Reconciliation Commission**

*Continued testimony and committee discussion*

Susan Aranoff, Senior Planner and Policy Analyst, Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council

Rep. Kevin "Coach" Christie, Co-Chair, House Committee on Judiciary

Mark Hughes, Executive Director, Justice for All

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Thomas Stevens, House Committee on General, Housing & Military Affairs

Wilda White, Founder, Mad Freedom

Bor Yang, Executive Director & Counsel, Vermont Human Rights Commission

**3:00 PM**     **15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM**     **H.572 - An act relating to the retirement allowance for interim educators**

*Review new language and vote*

Sue Ceglowski, Executive Director, Vermont School Boards Association

Tim Duggan, Director of Vermont Retirement Systems, Office of the State Treasurer

Jeffrey Francis, Executive Director, Vermont Superintendents Association

Jay Nichols, Executive Director, Vermont Principals' Association

Beth Pearce, Vermont State Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer

Colin Robinson, Political Director, Vermont National Education Association

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:00 PM**     **Senate Floor**

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## Wednesday, April 20, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**     Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**     **Senate Floor**

**3:30 PM**     **H.410 - An act relating to the use and oversight of artificial intelligence in State government**

*Continued testimony and discussion*

John A. Dooley, former member, Artificial Intelligence (AI) Task Force

Mark Hughes, Executive Director, Justice for All

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Thursday, April 21, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM** **Senate Floor**

**1:50 PM** **H.744 - An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:30 PM** **H.741 - An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of St. Albans**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Michael McCarthy, Sponsor of amendment

**2:45 PM** **15 Minute Break**

**3:00 PM** **Committee Discussion**

*Review sections of S.127 that pertain to government operations.*

Nicholas Deml, Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Benjamin Novogroski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Friday, April 22, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:30 AM** **Senate Floor**

**2:00 PM H.572 - An act relating to the retirement allowance for interim educators**

*Review and vote*

Jay Nichols, Executive Director, Vermont Principals' Association

**2:30 PM H.410 - An act relating to the use and oversight of artificial intelligence in State government**

*Review language and vote*

Rep. Brian Cina, Sponsor, Chittenden-6-4

Mark Combs, Chief Technology Officer, Agency of Digital Services

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Tuesday, April 26, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM JRH18 - Joint resolution relating to the Russian invasion of Ukraine**

Michael Chernick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**1:30 PM H.96 - An act relating to creating the Truth and Reconciliation Commission**

*Review new language and vote*

Susan Aranoff, Senior Planner and Policy Analyst, Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council

Rep. Kevin "Coach" Christie, Co-Chair, House Committee on Judiciary

Mark Hughes, Executive Director, Justice for All

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Richard Menard, Chief, Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi

Rep. Thomas Stevens, House Committee on General, Housing & Military Affairs

Wilda White, Founder, Mad Freedom

**3:00 PM 15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM Committee Discussion**

*Discuss H.447 proposed changes*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Rep. Alice M. Emmons, Sponsor, Windsor 3-2  
Rep. Kristi Morris, Co-sponsor, Windsor 3-2  
Rep. Tanya Vyhovsky, House Committee On Government Operations

**4:30 PM      Chairs' Meeting**

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## Wednesday, April 27, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM      Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM      H.512 - An act relating to modernizing land records and notarial acts law**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Teri Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar Association  
Chris D'Elia, President, Vermont Bankers' Association  
Carol Dawes, Clerk/Treasurer, Barre City  
Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office  
James Knapp, Co-Chair, Vermont Bar Association Property Law Section  
Tanya Marshall, State Archivist and Director, VT State Archives & Records Administration, Secretary of State's Office  
Andrew Mikell, State Manager, VT Attorneys Title Corp.  
Charles Storrow, Leonine Public Affairs  
Peter Tucker, Advocacy & Public Policy Director, Vermont Association of Realtors  
Chris Winters, Deputy Secretary of State, Secretary of State's Office

**2:30 PM      15 Minute Break**

**2:45 PM      JRH18 - Joint resolution relating to the Russian invasion of Ukraine**

Michael Chernick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:15 PM      Committee Discussion**

*Committee review and discussion*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

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## Thursday, April 28, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM** **Committee Discussion**

*Committee discussion of changes made to S.286*

Chris Rupe, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**2:30 PM** **H.512 - An act relating to modernizing land records and notarial acts law**

*Discussion and vote*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Teri Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar Association

Chris D'Elia, President, Vermont Bankers' Association

Carol Dawes, Clerk/Treasurer, Barre City

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

James Knapp, Co-Chair, Vermont Bar Association Property Law Section

Tanya Marshall, State Archivist and Director, VT State Archives & Records Administration, Secretary of State's Office

Andrew Mikell, State Manager, VT Attorneys Title Corp.

Charles Storrow, Partner, Leonine Public Affairs

**3:30 PM** **Amendment to H.729**

*Committee to discuss language taken from S.155 and added to H.729 amendment.*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Friday, April 29, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM** **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM** **Committee meeting cancelled**

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## Tuesday, May 3, 2022

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM** **Senate Floor**

**After the Floor** **H.727**

*Discuss the sections of H.727 that are relevant to the Senate Government Operations Committee.*

Will Senning, Director, Elections and Campaign Finance, Secretary of State's Office

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## Wednesday, May 4, 2022

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM** **Senate Floor**

**3:00 PM** **H.743 - An act relating to amending the charter of the Town of Hardwick**

*Walk-through and vote*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Thursday, May 5, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM** **Senate Floor**

**After the Floor** **H.742 - An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Milton**

*Walk-through and possible vote*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **H.745 - An act relating to the approval of the adoption of the charter of the Town of Montgomery**

*Walk-through and possible vote*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

David Mickenberg, Lobbyist

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## Friday, May 6, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM** **Senate Floor**

**After the Floor** **To Be Determined**

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## Tuesday, May 10, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM**     **Senate Floor**

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## **Wednesday, May 11, 2022**

### **Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**     Standard

### **Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM**     **Senate Floor**

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## **Thursday, May 12, 2022**

### **Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**     Standard

### **Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM**     **Senate Floor**

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## **Friday, May 13, 2022**

### **Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**     Standard

### **Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM**     **Senate Floor**

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