

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

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM

Senate Floor

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

Friday, January 8, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:00 PM	Town Meeting Bill
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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

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:30 PM	Town Meeting Bill
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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 Hurlburt, 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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Friday, January 22, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type

Standard

Meeting Record

11:00 AM

Senate Floor

1:00 PM

No Committee Meeting

Hearing canceled.

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

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

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

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

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

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 Aborjailly, 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 Aborjailly, 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 <i>Discussion; DOC Notaries</i> 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 <i>Committee discussion</i> 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

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor
After the Floor	Caucus of the Whole <i>Update of the State's Vaccination Efforts</i> Mark Levine, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Health
2:00 PM	Department of Public Safety <i>Joint Meeting Between HGO and SGO: Draft bill walk-through: Creation of the Agency of Public Safety</i> 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

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

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

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor
1:30 PM	<div>S.95 - An act relating to government accountability and State quality of life outcomes</div> <div><i>Discuss proposed bill; adding indicators specific to Black, Indigenous and people of color to the outcome in our statutes</i></div> <div>Amerin Aborjailly, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div> <div>Dru Roessle, Director of Performance Improvement, Agency of Human Services</div> <div>Susan Zeller, Chief Performance Officer, Agency of Administration</div>
2:00 PM	<div>S.51 - An act relating to the persons authorized to make contributions to candidates and political parties and to political committee names</div> <div>Amerin Aborjailly, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div> <div>Paul Burns, Executive Director, Vermont Public Interest Research Group</div>
3:00 PM	<div>S.43 - An act relating to the contractual rights of members of the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System</div> <div><i>Committee discussion</i></div> <div>Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association</div> <div>Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div>
3:30 PM	<div>S.78 - An act relating to binding interest arbitration for employees of the Vermont Judiciary</div> <div><i>Committee discussion</i></div> <div>Patricia Gabel, Vermont State Court Administrator, Vermont Judiciary</div> <div>Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association</div> <div>Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div> <div>Joseph McNeil, Chief Negotiator, Employer Commissioners, Vermont Judiciary</div>

Thursday, February 25, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM Senate Floor

1:30 PM	Agency of Public Safety <i>Discuss bill proposal</i> 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 <i>Joint Assembly</i>
2:15 PM	Agency of Public Safety <i>Resume discussion after joint assembly</i>

Friday, February 26, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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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 <i>(S.25) Discuss aspects of the bill relevant to government operations</i> 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

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

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

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
	<i>(S.25) Continue discussion of aspects of the bill relevant to government operations</i>
	Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
	Virginia Renfrew, Lobbyist, Marijuana Dispensaries

Friday, March 12, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:00 AM	Senate Floor
1:30 PM	No Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Meeting Details

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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
	<i>Discuss proposed amendment</i>
	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

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

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

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

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

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

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 <i>MMA Amendment; Update on massage therapists</i> 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 <i>Walk-through</i> 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 <i>Walk-through</i> Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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

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

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

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

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 <i>Committee discussion</i> 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
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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 <i>Committee discussion</i> 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 <i>Committee discussion</i> 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

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-Ottawquechee 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

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
Meeting Record	
1:00 PM	Senate Floor
1:30 PM	<div>H.289 - An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation</div> <div>Possible mark-up and vote</div> <div>Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div> <div>Mike Duteau, Kinney Drugs, Vermont Association of Chain Drug Stores</div> <div>David Englander, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor, Department of Health</div> <div>Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office</div>
3:00 PM	<div>H.337 - An act relating to the printing and distribution of State publications</div> <div>Jason Broughton, State Librarian; Commissioner of Libraries, Vermont Department of Libraries</div> <div>Thomas McMurdo, Assistant State Librarian, Vermont Department of Libraries</div> <div>Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div>
3:30 PM	<div>Governor's Appointments</div> <div>Discussion of confirmations/vote</div>
4:00 PM	<div>H.154 - An act relating to the failure of municipal officers to accept office</div> <div>Discuss adding school board vacancies.</div> <div>Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div> <div>Rob Congdon, Select Board Member, Clarendon resident</div> <div>Todd Fillmore, Self-Employed Businessman, Shrewsbury resident</div> <div>Ken Fredette, Former School Board Member, Wallingford</div>
4:30 PM	<div>S.85 - An act relating to designating certain sheriff's deputies as classified State employees</div> <div>Walk-through</div> <div>Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association</div> <div>Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div> <div>Annie Noonan, Labor Relations Manager, State's Attorneys and Sheriffs Association</div>

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

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**

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

Thursday, April 15, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor
1:30 PM	<div>Pay Act</div> <div>H.439; Section F, Starting on page 170</div> <div>Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div> <div>Beth Fastiggi, Commissioner, Department of Human Resources</div> <div>Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association</div> <div>Harold Schwartz, Director of Operations, Department of Human Resources</div>
2:30 PM	<div>Governor's Appointments</div> <div>Committee discussion</div> <div>Kyle Harris, Appointee, Cannabis Control Board</div>
2:50 PM	<div>Governor's Appointments</div> <div>Committee discussion</div> <div>Julie Hulburd, Appointee, Cannabis Control Board</div>
3:10 PM	<div>Governor's Appointments</div> <div>Committee discussion</div> <div>James Pepper, Appointee, Cannabis Control Board</div>
3:30 PM	<div>Pensions</div> <div>DR-21-0967, v1.4 Walk-through</div> <div>Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div>

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 <i>Committee discussion</i> 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 <i>Continued walk-through</i> Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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 <i>Committee discussion on governance</i> 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

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

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, Gedakina
- 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

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

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

Thursday, April 29, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **No Committee Meeting**

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

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

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

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 Aborjailly, 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

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 Aborjailly, 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

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

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

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 <i>Committee discussion</i> 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

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

Friday, November 19, 2021

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	<p>Committee Discussion</p> <p><i>Regarding Special Session Legislation - Draft 21-1038</i></p> <p>Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</p> <p>Peter Elwell, Town Manager, Town of Brattleboro</p> <p>Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns</p> <p>Jaye Johnson, General Counsel, Governor's Office</p> <p>Kendal Smith, Director of Policy Development and Legislative Affairs, Governor's Office</p>
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Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	<p>Senate Floor</p>
1:30 PM	<p>Welcome</p>
2:00 PM	<p>Committee Discussion and Planning</p> <p><i>Committee priorities</i></p>
2:30 PM	<p>S.172 - An act relating to authorizing alternative procedures for 2022 annual municipal meetings in response to COVID-19</p> <p><i>Walk-through and vote</i></p> <p>Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</p>
3:00 PM	<p>Committee Discussion</p> <p>Hon. James Condos, Secretary of State</p>

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

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor
2:00 PM	Governor's State of the State Address <i>Joint Assembly</i>
3:15 PM	Craft Open Meeting Bill <i>Committee discussion</i> 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

Thursday, January 6, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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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 <i>Walk-through</i> 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 <i>Walk-through</i> Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Friday, January 7, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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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 <i>Discussion</i> 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

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

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 <i>Walk-through</i> 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

Thursday, January 13, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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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

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 Sabatato, Teacher, Rutland City
- Alison Sylvester, Teacher, Springfield

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type		Standard
Meeting Record		
1:00 PM	Senate Floor	
1:30 PM	Pensions	
	<i>Committee discussion</i>	
	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	
	<i>Walk-through</i>	
	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	

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

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

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**

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 <i>Committee discussion</i> 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 <i>Committee discussion</i> 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

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 Ikonomov, Student, New England College of Optometry

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

Friday, January 28, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor
1:00 PM	<p>S.155 - An act relating to the creation of the Agency of Public Safety</p> <p><i>Committee discussion</i></p> <p>Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity and Chair of the Governor's Task Force on Racial Equality, Agency of Administration</p> <p>Etan Nasreddin-Longo, Chair of RDAP and Co-director of Fair and Impartial Policing and Community Affairs, Putney</p> <p>Wilda White, DPS Policy and Training Consultant, MadFreedom</p>
2:15 PM	<p>S.175 - An act relating to confidential information concerning the initial arrest and charge of a child</p> <p><i>Committee discussion</i></p> <p>Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</p> <p>Charity Clark, Chief of Staff, Attorney General's Office</p> <p>Michael Donoghue, Vice President, Vermont Press Association</p> <p>Jaye Johnson, General Counsel, Governor's Office</p> <p>Lisa Loomis, President, Vermont Press Association and editor/co-owner, Valley Reporter</p> <p>Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender, Defender General's Office</p>
3:15 PM	<p>S.174 - An act relating to publication of State, county, and municipal notices on electronic news media</p> <p><i>Committee discussion</i></p>

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

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 <i>Walk-through</i> Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel Sen. Randy Brock, Sponsor
2:00 PM	S.203 - An act relating to workforce development <i>Walk-through</i> 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

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor
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1:30 PM	S.147 - An act relating to language access plans
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Amerin Aborjailly, 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
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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

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor
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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

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

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

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	<div>S.171 - An act relating to adoption of a State code of ethics</div> <div>Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div> <div>Teri Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar Association</div> <div>Scott Griffith, Interim State Court Administrator, Vermont Judiciary</div> <div>Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association</div> <div>Vincent Illuzzi, Lobbyist, Vermont State Employees Association</div> <div>Thomas K. Jones, Ethics Enforcement Officers, Office of State Ethics, Connecticut</div> <div>Mike Kennedy, Vermont Bar Counsel, The Vermont Judiciary</div> <div>Pat McDonald, Berlin, VT, Vote for Vermont</div> <div>Christina Sivret, Executive Director, Vermont State Ethics Commission</div>
3:00 PM	<div>15 Minute Break</div>
3:30 PM	<div>S.175 - An act relating to confidential information concerning the initial arrest and charge of a child</div> <div>Vote</div> <div>Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div> <div>Charity Clark, Chief of Staff, Attorney General's Office</div> <div>Marshall Pahl, Appellate and Juvenile Defender, Defender General's Office</div>
3:45 PM	<div>S.181 - An act relating to authorizing miscellaneous regulatory authority for municipal governments</div> <div>Possible vote</div> <div>Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div>

Thursday, February 10, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM Senate Floor

1:30 PM	<div>S.173 - An act relating to the State House art collections</div> <div>Jennifer Fitch, Commissioner, Department of Buildings and General Services</div> <div>Janet Miller, Sergeant at Arms, Vermont General Assembly</div> <div>David Schutz, State Curator, Department of Buildings and General Services</div> <div>Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div>
3:00 PM	<div>15 Minute Break</div>
3:15 PM	<div>S.250 - An act relating to law enforcement data collection and interrogation</div> <div><i>Walk-through</i></div> <div>Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County Sheriff's Office</div> <div>Christopher Brickell, Deputy Director, Vermont Criminal Justice Council</div> <div>Jennifer Harlow, Sheriff, Orleans County, Sheriffs' Association</div> <div>Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns</div> <div>Benjamin Novogroski, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div> <div>Brian Peete, Chief of Police, Montpelier, Vermont Police Association</div> <div>Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety</div> <div>William Sorrell, Chair, Vermont Criminal Justice Council</div> <div>Julio Thompson, Director, Civil Rights Unit, Office of the Attorney General</div> <div>Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns</div>

Friday, February 11, 2022

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	<div>Senate Floor</div>
1:00 PM	<div>S.155 - An act relating to the creation of the Agency of Public Safety</div> <div>Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div> <div>Mark Anderson, Executive Board President, Sheriff's, Windham County Sheriff's Office</div> <div>Christopher Brickell, Deputy Director, Vermont Criminal Justice Council</div> <div>Jennifer Frank, President, Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police</div> <div>Brian Peete, Chief of Police, Montpelier, Vermont Police Association</div> <div>Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety</div> <div>Heather Simons, Executive Director, Vermont Criminal Justice Council</div>

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 <i>Follow up on S.171 and S.181; general discussion</i>
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

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 <i>Resume discussion</i>
4:15 PM	Chairs' Meeting

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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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 <i>Possible vote</i> Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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

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**

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Amerin Aborjailly, 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 Aborjailly, 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

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

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

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

governments

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 <i>Vote</i> Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel Carol Dawes, Clerk-Treasurer, Barre City

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 <i>Discussion on office of community engagement; vote</i> 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 Schlilling, 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

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 Schlilling, 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

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

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**

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type		Standard
Meeting Record		
	1:00 PM	Senate Floor <i>Pro forma</i>
	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 Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel 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

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

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

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 <i>Regarding the Giglio language</i> 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 <i>Continued discussion</i> 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 <i>Continued discussion</i> 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

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

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

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

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

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

Friday, April 1, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:00 PM	Dispatch <div>Dona Bate, Board Chair, CVPSA</div> <div>Douglas Brent, Fire Chief, Barre City Fire Department</div> <div>Rick Burke, Consultant, Televate</div> <div>Kimberly B. Cheney, Board Member, Central Vermont Public Safety Authority</div> <div>Jim Finger , President, Vermont Ambulance Association</div> <div>Drew Hazelton, Chief of Operations, Rescue Inc.; Chair, Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, Rescue Inc.</div> <div>Adam Heuslein, Chief, Glover, E.M.S.</div> <div>Douglas Hoyt, Vice Chair, CVPSA</div> <div>Will Moran, EMS Chief, Emergency Medical Services, Vermont Department of Health</div> <div>Brian Peete, Chief of Police, Montpelier, Vermont Police Association</div> <div>Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety</div> <div>Stephen Whitaker, Advocate</div> <div>Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont League of Cities and Towns</div>
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Tuesday, April 5, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
1:15 PM	H.572 - An act relating to the retirement allowance for interim educators <div>Sue Ceglowski, Executive Director, Vermont School Boards Association</div> <div>Tim Duggan, Director of Vermont Retirement Systems, Office of the State Treasurer</div> <div>Jeffrey Francis, Executive Director, Vermont Superintendents Association</div> <div>Jay Nichols, Executive Director, Vermont Principals' Association</div> <div>Beth Pearce, Vermont State Treasurer, Office of the State Treasurer</div> <div>Colin Robinson, Political Director, Vermont National Education Association</div> <div>Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div>
2:15 PM	H.708 - An act relating to the approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Burlington <div>Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel</div> <div>Sarah Carpenter, City Councilor, Ward 4, Burlington, VT</div>

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
June Heston
Gregory C. Knight, Adjutant General, Vermont National Guard
Katherine Long, Office of Senator Patrick Leahy

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 <i>Walk-through</i> 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
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor
1:30 PM	H.661 - An act relating to licensure of mental health professionals <i>Walk-through</i> 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 <i>Vote</i> Anthea Dexter-Cooper, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Friday, April 8, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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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 <i>Walk-through</i> Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
1:45	H.96 - An act relating to creating the Truth and Reconciliation Commission <i>Walk-through</i> Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
3:15 PM	Committee Discussion <i>Tentative: Discuss issues relevant to Senate Government Operations in H.546 (currently in Senate Judiciary Committee)</i>

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
1:15 PM	H.96 - An act relating to creating the Truth and Reconciliation Commission <i>Committee discussion</i> 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 <i>Discuss issues relevant to Senate Government Operations in H.546 (currently in Senate Judiciary Committee)</i>
4:30 PM	Chairs' Meeting

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Friday, April 29, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- 10:00 AM** **Senate Floor**
- 1:00 PM** **Committee meeting cancelled**

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

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

Friday, May 6, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM Senate Floor

After the Floor **To Be Determined**

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM Senate Floor

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM Senate Floor

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM Senate Floor

Friday, May 13, 2022

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM Senate Floor
