



STATE OF VERMONT
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JOINT LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Minutes

Ethan Allen Room, State House

Members present: Representatives Ancel, Johnson, Kimbell, and LaClair, and Senators, Benning, and Kitchel.

The Chair convened the meeting, and Senator Kitchel moved to approve the minutes of October 17, 2019. The Committee approved the motion and adopted the minutes.

The Committee reviewed and discussed a working organization chart of the Legislature's staff, distributed by the Chair. At 8:40 a.m. Senator Kitchel moved to recess the Committee and convene an Executive Session at the request of Luke Martland and regarding personnel matters, and the Committee agreed. At 9:20 a.m. the Committee adjourned Executive Session and reconvened the Committee meeting at which point Luke Martland testified on the merits of an added centralized executive director and a research unit, as well as previous committee decisions on information technology.

Representative Ancel requested that the Director of Information Technology submit a vision on oversight of the unit, including budgets and strategic plans. It was requested that staff provide the statutes for the hierarchy of IT including legislative committees.

The Committee discussed the current role of the Joint Fiscal Committee regarding State fiscal matters, and its budget and staffing decisions. The Committee requested the Joint Fiscal Office submit information on the Joint Fiscal Committees structure, including staffing and budget for its next meeting.

The Committee had a discussion on shared legislative services to the entire Legislative Branch. Senator Kitchel requested that Legislative Council provide details on its current operations and committee services roles, with a list of shared services to other offices within the Legislature.

The Committee adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Utton-Jerman, Committee Staff