

2019-2020 Session

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Senate Committee on

Government Operations

(Room 4)

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

Previous Meetings - Full Report

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Friday, January 11, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing

Type

Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM

Senate Floor

1:00 PM

Committee Discussion

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**Tuesday, January 15, 2019**

**Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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**Meeting Record**

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Secretary of State's Office</b>
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*Discuss OPR and Elections*

Hon. James Condos, Secretary of State

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional  
Regulation

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

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

<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>State Workforce</b>
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*Pensions and temporary workers.*

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State  
Employees Association

Aimee Towne, Vice President, VSEA

**3:00 PM      15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM      Municipal Policy Issues**

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

**4:30 PM      Adjourn**

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## **Wednesday, January 16, 2019**

### **Meeting Details**

**Hearing  
Type**      Standard

### **Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM      Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM      Administration**

*Discuss Priorities and Sunset Advisory Commission*

Hayden DuBlois, Executive Office (Gov)

Jason Maulucci, Director, Boards and Commissions,  
Governor's Office

**2:15 PM      Auditor Priorities**

Doug Hoffer, State Auditor, State Auditor's Office

**3:00 PM      VPIRG Priorities**

Dan Brown, Vermont Public Interest Research Group

Paul Burns, Executive Director, Vermont Public Interest  
Research Group

**3:45 PM      Human Resources**

*Discuss priorities: Temporary Employees; Background  
Checks*

Craig Bolio, Deputy Commissioner, VT Department of  
Taxes

Beth Fastiggi, Commissioner, Department of Human  
Resources

Dan Pouliot, Deputy Commissioner, Department of  
Human Resources

Tom Waldman, General Council, Department of Human  
Resources

Susanne Young, Secretary of Administration, Agency of  
Administration

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**Thursday, January 17, 2019**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing  
Type**

Standard

## Meeting Record

**12:30 PM**      **Senate Floor**

*Sexual Harassment Training*

**1:30 PM**      **Ethics Commission**

*Discuss updates and priorities*

Julie Hulburd, Member, Vermont State Ethics  
Commission

Madeline Motta, Chair, Vermont State Ethics  
Commission

Larry Novins, Executive Director, Vermont State Ethics  
Commission

**3:00 PM**      **15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM**      **State Racial Equity Advisory Panel**

Andrea Brett, Chair, Racial Equity Advisory Panel

Tom Waldman, General Council, Department of Human  
Resources

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## Friday, January 18, 2019

### Meeting Details

**Hearing  
Type**      Standard

## Meeting Record

### **1:00 PM      Econometric Model**

Chris Cole, Commissioner, Buildings and General Services

Deborah Damore, Director of Purchasing and Contracting, Department of Buildings & General Services

### **2:00 PM      BGS Priorities**

Chris Cole, Commissioner, Buildings and General Services

### **3:00 PM      Adjourn**

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## Tuesday, January 22, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Senate Protocols and Floor Decorum</b>
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<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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**1:00 PM      Committee Discussion**

*Discuss Senators' Disclosure Forms*

Taylor Dobbs, Reporter, Seven Days Newspaper

**2:00 PM      Vermont National Guard**

*Annual Sexual Assault Report*

*Room 10*

Maj Gen Steven Cray, Adjutant General, Vermont  
National Guard

Scott Detweiler, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator,  
Vermont National Guard

**3:00 PM      15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM      Government Accountability Report**

*Committee Training*

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Susan Zeller, Chief Performance Officer, Agency of  
Administration

**4:30 PM      Chairs' Meeting**

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# Wednesday, January 23, 2019

## Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>15 Minutes After the Floor</b>	
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### **Town Clerks**

*Title 17 and VMCTA Priorities*

Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

Curry Galloway, Treasurer/Clerk, St. Albans City,  
VMCTA Legislative Committee

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

<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>Department of Public Safety</b>
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*Discuss Priorities*

Thomas D. Anderson, Commissioner, Department of  
Public Safety

Matthew Birmingham, Colonel, Department of Public  
Safety

<b>3:15</b>	<b>15 Minute Break</b>
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<b>3:40 PM</b>	<b>Vermont Police Academy</b>
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*Discuss Alternative Training Structure; Level 2 to Level 3;  
Fair and Impartial Policing*

Rick Gauthier, Director, VT Criminal Justice Training  
Council

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## Thursday, January 24, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Governor's 2019 FY Budget Address</b>
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*Joint Assembly-House Chamber*

<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>Office of the State Treasury -- Priorities</b>
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*Pension and Retirement for state workers.*

Ashlynn Doyon, Executive Assistant and Policy Analyst,  
Office of the State Treasurer

Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State  
Treasurer

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## Friday, January 25, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Implied Bias Training</b>
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*Ethan Allen Room*

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>GPI</b>
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*Genuine Progress Indicator*

Jon Erickson, Blittersdorf Professor of Sustainability  
Science and Policy, Gund GPI Project

Crea Lintilhac, Secretary/Treasurer, Lintilhac Foundation

<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
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*Discuss Governor's budget address*

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## Tuesday, January 29, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

### **1:00 PM      Candidate and Senate Disclosure Forms**

John Bloomer, Secretary, Vermont Senate

### **1:30 PM      OPR, Notaries**

*Secretary of State's Office*

Teri Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar Association

Chris D'Elia, President, Vermont Bankers' Association

Andy Mikell, State Counsel, VT Attorneys Title Corp.

Elizabeth Novotny, Lobbyist, Vermont Police Association

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

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

### **2:15 PM      Secretary of State's Office**

*Secretary of State's Office*

David Englander, General Counsel, Vermont Department of Health

Tanya Marshall, State Archivist and Director, VT State Archives & Records Administration

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

### **3:00 PM      15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM**      **S.47 - An act relating to the persons authorized to make contributions to candidates and political parties and to political committee names**

*Walk-through*

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**4:00 PM**      **S.32 - An act relating to the public financing of campaigns**

*Walk-through*

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## **Wednesday, January 30, 2019**

### **Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### **Meeting Record**

**1:30 PM**      **S.11 - An act relating to limiting senatorial districts to a maximum of three members**

*Walk-through*

Tom Little, General Counsel, VSAC

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**2:30 Cannabis Control Board**

*Walk-through*

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Cary Giguere, Director, Public Health and Agricultural  
Resource Management

Christopher Herrick, Deputy Commissioner, Department  
of Public Safety

Laura Subin, Director, Vermont Coalition to Regulate  
Marijuana

**3:15 PM 15 Minute Break**

**3:30 Continuation of Cannabis Control Board/Committee  
Discussion**

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**Thursday, January 31, 2019**

**Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

### **1:30 PM      S.21 - An act relating to establishing the Public Employee Health Benefit Plan**

Jennifer Carbee, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State  
Employees Association

Michael O'Neil, President, Vermont Troopers  
Association

Bradley R. Reed, President, Professional Firefighters of  
Vermont

Colin Robinson, Political Director, Vermont National  
Education Association

### **2:30 PM      PR2 - Declaration of rights; clarifying the prohibition on slavery and indentured servitude**

#### *Constitutional Amendment*

Curtiss Reed, Executive Director, Vermont Partnership  
for Fairness and Diversity

Netdahe Stoddard, self

Alexandra Thayer, Plainfield

Chloe White, Policy Director, ACLU of Vermont

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

### **3:15 PM      15 Minute Break**

### **3:30 PM      Commission Discussion**

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## Friday, February 1, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Committee Training</b> <i>Security</i>
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<b>1:45 PM</b>	<b>Committee Training</b> <i>Technology</i>
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<b>2:15</b>	<b>15 Minute Break</b>
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<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>TBD</b>
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## Tuesday, February 5, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM**      **Cannabis Control Board**

*Cannabis Control Board:*

- *Structure of the Liquor and Lottery Board*
- *Public Records Implications*
- *Municipal Implications*
- *Interim Reports*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Eli Harrington, Founder and COO, Heady Vermont

Fran Janik, Self Advocate

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Laura Subin, Director, Vermont Coalition to Regulate  
Marijuana

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

**3:15 PM**      **S.11 - An act relating to limiting senatorial districts to a  
maximum of three members**

*Vote*

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel



**3:30 PM**      **Break**

**4:00 PM**      **Information Session**

*Joint Meeting with House General to hear from  
candidates for Adjutant General of the Vermont National  
Guard.  
Room 11*

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## **Wednesday, February 6, 2019**

### **Meeting Details**

**Hearing  
Type**      Standard

### **Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30**      **Cannabis Control Board**

*Committee Discussion on Cannabis Control Board*

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Shayne Lynn, Executive Director, Champlain Valley  
Dispensary, Inc.

David Mickenberg, Lobbyist, Cove, Working Vermont,  
and AARP-VT

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

**3:00 PM**      **Break**

**3:15 PM**      **EMS**

*Report of EMS Advisory Board Changes*

Drew Hazelton, Legislative Chair, Vermont Ambulance  
Association

**3:45 PM**      **S.68 - An act relating to Indigenous Peoples' Day**

*Walk-through*

Michael Chernick, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## Thursday, February 7, 2019

### Meeting Details

**Hearing  
Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM      S.32 - An act relating to the public financing of campaigns**

Jonathan Wayne, State of Maine

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**2:15 PM      Cannabis Control Board**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

David Mickenberg, Lobbyist, Cove, Working Vermont,  
and AARP-VT

**3:00 PM      15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM      Department of Human Resources**

*Review of Employee Classification System*

Beth Fastiggi, Commissioner, Department of Human  
Resources

Aimee Pope, Classification Manager, Department of  
Human Resources

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**Friday, February 8, 2019**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing  
Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**9:30 AM Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM S.47 - An act relating to the persons authorized to make contributions to candidates and political parties and to political committee names**

*Discussion*

Brandon Batham, Democratic Party, Vermont  
Democratic Party

Daniel Brown, VPIRG

Josh Massey, Executive Director, Vermont Democratic  
Party

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**1:30 PM AI Taskforce**

*Discussion Around the Report of the Artificial Intelligence  
Task Force*

Brian Breslend, Co-Chair, Artificial Intelligence (AI) Task  
Force

Jill Charbonneau, President, Vermont Labor Council,  
AFL-CIO

**2:30 PM**

**Report from OPR**

*Reducing Unnecessary Barriers to Professional Licensure  
for Qualified Immigrants to Vermont*

Gabe Gilman, General Counsel, Secretary of State's  
Office

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional  
Regulation

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## **Tuesday, February 12, 2019**

### **Meeting Details**

**Hearing  
Type**

Standard

### **Meeting Record**

**9:30 AM**

**Senate Floor**

**1:15 PM**

**OPR, Notaries**

*Notary Application Issues*

Teri Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar  
Association

Chris D'Elia, President, Vermont Bankers' Association

Carol Dawes, City Clerk, Barre City

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional  
Regulation

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

**2:15 PM Cannabis Control Board**

*S.54 Amendments*

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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

**2:45 PM Review Election Issues**

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

Betsy Ann Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**3:15 PM 15 Minute Break**

**3:30 PM Continued Discussion of Election Issues**

**4:00 PM S.78 - An act relating to lobbying reporting dates**

*Walk-through*

Andy McLean, MMR

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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# Wednesday, February 13, 2019

## Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>PR2 - Declaration of rights; clarifying the prohibition on slavery and indentured servitude</b>
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Sen. Dick McCormack, Sponsor

Peter Teachout, Professor, Vermont Law School

<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>15 Minute Break</b>
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<b>3:45 PM</b>	<b>H.16 - An act relating to boards and commissions</b>
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Hayden DuBlois, Executive Office (Gov)

Tanya Marshall, State Archivist and Chief Records

Officer, VT State Archives & Records Administration

Dawn O'Toole, Chief Operating Officer, Agency of  
Human Services

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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# Thursday, February 14, 2019

## Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>After the Floor</b>	<b>Local Government Day</b> <i>Joint Committee Meeting with House Government Operations</i>
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# Friday, February 15, 2019

## Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:15 PM</b>	<b>Occupational Regulation and Migrant Professionals in Vermont: Reducing Barriers for Qualified Immigrants</b>
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*Discuss How to Implement Recommendations in Report;  
Pro-Tem's Letter to be Considered.*

Gabe Gilman, General Counsel, Secretary of State's  
Office

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional  
Regulation

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## Tuesday, February 19, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:15 PM</b>	<b>S.47 - An act relating to the persons authorized to make contributions to candidates and political parties and to political committee names</b>
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Eleanor Spottswood, Assistant Attorney General,  
Attorney General's Office

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>S.32 - An act relating to the public financing of campaigns</b>
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Daniel Brown, VPIRG

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

Eleanor Spottswood, Assistant Attorney General,  
Attorney General's Office

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**2:30 PM      15 Minute Break**

**3:45 PM      PR2 - Declaration of rights; clarifying the prohibition on  
slavery and indentured servitude**

*Committee Discussion*

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

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## Wednesday, February 20, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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**1:30 PM**

**S.106 - An act relating to establishing the Municipal Self-Governance Program**

*Walk-through*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Maura Carroll, Executive Director, Vermont League of  
Cities and Towns

Peter Elwell, Town Manager, Brattleboro

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

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

**3:15 PM**

**PR2 - Declaration of rights; clarifying the prohibition on  
slavery and indentured servitude**

Sen. Dick McCormack, Sponsor

Peter Teachout, Professor, Vermont Law School

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**Thursday, February 21, 2019**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing  
Type**

Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:30 AM**      **Election of Sergeant at Arms, Adjutant and Inspector General, and Trustees of UVM and State Agricultural College**

*Joint Committee*

**Following  
Joint  
Assembly**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **EMS**

Drew Hazelton, Legislative Chair, Vermont Ambulance Association

Patrick Malone, Director of the Initiative for Rural Emergency Medical Services (IREMS), College of Nursing & Health Sciences, UVM

Pat Moulton , President, Vermont Technical College

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

**3:15 PM**      **15 Minute Break**

**3:30 PM**      **PR2 - Declaration of rights; clarifying the prohibition on slavery and indentured servitude**

*Committee Discussion*

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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# Friday, February 22, 2019

## Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Review Election Issues</b>
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Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

Sen. Ruth Hardy

Stacy Jewell, Town Clerk, St. Johnsbury, VMCTA  
Legislative Committee

Sen. Andrew Perchlik

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

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

<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>PR2 - Declaration of rights; clarifying the prohibition on slavery and indentured servitude</b>
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*Committee Discussion*

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## Tuesday, February 26, 2019

## Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:15 PM</b>	<b>PR2 - Declaration of rights; clarifying the prohibition on slavery and indentured servitude</b>
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Sen. Debbie Ingram, Sponsor

<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>S.47 - An act relating to the persons authorized to make contributions to candidates and political parties and to political committee names</b>
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Paul Burns, Executive Director, Vermont Public Interest Research Group

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>15 Minute Break</b>
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<b>3:15 PM</b>	<b>S.111 - An act relating to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry</b>
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*Walk-through*

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical  
Society

Wesley Black, Veteran, Former Sergeant

Diane Derby, Field Representative, Sen. Patrick Leahy

David Englander, General Counsel, Vermont  
Department of Health

Crystal Franklin, National Veterans Service Officer, State  
of VT Veterans Affairs

June Heston, Resident

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Kathryn Becker Van Haste, Director of Health Policy  
Health, Veterans & Business Outreach, Office of  
Senator Bernie Sanders

Kevin Veller, Outreach Representative, Office of  
Congressman Peter Welch (VT-AL)

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## Wednesday, February 27, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>Ethics Commission</b>
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## *Committee Discussion*

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

### **2:30 PM      Disability Awareness Day**

Keri Darling, President, VT Association of the Deaf

Mary Essex

Nick Lalanne

Rene Pellerin

Kevin Richmond

### **3:15 PM      15 Minute Break**

### **3:30 PM      S.68 - An act relating to Indigenous Peoples' Day**

Rich Holschuh, Commissioner, Vermont Commission on  
Native American Affairs

Sen. Debbie Ingram, Sponsor

Robert Wright

### **4:15 PM      Adjourn**

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## **Thursday, February 28, 2019**

### **Meeting Details**



<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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**Meeting Record**

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>3:15 PM</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
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Amanda Garces, Founder, Vermont Coalition for Ethnic  
and Social Equity in Schools

Mark Hughes, Executive Director, Justice for All

Edith Klimoski, Director, Give Way to Freedom

Laurelyn Veatch

Bor Yang, Executive Director, VT Human Rights  
Commission

<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>S.106 - An act relating to establishing the Municipal Self-Governance Program</b>
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Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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

Evan Hughes, Lobbyist, Vermont Federation of  
Sportsmen's Clubs

Andrew MacLean, MMR

Tim Meehan, Lobbyist, Vermont Coalition of  
Sportsmen's Clubs

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

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## Friday, March 1, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>S.107 - An act relating to elections corrections</b>
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Carol Dawes, City Clerk, Barre City

Sen. Debbie Ingram, Sponsor

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

Thomas Weiss, Citizen, Montpelier

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## Tuesday, March 5, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

### - No Committee Meetings Scheduled

*The General Assembly is on Break for Town Meeting Week*

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## Tuesday, March 12, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:15 PM</b>	<b>S.32 - An act relating to the public financing of campaigns</b>
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J.P. Isabelle, Elections Administrator, Secretary of State's Office

Eleanor Spottswood, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office

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

<b>2:15 PM</b>	<b>S.107 - An act relating to elections corrections</b>
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Cary Brown, Executive Director, Vermont Commission  
on Women

**3:45 PM      S.118 - An act relating to the time frame for the adoption  
of administrative rules**

*Walk-through and possible vote*

Brad Ferland, Deputy Secretary, Agency of  
Administration

Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons, Sponsor

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**4:15 PM      S.134 - An act relating to background investigations for  
State employees with access to federal tax information**

*Walk-through*

Gary Hoddley

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State  
Employees Association

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Tom Waldman, General Counsel, Department of Human  
Resources

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**Wednesday, March 13, 2019**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing  
Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM Senate Floor**

**After the Floor S.106 - An act relating to establishing the Municipal Self-Governance Program**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Chris D'Elia, President, Vermont Bankers' Association

Paul Giuliani, Counsel, Primmer Piper and Eggleston  
Cramer PC

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

Chris Rice, Lobbyist, MMR

Scott Woodward, Selectboard, Pomfret

**4:00 PM S.32 - An act relating to the public financing of  
campaigns**

*Vote*

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**- S.107 - An act relating to elections corrections**

*Possible vote*

J.P. Isabelle, Elections Administrator, Secretary of  
State's Office

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**4:30 PM      Adjourn**

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## Thursday, March 14, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>After the Floor</b>	<b>S.107 - An act relating to elections corrections</b>
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*Vote*

- **S.111 - An act relating to the U.S. Department of  
Veterans Affairs' Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit  
Registry**

Noreen Black, Resident

Wesley Black, Veteran, Former Sergeant

Robert Burke, Director, Vermont Office of Veteran  
Affairs

Pat Cram, Resident

June Heston, Resident

Katherine Long, Caseworker, Office of Senator Patrick  
Leahy

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## Friday, March 15, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>S.106 - An act relating to establishing the Municipal Self-Governance Program</b>
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Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Chris D'Elia, President, Vermont Bankers' Association

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

Chris Rice, Lobbyist

Erin Sigrist, President, Vermont Retail & Grocers  
Association

**2:00 PM      S.134 - An act relating to background investigations for  
State employees with access to federal tax information**

*Committee discussion*

- **S.68 - An act relating to Indigenous Peoples' Day**

*Vote*

Michael Chernick, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## Tuesday, March 19, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM      Senate Floor**

**1:15      S.107 - An act relating to elections corrections**

*Proposal of amendment*

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson, Chittenden County



- **S.106 - An act relating to establishing the Municipal Self-Governance Program**

*Committee discussion*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Jared Cadwell, Selectboard Chair, Fayston

Teri Corsones, Chair, Mendon Planning Commission

Chris D'Elia, President, Vermont Bankers' Association

Peter Elwell, Town Manager, Brattleboro

Tim Meehan, Lobbyist, Vermont Coalition of  
Sportsmen's Clubs

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

**3:00 PM      15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM      S.143 - An act relating to the membership of the  
Vermont Municipal Employees' System**

*Walk-through*

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**3:45 PM      S.151 - An act relating to the Twin State Voluntary  
Family and Medical Leave Insurance Plan**

*Walk-through*

Beth Fastiggi, Commissioner, Department of Human  
Resources

Kevin Gaffney, Deputy Commissioner, Insurance

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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

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## Wednesday, March 20, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>After the Floor</b>	<b>S.124 - An act relating to governmental structures protecting the public health, safety and welfare</b>
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*Walk-through*

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

James Whitcomb, Major, Vermont State Police

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

- **TBD**

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## Thursday, March 21, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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## Friday, March 22, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>After the Floor</b>	<b>Charters</b>
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-	<b>H.58 - An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Barre</b>
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	Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
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Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Rep. James Harrison, Sponsor, Sponsor

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## Tuesday, March 26, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:15 PM</b>	<b>E-911 Overview</b>
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Barbara M. Neal, Executive Director, Enhanced 9-1-1  
Board

Stephen Whitaker, Telecom/IT Planning and  
Accountability Advocate, Montpelier

<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>15 Minute Break</b>
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**3:15 PM      S.157 - An act relating to expanding the powers of the State Ethics Commission**

*Walk-through*

Larry Novins, Executive Director, Vermont State Ethics Commission

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:00 PM      H.394 - An act relating to the disposition of the remains of veterans**

*Walk-through*

Robert Burke, Director, Vermont Office of Veteran Affairs

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Chris Palermo, Representative, Vermont Funeral Directors Association

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## **Wednesday, March 27, 2019**

### **Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### **Meeting Record**

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

*Joint Assembly*

**1:30 PM      Senate Floor**

**3:30 PM      H.394 - An act relating to the disposition of the remains  
of veterans**

*Vote*

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

Timothy Duggan, Legal Director, Office of the State  
Treasurer

Roger Marcoux, Sheriff, Sheriffs' Association

Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State  
Treasurer

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

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**Thursday, March 28, 2019**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing**      Standard  
**Type**

## Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**After the Floor**      **S.111 - An act relating to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry**

*Comments on Draft No. 1.1 - S.111 - 3/26/2019*

Wesley Black, Veteran, Former Sergeant

Robert Burke, Director, Vermont Office of Veteran Affairs

Moe Forcier, Veteran

June Heston, Resident

Gregory C. Knight, Adjutant General, Vermont National Guard

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Barbara O'Mara, Former Environmental Health Physician, VA

Joanne Reynold, Veteran

Linn Shepard, Veteran

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## Friday, March 29, 2019

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

## Meeting Record

**11:30 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**After the**      **Committee Discussion**  
**Floor**

*Committee Discussion/Governor's Appointments*

**1:00 PM**      **Governor's Appointments**

*Confirming Secretary John Quinn*

John Quinn, Secretary, Agency of Digital Services

**1:45**      **S.106 - An act relating to establishing the Municipal Self-Governance Program**

*Discussion of proposed amendments*

**2:00 PM**      **Governor's Appointments**

*Confirming Commissioner Fastiggi*

Beth Fastiggi, Commissioner, Department of Human Resources

**3:00 PM**      **Governor's Appointments**

*Confirming Secretary Susanne Young*

Susanne Young, Secretary of Administration, Agency of Administration

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



*Confirming Commissioner Adam Greshin*

Adam Greshin, Commissioner, Department of Finance &  
Management

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## Tuesday, April 2, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:15 PM</b>	<b>S.111 - An act relating to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry</b>
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*Vote*

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

<b>1:45 PM</b>	<b>H.523 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to the State's retirement systems</b>
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Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State  
Treasurer

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**2:45      15 Minute Break**

**3:00 PM      S.145 - An act relating to addressing racial bias**

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:15 PM      PR2 - Declaration of rights; clarifying the prohibition on slavery and indentured servitude**

*Review draft language*

Sen. Dick McCormack, Sponsor

Peter Teachout, Professor, Vermont Law School

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## **Wednesday, April 3, 2019**

### **Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### **Meeting Record**

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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**3:45 PM**

**H.427 - An act relating to a uniform process for foreign credential verification in the Office of Professional Regulation**

Gabe Gilman, General Counsel, Secretary of State's Office

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **H.104 - An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation**

Gabe Gilman, General Counsel, Secretary of State's Office

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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**Thursday, April 4, 2019**

**Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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**Meeting Record**

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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**2:30 PM      S.156 - An act relating to binding interest arbitration for State employees and municipal public safety employees**

*Walk-through*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

John Berard, Director, Labor Relations, Department of  
Human Resources

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State  
Employees Association

Tim Noonan, Executive Director, Labor Relations Board

Bradley R. Reed, President, Professional Firefighters of  
Vermont

**3:45 PM      H.523 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to the State's retirement systems**

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**4:00 PM      Break**

**5:00 PM      PR2 - Declaration of rights; clarifying the prohibition on slavery and indentured servitude**

*Public hearing*

Rashida Butler, South Royalton

Wafic Faour, Resident, Richmond

Zoe Hart, Resident, Richmond

Hunnon Heidariou, Resident, South Burlington

Mark Hughes, Executive Director, Justice for All  
Sylvia Knight, Resident, Burlington  
[no first name] Netdahe, Resident, Cabot  
Susan Schoenfeld  
Kathleen Voight-Walsh, Resident, Burlington  
Christine Waller , Resident, Burlington  
Rachel Wilson, Resident, Woodbury

**6:30 PM      Adjourn**

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## **Friday, April 5, 2019**

### **Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### **Meeting Record**

**11:30 AM      Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM      PR2 - Declaration of rights; clarifying the prohibition on  
slavery and indentured servitude**

*Discussion; possible vote*

**2:00 PM      H.16 - An act relating to boards and commissions**

Hayden DuBlois, Executive Office (Gov)

Tanya Marshall, State Archivist and Chief Records  
Officer, Secretary of State's Office

Jason Maulucci, Manager, Boards and Commissions,  
Governor's Office

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**2:45 PM      S.124 - An act relating to governmental structures  
protecting the public health, safety and welfare**

*Walk-through*

Thomas D. Anderson, Commissioner, Department of  
Public Safety

Roger Marcoux, Sheriff, Sheriffs' Association

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## **Tuesday, April 9, 2019**

### **Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### **Meeting Record**

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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**1:15 PM**

**H.427 - An act relating to a uniform process for foreign credential verification in the Office of Professional Regulation**

*Vote*

**1:30 PM      H.530 - An act relating to the qualifications and election of the Adjutant and Inspector General**

*Walk-through*

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**-      S.8 - An act relating to the qualifications of candidates for Adjutant and Inspector General**

*Walk-through*

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**2:30 PM      15 Minute Break**

**2:45 PM      H.358 - An act relating to technical corrections**

*Walk-through*

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Gordon Merrick, Legislative Intern, Office of Legislative  
Counsel

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# Wednesday, April 10, 2019

## Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>H.104 - An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation</b>
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Lance Burnham, Department of Public Safety

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation

Nancy Lynch, Vermont Association of Realtors

Matthew Prouty, Commander, Rutland Police Department

Sarah Robinson, Deputy Director, Vermont Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

<b>3:45 PM</b>	<b>S.156 - An act relating to binding interest arbitration for State employees and municipal public safety employees</b>
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*Testimony*

David Bellini, President, VSEA



## Thursday, April 11, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>After the Floor</b>	<b>Ranked Choice Voting</b>
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Kyle Bailey, Resident of the State of Maine, Maine  
Voting System

Rep. Laura Sibilila, Windham-Bennington

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>H.526 - An act relating to town clerk recording fees and town restoration and preservation reserve funds</b>
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*Walk-through*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Chris D'Elia, President, Vermont Bankers' Association

Carol Dawes, City Clerk, Barre City  
Robert Paolini, Attorney, Vermont Bar Association  
Gwynn Zakov, Municipal Policy Advocate, Vermont  
League of Cities and Towns

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## Friday, April 12, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:15 PM</b>	<b>PR2 - Declaration of rights; clarifying the prohibition on slavery and indentured servitude</b>
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*Committee discussion and possible vote*

Howard Coffin, Historian

Tanya Marshall, State Archivist and Chief Records  
Officer, VT State Archives & Records Administration

Sally May, Resident, Jeffersonville

Peter Teachout, Professor, Vermont Law School

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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# Tuesday, April 16, 2019

## Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:15 PM</b>	<b>S.124 - An act relating to governmental structures protecting the public health, safety and welfare</b>
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*Council Members, Sec 1; Training Options, Sec 2&3; Level II ->III - Sec 4; Reporting Sec 7*

Mark Anderson, Captain, Windham County Sheriff's  
Department

Rick Gauthier, Director, VT Criminal Justice Training  
Council

Christopher Herrick, Deputy Commissioner, Department  
of Public Safety

Michael O'Neil, President, Vermont Troopers  
Association

<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>Dispatch</b>
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Paco Aumand, Independent Consultant, Montpelier

Kim Cheney, Attorney, Vermont Public Safety  
Commission

Rick Gauthier, Director, LEAB

Roger Marcoux, Sheriff, Enhanced 9-1-1 Board  
Steve Whitaker, Concerned Citizen

**3:30 PM      15 Minute Break**

**3:45 PM      H.16 - An act relating to boards and commissions**

Thomas D. Anderson, Commissioner, Department of  
Public Safety

Roger Marcoux, Sheriff, Enhanced 9-1-1 Board

Barb Neal, Executive Director, Enhanced 9-1-1 Board

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Susanne Young, Secretary of Administration, Agency of  
Administration

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## **Wednesday, April 17, 2019**

### **Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### **Meeting Record**

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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**After the  
Floor**

**S.156 - An act relating to binding interest arbitration for  
State employees and municipal public safety employees**

John Berard, Director, Labor Relations, Department of  
Human Resources

Jill Charbonneau, President, Vermont AFL-CIO

Tricia Coates, Director of External & Governmental  
Affairs, Vermont State Colleges

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State  
Employees Association

Tim Noonan, Executive Director, Labor Relations Board

Michael O'Neil, President, Vermont Troopers  
Association

Bradley R. Reed, President, Professional Firefighters of  
Vermont

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

**3:00 PM**

**H.530 - An act relating to the qualifications and election  
of the Adjutant and Inspector General**

Rep. William Canfield, Fair Haven

Ken Gragg, Deputy Adjutant General, Vermont National  
Guard

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Rep. Joseph "Chip" Troiano, Sponsor, House  
Committee On Human Services

**4:00 PM**

**H.135 - An act relating to the authority of the Agency of  
Digital Services**

Shawn Nailor, Deputy Director, Agency of Digital  
Services

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## Thursday, April 18, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>After the Floor</b>	<b>H.104 - An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation</b>
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*Markup; vote*

Allison Crowley Demag, Lobbyist, Vermont Podiatric  
Medical Association

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional  
Regulation

Elizabeth Novotny, Lobbyist, Vermont Police  
Association

Jessica Oski, Lobbyist, Vermont Acupuncture  
Association

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**3:00 PM      PR2 - Declaration of rights; clarifying the prohibition on  
slavery and indentured servitude**

*Discuss proposed amendment.*

Sen. Debbie Ingram, Chittenden District

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## Friday, April 19, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:15 PM</b>	<b>H.16 - An act relating to boards and commissions</b>
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Tanya Marshall, State Archivist and Chief Records  
Officer, VT State Archives & Records Administration  
Chris Winters, Deputy Secretary, Secretary of State's  
Office

**Tuesday, April 23, 2019**

**Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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**Meeting Record**

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:15 PM</b>	<b>H.104 - An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation</b>
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BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

<b>1:45 PM</b>	<b>S.156 - An act relating to binding interest arbitration for State employees and municipal public safety employees</b>
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*Committee discussion*

Beth Fastiggi, Commissioner, Department of Human  
Resources

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State  
Employees Association

Annie Noonan, Labor Relations Manager, State's  
Attorneys and Sheriffs Association



Tim Noonan, Executive Director, Labor Relations Board  
Elizabeth Novotny, Lobbyist, Vermont Police  
Association

Bradley R. Reed, President, Professional Firefighters of  
Vermont

Aimee Towne, President, Vermont State Employees  
Association

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

- **S.156 - An act relating to binding interest arbitration for  
State employees and municipal public safety employees**

*Markup*

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**3:00 PM      15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM      H.16 - An act relating to boards and commissions**

*E911; Health & welfare prevention*

Christopher Herrick, Deputy Commissioner, Department  
of Public Safety

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Susanne Young, Secretary of Administration, Agency of  
Administration

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# Wednesday, April 24, 2019

## Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Meeting</b>
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<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>After the Floor</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
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# Thursday, April 25, 2019

## Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>After the Floor</b>	<b>S.156 - An act relating to binding interest arbitration for State employees and municipal public safety employees</b>
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*Committee discussion*

Annie Noonan, Labor Relations Manager, State's  
Attorneys and Sheriffs Association

- **H.16 - An act relating to boards and commissions**

*Committee discussion*

**3:00 PM H.16 - An act relating to boards and commissions**

Diane Bothfeld, Director of Administrative Services,  
Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Cary Giguere, Policy Director, Public Health and  
Agricultural Resource Management

**4:30 PM Chairs' Meeting**

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## **Friday, April 26, 2019**

### **Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### **Meeting Record**

<b>12:15 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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**1:15 PM      H.530 - An act relating to the qualifications and election of the Adjutant and Inspector General**

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**2:00 PM      Capitol Complex Security**

Chris Cole, Commissioner, Buildings and General  
Services

Matthew S. Romei, Chief of Police, Capitol Police  
Department

Robert Schell, Chief of Field Operations  
Sen. Dick Sears

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## Tuesday, April 30, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM      Senate Floor**

**1:15 PM      H.135 - An act relating to the authority of the Agency of Digital Services**

John Quinn, Secretary, Agency of Digital Services

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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

**2:00 PM      H.104 - An act relating to professions and occupations  
regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation**

*Discussion of amendment*

Sen. Tim Ashe, Chittenden

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional  
Regulation

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**2:45 PM      Capitol Complex Security**

*Temporary barriers; body cameras*

Janet Miller, Sergeant-At-Arms

Matthew S. Romei, Chief of Police, Capitol Police  
Department

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**Wednesday, May 1, 2019**

**Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>After the floor</b>	<b>H.530 - An act relating to the qualifications and election of the Adjutant and Inspector General</b>
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*Markup; possible vote*

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>
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-	<b>Montpelier Election Issues</b>
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*Discuss changes by the House*

Ashley Moore, State Director, Main Street Alliance of VT  
Will Senning, Director, Elections and Campaign Finance,  
Secretary of State's Office

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## Thursday, May 2, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>After the Floor</b>	<b>Charters</b>
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*Committee Discussion*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk, Takoma Park, MD

Amanda Garces, City of Montpelier

Brit-Maike Garland, Resident of Montpelier

John Odum, Montpelier City Clerk

Dan Richardson, Attorney

Peter Teachout, Professor, Vermont Law School

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## Friday, May 3, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

**11:30 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:15 PM**      **SR5 - Senate resolution strongly opposing the basing of any nuclear weapon delivery system in the State of Vermont**

*Committee review of Resolution*

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## Tuesday, May 7, 2019

### Meeting Details

**Hearing  
Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **SR5 - Senate resolution strongly opposing the basing of any nuclear weapon delivery system in the State of Vermont**

*Senate Government Operations Committee Hearing -  
Room 11*

Roger Bourassa, Lt. Colonel (ret), Concerned Resident  
Beth Champagne, Resident, St. Johnsbury  
Richard Czaplinski, Concerned Resident



Dan Grazier, Captain (ret), Concerned Resident  
Rosanne Greco, Colonel (ret), Concerned Resident  
James Leas, Patent Attorney  
Julie Macuga, Extreme Energy Field Organizer,  
350Vermont  
Tim Palmer, Concerned Resident  
Rachel Siegel, Concerned Resident  
Pierre Spray, Co-Designer F-16 and A-10, Concerned  
Resident

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## Wednesday, May 8, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>H.16 - An act relating to boards and commissions</b>  <i>Compare Senate/Legislative Council Tracking System with State Archives Tracking System</i>  John Bloomer, Secretary, Vermont Senate Chris Winters, Deputy Secretary, Secretary of State's Office  BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
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**11:30 AM**      **H.530 - An act relating to the qualifications and election of the Adjutant and Inspector General**

*Possible vote*

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**After the Floor**      **Montpelier Election Issues**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:30 PM**      **H.135 - An act relating to the authority of the Agency of Digital Services**

John Quinn, Secretary, Agency of Digital Services

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## Thursday, May 9, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

**10:30 AM**      **SR5 - Senate resolution strongly opposing the basing of any nuclear weapon delivery system in the State of Vermont**

*Committee Discussion*

**1:00 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**After the  
Floor**      **Charters**

- **H.539 - An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Stowe and to the merger of the Town and the Stowe Fire District No. 3**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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Legislative Counsel

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Legislative Counsel

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Rep. James Harrison, Rutland-Windsor

Rep. James Harrison, Sponsor, Rutland-Windsor

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**Friday, May 10, 2019**

**Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:30</b>	<b>H.16 - An act relating to boards and commissions</b>
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Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons, Chittenden

Sen. Michael Sirotkin, Chittenden

<b>2:45 PM</b>	<b>H.16 - An act relating to boards and commissions</b>
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*Committee Discussion of Proposed Amendments*

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State  
Employees Association

Tim Noonan, Executive Director, Labor Relations Board

Dan Pouliot, Deputy Commissioner, Department of  
Human Resources

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## Monday, May 13, 2019

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

**1:30 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**After the  
Floor**      **Committee Discussion**  
*S.R.5 revisions; Various charters*

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## Tuesday, May 14, 2019

### Meeting Details

**Hearing  
Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**After the  
Floor**      **S.134 - An act relating to background investigations for  
State employees with access to federal tax information**

*Walk-through of House changes*

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Shawn Nailor, Deputy Director, Agency of Digital  
Services

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Services

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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Legislative Counsel

Stephen Whitaker, Telecom/IT Planning and  
Accountability Advocate, Montpelier

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- **H.135 - An act relating to the authority of the Agency of  
Digital Services**

*Committee discussion*

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**1:30 PM      Senate Floor**

**4:00 PM      Senate Floor**

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**Wednesday, May 15, 2019**

**Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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**Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM      Senate Floor**

**After the      S.107 - An act relating to elections corrections**  
**Floor**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**12:45 PM      Senate Photo**

**1:00 PM      Senate Floor**

-      **H.508 - An act relating to approval of amendments to  
the charter of the Town of Bennington**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Rep. Timothy R. Corcoran

Rep. Mary A. Morrissey

Sen. Dick Sears, Sponsor

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

Rep. Charles "Butch" Shaw, Rutland District

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**3:30 PM**

**Senate Floor**

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## **Thursday, May 16, 2019**

### **Meeting Details**

**Hearing  
Type**

Standard

### **Meeting Record**

**10:30 AM**

**Senate Floor**

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**No Committee Meeting**

**4:00 PM**

**Senate Floor**

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## **Friday, May 17, 2019**

### **Meeting Details**

**Hearing  
Type**

Standard

### **Meeting Record**



- **No Committee Meeting**

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**Tuesday, January 7, 2020**

**Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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**Meeting Record**

<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Senate Convenes</b>
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<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
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*Set priorities and discuss committee schedule*

<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>GAC Performance Accountability</b>
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*Discuss recommendations for committee discussions*

Sen. Brian Collamore

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

<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>OPR Review</b>
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*Review priorities. Touch on issues to be discussed in detail later: nursing fees, LADCs, foreign credentialing, nursing barriers, nurse instructors, CEUs addressing*

*climate change for certain professions.*

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional  
Regulation

Laura Pelosi, Lobbyist, Vermont Health Care  
Association & Bayada Home Health

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

**3:30 PM Secretary of State's Office**

*Review priorities. Report on election system security.  
Public records - general discussion.*

James Condos, Vermont Secretary of State

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

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

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## **Wednesday, January 8, 2020**

### **Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### **Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM Reports due to Committee**

*Review of reports coming to the SGO Committee*

**2:30 PM      Law Enforcement**

*General discussion about bills in committee. Hear from the Commissioner about his proposal and the bill to create an agency.*

Rick Gauthier, Director, LEAB

Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

**3:30 PM      Introducing Executive Director of Racial Equity**

*Introducing Xusana Davis to the Committee*

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

**4:00 PM      Senate Floor**

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## Thursday, January 9, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

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

*Joint Assembly-House Chamber*

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## Friday, January 10, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
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<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>Ethics Commission</b>
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*Update*

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

<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
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## Tuesday, January 14, 2020

### Meeting Details

**Hearing  
Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**9:30 AM      Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM      Committee Discussion**

**2:15 PM      Binding Arbitration for Judiciary and VSC**

Beth Aiken , Citizen

Patricia Gabel, Vermont State Court Administrator,  
Vermont Judiciary

Gary Hoddley, Labor Relations Director, VSEA

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State  
Employees Association

Jeb Spaulding, Chancellor, Vermont State Colleges  
System

**3:15 PM      15 Minute Break**

**3:30 PM      Department of Corrections**

*Workforce issues*

James Baker, Interim Commissioner, Department of  
Corrections

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State  
Employees Association

Mike Smith, Secretary, Agency of Human Services

**4:15 PM      S.153 - An act relating to creating the Vermont 250th Commission**

Sen. Brian Campion

Rep. Mary A. Morrissey

Sen. Dick Sears, Sponsor

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## **Wednesday, January 15, 2020**

### **Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### **Meeting Record**

<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Chairs' Meeting</b>
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<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>After the Floor</b>	<b>H.143 - An act relating to appointing town agents</b> <i>Walk-through</i>
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Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**1:45 PM      S.186 - An act relating to bonded officials**

*Walk-through*

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**2:30 PM      15 Minute Break**

**2:45 PM      State Employee Parking**

Chris Cole, Commissioner, Buildings and General  
Services

Tony Facos, Chief, Montpelier Police Department,  
Vermont Police Association

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State  
Employees Association

Matthew S. Romei, Chief of Police, Capitol Police  
Department

Lilly Talbert, Projects & Communications Coordinator,  
Vermont Commission on Women

**3:45 PM      S.198 - An act relating to an enforceable State Code of  
Ethics**

*Walk-through S.198 and S.157*

Paul Burns, Executive Director, Vermont Public Interest  
Research Group

Eric LaMontagne, Executive Director, Campaign for  
Vermont

Larry Novins, Executive Director, Vermont State Ethics  
Commission

Tom Waldman, General Counsel, Department of Human  
Resources

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## Thursday, January 16, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>After the Floor (1:15 PM)</b>	<b>H.143 - An act relating to appointing town agents</b> <i>Voted out of committee</i>
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<b>-</b>	<b>S.186 - An act relating to bonded officials</b> <i>Voted out of committee</i>
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<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>Public Records</b>
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*Discussion. We will meet in Room 11.*



Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Sen. Randy Brock

James Condos, Vermont Secretary of State

Jay Diaz, Attorney, American Civil Liberties Union -  
Vermont

Michael Donoghue, Executive Director, Vermont Press  
Association

T.J. Donovan, Vermont Attorney General, Attorney  
General's Office

Patricia Gabel, Vermont State Court Administrator,  
Vermont Judiciary

Jon Groveman, Policy and Water Program Director,  
Vermont Natural Resources Council

Christopher Herrick, Deputy Commissioner, Department  
of Public Safety

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State  
Employees Association

Tanya Marshall, State Archivist and Chief Records  
Officer, VT State Archives & Records Administration

Wendy Mays, Executive Director, Vermont Association  
of Broadcasters

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## Friday, January 17, 2020

### Meeting Details

**Hearing  
Type**

Standard

## Meeting Record

**11:30 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM**      **H.550 - An act relating to unclaimed property**

*Walk-through*

Timothy Duggan, Legal Director, Office of the State  
Treasurer

Al LaPerle, Director of Unclaimed Property, Office of the  
State Treasurer

Luke Martland, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State  
Treasurer

**2:15 PM**      **15 Minute Break**

**2:30 PM**      **Committee Discussion**

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## Tuesday, January 21, 2020

### Meeting Details

**Hearing  
Type**      Standard

## Meeting Record

**1:55 PM**      **Senate Floor**

**2:00 PM**      **Governor's FY2021 Proposed Budget Address**

*Joint Assembly -- House Chamber*

**3:15 PM**      **H.207 - An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Montpelier regarding non-citizen voting in City elections**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Roberta Garland, Citizen

John Odum, Montpelier City Clerk

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**4:00 PM**      **Committee Meeting**

*Discuss government operations related provisions of  
S.125*

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional  
Regulation

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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**Wednesday, January 22, 2020**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing  
Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**8:00 AM Chairs' Meeting**

**1:00 PM Senate Floor**

**1:15 PM S.127 - An act relating to the definition and rights of temporary State employees**

*Walk-through*

John Berard, Director, Labor Relations, Department of  
Human Resources

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State  
Employees Association

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Dan Pouliot, Deputy Commissioner, Department of  
Human Resources

**1:45 PM S.176 - An act relating to privatization contracts**

*Skipped; will be rescheduled*

**2:15 PM S.244 - An act relating to the creation of the Vermont State Building Security Board**

*Walk-through*

Chris Cole, Commissioner, Buildings and General Services

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

Janet Miller, Sergeant-At-Arms

Rob Schell, Security and Safety Program Manager, Judiciary Branch

Aimee Towne, President, Vermont State Employees Association

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:00 PM      15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM      S.189 - An act relating to survivor benefits for public employees**

*Walk-through*

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:45 PM      H.550 - An act relating to unclaimed property**

*Walk-through*

Ashlynn Doyon, Executive Assistant and Policy Analyst, Office of the State Treasurer

Luke Martland, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

## Thursday, January 23, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:15 PM</b>	<b>Public Records</b>
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*Continuing Committee Discussion*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Jay Barton, WCAX TV

Mark Davis, VPR

Anne Galloway, Executive Director, Vermont Digger

Matthew Roy, Seven Days Newspaper

Michael Smith, Operations Director, Department of  
Motor Vehicles

Scott Woodward, Selectboard, Pomfret

<b>3:15 PM</b>	<b>15 Minute Break</b>
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**3:30 PM**

**S.182 - An act relating to government operations  
regarding emergency medical services and public safety  
in response to COVID-19**

*Committee Discussion*

Patrick Delaney, Commissioner, Department of Liquor  
and Lottery

Jake Elovirta, Director of Enforcement and Safety,  
Department of Motor Vehicles

Skyler Genest, Director of Compliance and  
Enforcement, Vermont Department of Liquor and  
Lottery

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State  
Employees Association

Evan Hughes, Vice President, Vermont Federation of  
Sportsmen's Clubs

Louis Porter, Commissioner, Department of Fish and  
Wildlife

Kelly Price, Senior Warden, Vermont Fish and Wildlife

Robert Rooks, Citizen

Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public  
Safety

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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**Friday, January 24, 2020**

**Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>EMS</b>
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James Finger, CEO, Vermont Ambulance Association  
Drew Hazelton, Legislative Chair, Vermont Ambulance Association  
Margaret Laggis, Volunteer, Hardwick Rescue  
Patrick Malone, Director of the Initiative for Rural  
Emergency Medical Services, College of Nursing &  
Health Sciences, UVM  
Will Moran, Paramedic, Essex Rescue  
Matthew S. Romei, Chief of Police, Capitol Police  
Department

<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Security Briefing by Capitol Police</b>
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Matthew S. Romei, Chief of Police, Capitol Police  
Department

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## Tuesday, January 28, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

**9:30 AM Senate Floor**

**1:15 PM S.124 - An act relating to governmental structures protecting the public health, safety and welfare**

Rick Gauthier, Director, LEAB

Roger Marcoux, Sheriff

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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

**3:00 PM 15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM Public Records**

*Continuing discussion*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jay Diaz, Attorney, American Civil Liberties Union - Vermont

Tanya Marshall, State Archivist and Chief Records Officer, VT State Archives & Records Administration

Elizabeth Novotny, Lobbyist, Vermont Police Association

Steve Whitaker, Concerned Citizen

## Wednesday, January 29, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>S.220 - An act relating to professional regulation</b>
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*Walk-through*

Matt Cota, Executive Director, Vermont Fuel Dealers  
Association

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional  
Regulation

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

- **S.270 - An act relating to the professional regulation of  
massage therapy**

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional  
Regulation

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Regulation

Laura Pelosi, Member, Rural Health Services Task Force

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**3:30 PM      15 Minute Break**

**3:45 PM      Commission Discussion**

*Discuss aspects of an OPR bill*

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## Thursday, January 30, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>H.550 - An act relating to unclaimed property</b>
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*Potential vote*

Timothy Duggan, Legal Director, Office of the State  
Treasurer

Al LaPerle, Director of Unclaimed Property, Office of the  
State Treasurer

Luke Martland, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**2:15 PM      S.189 - An act relating to survivor benefits for public  
employees**

Sen. Debbie Ingram, Sponsor

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Dan Pouliot, Deputy Commissioner, Department of  
Human Resources

**3:00 PM      15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM      S.307 - An act relating to binding interest arbitration for  
employees of the Vermont Judiciary**

*Committee discussion*

Patricia Gabel, Vermont State Court Administrator,  
Vermont Judiciary

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Joseph McNeil, Negotiator, Judiciary

Heather Reimer, American Federation of Teachers

**4:00 PM**

## S.153 - An act relating to creating the Vermont 250th Commission

Howard Coffin, Historian

Stephen Perkins, Executive Director, Vermont Historical Society

David Schutz, State Curator

Jonah Spivak

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## Friday, January 31, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
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*Discuss Senate Government Operations related provisions of S.125*

Paul Erlbaum, Vermont State Ethics Commission

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation

Julie Hulburd, Chair, Vermont State Ethics Commission

Eric LaMontagne, Executive Director, Campaign for Vermont

Phyllis Mitchell, Executive Director

Larry Novins, Executive Director, Vermont State Ethics Commission

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**1:45 PM      S.198 - An act relating to an enforceable State Code of Ethics**

*Committee Discussion*

Paul Burns, Executive Director, Vermont Public Interest Research Group

Larry Novins, Executive Director, Vermont State Ethics Commission

Catherine Rader, League of Women Voters

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**-      S.157 - An act relating to expanding the powers of the State Ethics Commission**

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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**Tuesday, February 4, 2020**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing  
Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**9:30 AM Senate Floor**

**1:15 PM S.153 - An act relating to creating the Vermont 250th Commission**

*Markup; Possible vote*

Michael Chernick, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**1:45 PM S.307 - An act relating to binding interest arbitration for employees of the Vermont Judiciary**

*Committee discussion*

John Berard, Director, Labor Relations, Department of  
Human Resources

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

Heather Reimer, American Federation of Teachers

**3:00 PM      15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM      H.207 - An act relating to approval of an amendment to the charter of the City of Montpelier regarding non-citizen voting in City elections**

*Committee discussion*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Roberta Garland, Citizen

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

**3:45 PM      S.286 - An act relating to the membership of the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System**

*Introduction*

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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

*Introduction*

Ashlynn Doyon, Executive Assistant and Policy Analyst,  
Office of the State Treasurer

Sen. Anthony Pollina, Sponsor

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel



Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel  
Sen. Jeanette K. White, Sponsor

**4:15 PM      S.304 - An act relating to an Interbranch Cybersecurity  
Task Force**

*Introduction*

Sen. Randy Brock, Sponsor  
Patricia Gabel, Vermont State Court Administrator,  
Vermont Judiciary  
Jeff Loewer, Chief Information Officer, Vermont  
Judiciary  
Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## **Wednesday, February 5, 2020**

### **Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### **Meeting Record**

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>15 Minutes</b>	<b>Annual VT Guard Sexual Assault Report</b>
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**After the  
Floor**

*Presentation*

Kurt Kafferlin, CPT, Vermont National Guard

Gregory C. Knight, Adjutant General, Vermont National  
Guard

Christina Lazelle, Sergeant, Vermont National Guard

**2:30**

**15 Minute Break**

**2:45 PM**

**S.198 - An act relating to an enforceable State Code of  
Ethics**

*Committee discussion*

Kate Lapp, Government Reform Associate and Project  
Coordinator, VPIRG

Larry Novins, Executive Director, Vermont State Ethics  
Commission

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## **Thursday, February 6, 2020**

### **Meeting Details**

**Hearing  
Type**

Standard

### **Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM      Senate Floor**

**1:45 PM      Department of Corrections Workforce**

*Committee discussion*

Beth Fastiggi, Commissioner, Department of Human  
Resources

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State  
Employees Association

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**3:00 PM      15 Minute Break**

Paul Burns, Executive Director, Vermont Public Interest  
Research Group

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**3:15 PM      S.244 - An act relating to the creation of the Vermont  
State Building Security Board**

*Committee discussion*

Chris Cole, Commissioner, Department of Buildings and  
General Services

Patricia Gabel, Vermont State Court Administrator,  
Vermont Judiciary

Matthew S. Romei, Chief of Police, Capitol Police  
Department

Rob Schell, Security and Safety Program Manager,  
Judiciary Branch

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## Friday, February 7, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>After the Floor</b>	<b>No Committee Meeting</b>
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## Tuesday, February 11, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>S.305 - An act relating to making State-formed nonprofits subject to the Public Records Act</b>
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Thomas Abdelnour, Legislative Specialist, Vermont  
State Employees Association

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Christopher Herrick, Deputy Commissioner, Department  
of Public Safety

Mark Johnson, VT Digger

Shayne Lynn, Executive Director, Champlain Valley  
Dispensary, Inc.

Laura Pelosi, Lobbyist, Vermont Health Care  
Association

Virginia Renfrew, Lobbyist, VCTA

**2:30 PM      S.233 - An act relating to uniform licensing standards**

Bob Burke, Director, Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs

David Herlihy, Director of Hospital Licensing,  
Department of Health, Executive Director, Vermont  
Board of Medical Practice

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional  
Regulation, Office of the Secretary of State

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**3:30 PM      OPR Walk - through**

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional  
Regulation, Office of the Secretary of State

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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# Wednesday, February 12, 2020

## Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>S.189 - An act relating to survivor benefits for public employees</b>
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*Committee discussion*

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>S.124 - An act relating to governmental structures protecting the public health, safety and welfare</b>
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*Committee discussion: Sections 10, 11, 18*

Chris Company, Executive Director, Windham Regional  
Commission

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

Roger Marcoux, Sheriff, Sheriffs' Association

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**3:00 PM      15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM      Department of Corrections Workforce**

*Update*

James Baker, Commissioner, Department of  
Corrections

Sarah Buxton, Director, State Workforce Development,  
Department of Labor

**4:00 PM      State Employee Parking**

*Update on Capitol Complex parking*

Chris Cole, Commissioner, Department of Buildings and  
General Services

Matthew S. Romei, Chief of Police, Capitol Police  
Department

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## **Thursday, February 13, 2020**

### **Meeting Details**

**Hearing  
Type**      Standard

### **Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM      Senate Floor**

**After the  
Floor**

**Local Government Day**

*Joint Committee Meeting with House Government  
Operations, Senate Chamber*

- **S.198 - An act relating to an enforceable State Code of  
Ethics**

*Possible vote*

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## **Friday, February 14, 2020**

### **Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### **Meeting Record**

<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>EMS</b>
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*Discuss draft bill [along with S.243]*

James Finger, CEO, Vermont Ambulance Association  
Drew Hazelton, Chief of Operations, Rescue Inc.; Chair,  
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee,



Rescue Inc.

Adam Heuslein, Chief, Glover, E.M.S.

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor,  
Department of Health

Patrick Malone, Director of the Initiative for Rural  
Emergency Medical Services, College of Nursing &  
Health Sciences, UVM

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## Tuesday, February 18, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:15 PM</b>	<b>S.233 - An act relating to uniform licensing standards</b>
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*Committee discussion; possible vote*

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical  
Society

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional  
Regulation, Office of the Secretary of State

Jason Maulucci, Director, Boards and Commissions,  
Governor's Office

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**2:00 PM      S.270 - An act relating to the professional regulation of  
massage therapy**

*Committee discussion*

Andrea Altman, Owner and Director, Green Mountain  
Massage School

Jessica Barquist, Director of Policy and Organizing,  
Vermont Network Against Domestic & Sexual  
Violence

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional  
Regulation, Office of the Secretary of State

Lauren Layman, Staff Attorney, Secretary of State

Sheryl Rapee-Adams, Massage Therapist

Maureen Slayton, American Massage Therapy  
Association, VT Chapter

**3:15 PM      15 Minute Break**

**3:30 PM      OPR Bill**

*Discuss draft DR20-0864*

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical  
Society

Jessica Barquist, Director of Policy and Organizing,  
Vermont Network Against Domestic & Sexual

Violence

Lauren Bode, Vice President, Vermont Pharmacists  
Association, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health  
Sciences

Kim Bushey, Program Services Director, Department of  
Corrections

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional  
Regulation, Office of the Secretary of State

Alison Lutz, M.D., Vermont Medical Society

Jessica McNally, M.D., Vermont Medical Society

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## Wednesday, February 19, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>State Treasurer's Office</b>
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*Discuss retirement reports*

Ashlynn Doyon, Executive Assistant and Policy Analyst,  
Office of the State Treasurer

Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State  
Treasurer

**2:30 PM**

**S.286 - An act relating to the membership of the  
Vermont State Employees' Retirement System**

Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State  
Treasurer

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## **Thursday, February 20, 2020**

### **Meeting Details**

**Hearing  
Type**

Standard

### **Meeting Record**

**10:30 AM**

**Election of Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges**

*Joint Assembly*

**After the  
Joint  
Assembly**

**Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM**

**S.305 - An act relating to making State-formed  
nonprofits subject to the Public Records Act**

*Committee discussion*

Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable  
Jobs Fund

- **S.307 - An act relating to binding interest arbitration for employees of the Vermont Judiciary**

*Committee discussion; possible vote*

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## Friday, February 21, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>S.124 - An act relating to governmental structures protecting the public health, safety and welfare</b>
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*Discussion of dispatch sections of the bill; update on  
LEAB*

Lance Burnham, Department of Public Safety  
Barb Neal, Executive Director, Enhanced 9-1-1 Board

Michael E. Schirling, Commissioner, Department of  
Public Safety

Steve Whitaker, Concerned Citizen

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

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## Tuesday, February 25, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Implicit Bias Training</b>
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*Legislative lounge*

Bor Yang, Executive Director, VT Human Rights  
Commission

<b>1:45 PM</b>	<b>S.233 - An act relating to uniform licensing standards</b>
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*Committee discussion; mark up; possible vote*

David Herlihy, Director of Hospital Licensing,  
Department of Health, Executive Director, Vermont  
Board of Medical Practice

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional  
Regulation, Office of the Secretary of State  
BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**2:15 PM      H. - An act relating to OPR bill provisions**

*Committee discussion*

Dean Barcelow, Doctor, Vermont Optometric  
Association

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical  
Society

Wendy Davis, Pediatrician at UVM Medical Center,  
Vermont Medical Society

Steven Gordon, CEO / President, Brattleboro Memorial  
Hospital

David Herlihy, Director of Hospital Licensing,  
Department of Health, Executive Director, Vermont  
Board of Medical Practice

Judy Rosenstreich, Public Member, Vermont Board of  
Medical Practice

Paulette Thabault, Professor and Director, Norwich  
University School of Nursing

Ellen Watson, Chair Vermont Board of Nursing

**3:15 PM      15 Minute Break**

**3:30 PM      S.270 - An act relating to the professional regulation of  
massage therapy**

Mischul Brownstone, Guild Certified Feldenkrais  
Teacher  
Heather Chadwick, Massage Therapist  
Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional  
Regulation, Office of the Secretary of State  
Bobby Ibarra, Structural Integration Practitioner  
Kelly McDermott-Burns, Reiki Practitioner  
Diane Rodgers, Certified Advanced Rolfer

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## Wednesday, February 26, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:15 PM</b>	<b>S.307 - An act relating to binding interest arbitration for employees of the Vermont Judiciary</b>
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Jes Kraus, Chief Human Resources Officer, University of  
Vermont

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Heather Riemer, Director, American Federation of  
Teachers VT



**2:45 PM      15 Minute Break**

**3:00 PM      S.297 - An act relating to the Agency of Health Care  
Administration**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Sen. Jane Kitchel, Sponsor

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## **Thursday, February 27, 2020**

### **Meeting Details**

**Hearing  
Type**      Standard

### **Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM      Senate Floor**

**1:15 PM      S.127 - An act relating to the definition and rights of  
temporary State employees**

John Berard, Director, Labor Relations, Department of  
Human Resources

Beth Fastiggi, Commissioner, Department of Human  
Resources

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State  
Employees Association

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**2:15 PM      15 Minute Break**

**2:30 PM      EMS**

*Referencing S.243, Draft 2.2*

James Feehan, Lobbyist, American Property Casualty  
Insurance Association

James Finger, CEO, Vermont Ambulance Association

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

Nolan Langweil, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Patrick Malone, Director of the Initiative for Rural  
Emergency Medical Services, College of Nursing &  
Health Sciences, UVM

Will Moran, Paramedic, Vermont Ambulance Association

Bradley R. Reed, President, Professional Firefighters of  
Vermont

Steve Whitaker, Concerned Citizen

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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# Friday, February 28, 2020

## Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>S.287 - An act relating to the contractual rights of members of the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System</b>
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Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State  
Employees Association

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>15 Minute Break</b>
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<b>2:15 PM</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
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# Tuesday, March 10, 2020

## Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:15 PM**      **Office of Professional Regulation (OPR)**

*Pharmacists*

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Lauren Bode, Vice President, Vermont Pharmacists Association, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Office of the Secretary of State

Theo Kennedy, Lobbyist, Vermont Pharmacies and Vermont Retail Druggists Association

**2:00 PM**      **Office of Professional Regulation (OPR)**

*Optometrists and Ophthalmologists*

Dean Barcelow, President, VOA, Bethel

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

Amy Gregory, Ophthalmologist

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Office of the Secretary of State

Lauren Layman, Staff Attorney, Secretary of State

Steve St. Marie, Optometrist, St. Albans

Jeff Young

**3:30 PM      S.270 - An act relating to the professional regulation of  
massage therapy**

Mischul Brownstone, Guild Certified Feldenkrais  
Teacher

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional  
Regulation, Office of the Secretary of State

Maureen Slayton, American Massage Therapy  
Association, VT Chapter

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**4:45 PM      S.220 - An act relating to professional regulation**

Matt Cota, Executive Director, Vermont Fuel Dealers  
Association

Thomas Weiss, Resident, Montpelier

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## **Wednesday, March 11, 2020**

### **Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### **Meeting Record**

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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**15  
Minutes  
After the  
Floor**

**S.297 - An act relating to the Agency of Health Care Administration**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

Doug Racine, Former Secretary, Agency of Human Services

Mike Smith, Secretary, Agency of Human Services

**- S.124 - An act relating to governmental structures protecting the public health, safety and welfare**

*EMS*

Adam Heuslein, Chief, Glover, E.M.S.

Nolan Langweil, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor,  
Department of Health

Barb Neal, Executive Director, Enhanced 9-1-1 Board

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**Thursday, March 12, 2020**

**Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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**Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM      Senate Floor**

**15  
Minutes  
After the  
Floor**

**S.233 - An act relating to uniform licensing standards**

*Vote*

**2:30 PM**

**S.220 - An act relating to professional regulation**

*[Previously known as 20-0865 - An act relating to OPR bill provisions]*

Michael Desrochers, Executive Director of Fire  
Management, Department of Public Safety

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**3:30 PM**

**S.124 - An act relating to governmental structures  
protecting the public health, safety and welfare**

*Continued discussion*

Paco Aumand, Independent Consultant, Montpelier

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## **Friday, March 13, 2020**

### **Meeting Details**

**Hearing  
Type**

Standard

## Meeting Record

**11:30 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM**      **S.127 - An act relating to the definition and rights of temporary State employees**

*Vote.*

**1:15 PM**      **S.297 - An act relating to the Agency of Health Care Administration**

*Vote*

**1:30 PM**      **S.124 - An act relating to governmental structures protecting the public health, safety and welfare**

*Vote*

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## Tuesday, March 17, 2020

### Meeting Details

**Hearing  
Type**      Standard



## Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

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## Wednesday, March 18, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

**8:30 AM      Committee Discussion of COVID 19 Response**

*NOTE: This meeting will be held as a conference call. To participate or listen in to the call, please call (877) 278-2734 and use the Pin # 725345*

**S. - An act relating to temporary Open Meeting Law procedures in response to COVID-19**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## Thursday, March 19, 2020

## Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>Covid 19 Response Committee Discussion</b>
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*Public Record Requests, Notaries, Municipal Deadlines,  
Municipal Bonds and Any Other Issues Needing Attention*

- **H. - An act relating to temporary elections provisions in response to COVID-19**
- **S. - An act relating to temporary Open Meeting Law procedures in response to COVID-19**

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## Friday, March 20, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Covid 19 Response Committee Discussion</b>
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*Military/Emergency Response, VSEA/State Workers, OPR  
Issues and Any Other Issues Needing Attention*

### **Conference Call**

*NOTE: This meeting will be held as a conference call. To  
participate or listen in to the call, please call (877) 278-  
2734 and use the Pin # 356483*

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## **Monday, March 23, 2020**

### **Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### **Meeting Record**

<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Covid 19 Response Committee Discussion</b>
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*NOTE: This meeting will be held as a conference call. To  
participate or listen in to the call, please call (877) 278-  
2734 and use the Pin # 356483*

### **S. - An act relating to temporary Open Meeting Law procedures in response to COVID-19**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## Friday, March 27, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>2:45 PM</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
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*Municipal Issues; Pay Act; State Employee Issues; Law Enforcement; EMS Issues*

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## Tuesday, March 31, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>COVID-19 Committee Discusssion</b>
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*Electronic Signatures*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Chris Campany, Executive Director, Windham Regional  
Commission

Therese Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar  
Association

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

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

**1:30 PM      COVID-19 Committee Discusssion**

*State Workers*

Ashlynn Doyon, Executive Assistant and Policy Analyst,  
Office of the State Treasurer

Beth Fastiggi, Commissioner, Department of Human  
Resources

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State  
Employees Association

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State  
Treasurer

Tom Waldman, General Counsel, Department of Human  
Resources

**2:00 PM      COVID-19 Committee Discusssion**

*EMS*

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

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor,  
Department of Health

Patrick Malone, Director of the Initiative for Rural  
Emergency Medical Services, College of Nursing &  
Health Sciences, UVM

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## Thursday, April 2, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>COVID-19 Committee Discusssion</b>
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**S.124 - An act relating to governmental structures  
protecting the public health, safety and welfare**

Matthew Birmingham, Vermont State Police,  
Department of Public Safety

Michael Desrochers, Executive Director of Fire  
Management, Department of Public Safety

Rick Gauthier, Director, LEAB

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**1:30 PM      COVID-19 Committee Discusssion**

*Retirement of Law Enforcement*

Timothy Duggan, Legal Director, Office of the State  
Treasurer

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Beth Pearce, State Treasurer, Office of the State  
Treasurer

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

**2:15 PM      COVID-19 Committee Discusssion**

*Fire and Safety*

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**2:45 PM      COVID-19 Committee Discusssion**

*Voting Protocol*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

John Quinn, Secretary, Agency of Digital Services

## Friday, April 3, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>COVID-19 Committee Discusssion</b>
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#### *E-Signatures*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Jack Anderson, President, Assistant Judges Association

Therese Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar  
Association

Benj Deppman, Partner, Deppman Law PLC

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

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

<b>2:15 PM</b>	<b>COVID-19 Committee Discusssion</b>
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## *Communities At-Risk*

Marita Canedo, Migrant Justice

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

Mark Hughes, Executive Director, Justice for All

Greg Marchildon, State Director, AARP

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## **Monday, April 6, 2020**

### **Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### **Meeting Record**

<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>COVID-19 Committee Discussion</b>
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#### *Law Enforcement Bill; Sheriffs*

Matthew Birmingham, Vermont State Police,  
Department of Public Safety

Bill Bohnyak, Sheriff, Sheriffs' Association

Christopher Brickell, Chief of Police, VT Criminal Justice  
Training Council

Hon. Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge, Office of  
Chief Superior Judge

Anderson Mark, Sheriff, Windham County Sheriff's  
Office

Michael O'Neil, President, Vermont Troopers  
Association

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**2:30 PM**      **Committee Discussion**

*EMS*

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## Tuesday, April 7, 2020

### Meeting Details

**Hearing  
Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **COVID-19 Committee Discussion**

*Law enforcement bill; EMS*

Chris Campany, Executive Director, Windham Regional  
Commission

Jim Finger , President

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

Gregory C. Knight, Adjutant General, Vermont National  
Guard

Nolan Langweil, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor,  
Department of Health

Molly Mahar, President, Vermont Ski Areas Association

Patrick Malone, Director of the Initiative for Rural  
Emergency Medical Services, College of Nursing &  
Health Sciences, UVM

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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

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## Wednesday, April 8, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>No Committee Meeting</b>
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## Thursday, April 9, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**

### **COVID-19 Committee Discussion**

*Emergency voting protocol for communities at risk*

Marita Canedo, Migrant Justice

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

Mark Hughes, Executive Director, Justice for All

Karen Lafayette, Lobbyist, Vermont Community Action  
Agencies

Greg Marchildon, State Director, AARP

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

Denise Wheeler, President, Calais Selectboard

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

### **- 2020 Census**

Jason Broughton, State Librarian, Department of  
Libraries

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## **Friday, April 10, 2020**

### **Meeting Details**

**Hearing  
Type**

Standard

**Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM**

**COVID-19 Committee Discussion**

*Property taxes*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Douglas Farnham, Director of Policy and Tax  
Department Economist, Department of Taxes

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

Abby Shepard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative  
Counsel

**- COVID-19 Committee Discussion**

*Marriage license exceptions*

Jeff Fritz, Mayor of Vergennes

Jenny Prosser, General Counsel, Secretary of State's  
Office

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**Tuesday, April 14, 2020**

**Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>COVID-19 Committee Discussion</b>
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*Property Taxes: Can municipal legislative bodies without town-wide vote be allowed to 1) Change the due date for taxes, 2) Change the interest rate and penalties charged on late payments, 3) Reduce the current voted-on tax rate.*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Sen. Debbie Ingram

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

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

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## Wednesday, April 15, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

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## Thursday, April 16, 2020

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<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>COVID-19 Committee Discussion</b>
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*Money: Update on funds as it may affect municipalities and EMS/Law Enforcement*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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

Nolan Langweil, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

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## Friday, April 17, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

### 1:00 PM COVID-19 Committee Discussion

#### *DPS Update*

Karen Lafayette, Lobbyist, Vermont Community Action Agencies

Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

### - COVID-19 Committee Discussion

#### *Posting of notices*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Michael Donoghue, Executive Director, Vermont Press Association

John Flowers, Officer, Vermont Press Association

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

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## Tuesday, April 21, 2020

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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## Meeting Record

### 1:00 PM COVID-19 Committee Discussion

*Communities at risk: COVID repercussions; voting; bias incident reporting; other concerns*

Jessica Brown, Supervising Attorney, Chittenden  
County Public Defenders Office

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

Tom Donahue, CEO, Bennington/Rutland Opportunity  
Council

Mark Hughes, Executive Director, Justice for All

Karen Lafayette, Lobbyist, Vermont Low Income  
Advocacy Council

Kate Lapp, Government Reform Associate and Project  
Coordinator, VPIRG

Greg Marchildon, State Director, AARP

Etan Nasreddin-Longo, Chair, RDAP

Diana Wahle, Community Equity Collaborative

### - COVID-19 Committee Discussion

*Law enforcement training: Issues relating to training, certification and expediting Level IIIs*

Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County

Bill Bohnyak, Sheriff, Sheriffs' Association

Ingrid Jonas, Major, Vermont State Police

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## Wednesday, April 22, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

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## Thursday, April 23, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>COVID-19 Committee Discussion</b>
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*Access to land records: title searches; town clerks*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Sen. Randy Brock, Franklin

Chris Company, Executive Director, Windham Regional  
Commission

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

Chris Delia, President, Vermont Bankers' Association

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

Joy Limoge, Real Estate Attorney

Andy Mikell, State Counsel, VT Attorneys Title Corp.

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, CT Attorneys Title Company

Peter Tucker, Managing Broker, Four Seasons  
Sotheby's International Realty

- **S.344 - An act relating to temporary municipal tax rate provisions in response to COVID-19**

*Vote: Municipal hearings; municipal tax rate and penalties*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Michael Donoghue, Executive Director, Vermont Press  
Association

John Flowers, Officer, Vermont Press Association

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

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## Friday, April 24, 2020

### Meeting Details

**Hearing  
Type**

Standard

## Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **S.345 - An act relating to temporary municipal provisions in response to the COVID-19 outbreak**

*Vote: Draft 2.1*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

-      **COVID-19 Committee Discussion**

*Municipalities*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Shaun Fielder, Town Manager, Hardwick

Kristine Lott, Mayor, Winooski

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

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## Monday, April 27, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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## Tuesday, April 28, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>H.948 - An act relating to temporary municipal proceedings provisions in response to the COVID-19 outbreak</b>
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Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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

Lisa Wright, President, Vermont Assessors and Listers  
Association

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## Wednesday, April 29, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Digitizing Land Records</b>
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John Adams, Director, Vermont Center for Geographic Information

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Bobbi Brimblecombe, Marshfield Town Clerk, VMCTA Legislative Committee

Therese Corsones, Executive Director, Vermont Bar Association

Chris D'Elia, President, Vermont Bankers' Association

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

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

Jim Knapp, Counsel, First American Title, VT Bar Association Property Law Section

Joy Limoge, Real Estate Attorney

Nancy Lynch, Government Affairs Director, Vermont Association of Realtors

Tanya Marshall, State Archivist and Chief Records Officer, VT State Archives & Records Administration

Andy Mikell, State Counsel, VT Attorneys Title Corp.

John Quinn, Secretary, Agency of Digital Services

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, CT Attorneys Title Company

Peter Tucker, Managing Broker, Four Seasons Sotheby's International Realty

Lucrecia Wonsor, Town Clerk and Treasurer, Town of Killington

**2:00 PM**

**H.948 - An act relating to temporary municipal proceedings provisions in response to the COVID-19 outbreak**

*Continue committee discussion: BCA and inspections*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Doug Farnham, Deputy Commissioner, Department of  
Taxes

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

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## Thursday, April 30, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting**

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## Friday, May 1, 2020

### Meeting Details

**Hearing  
Type**

Standard

**Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM**

**Elections Proposal with Secretary of State's Office**

*Joint Committee Hearing: Senate Government Operations  
and House Government Operations*

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

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**- S. - An act relating to temporarily suspending the in-  
person requirements for quasi-judicial municipal  
proceedings**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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

Doug Farnham, Deputy Commissioner, Department of  
Taxes

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

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# Tuesday, May 5, 2020

## Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>S. - An act relating to temporarily suspending the in-person requirements for quasi-judicial municipal proceedings</b>
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Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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

- **COVID-19 Committee Discussion**

*Discuss elections proposal*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Dan Batsie, Chief, Emergency Medical Services,  
Vermont Department of Health

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

Nolan Langweil, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

## Wednesday, May 6, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

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## Thursday, May 7, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>H.788 - An act relating to technical corrections for the 2020 legislative session</b>
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Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**1:30 PM**

**H.438 - An act relating to the Board of Medical Practice and the licensure of physicians and podiatrists**

David Herlihy, Director of Hospital Licensing,  
Department of Health, Executive Director, Vermont  
Board of Medical Practice

**- COVID-19 Committee Discussion**

*General discussion*

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## **Friday, May 8, 2020**

### **Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### **Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM**

**COVID-19 Committee Discussion**

*Discuss EMS funding*

Dan Batsie, Chief, Emergency Medical Services,  
Vermont Department of Health

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

Nolan Langweil, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
Shayla Livingston, Public Health Policy Advisor,  
Department of Health

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## Monday, May 11, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>COVID-19 Committee Discussion</b>
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*Municipal issues; OPR: Discuss transition from crisis, lessons learned; proposals for future policies and procedures.*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Lucas Herring, Mayor, City of Barre

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional  
Regulation, Office of the Secretary of State

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

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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# Tuesday, May 12, 2020

## Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>COVID-19 Committee Discussion</b>
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*Elections: Discuss transition from crisis; lessons learned; proposal for future policies and procedures.*

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

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>COVID-19 Committee Discussion</b>
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*National Guard: Discuss transition from crisis: lessons learned; proposal for future policies and procedures.*

Gregory C. Knight, Adjutant General, Vermont National  
Guard

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

- **H.947 - An act relating to temporary municipal tax rate provisions in response to COVID-19**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Peter Elwell, Town Manager, Town of Brattleboro

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

## **2:30 PM COVID-19 Committee Discussion**

*Discuss pending charters*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Rep. Annmarie Christensen, Windsor

Rep. James Harrison, Sponsor, Rutland-Windsor

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

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## **Wednesday, May 13, 2020**

### **Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### **Meeting Record**

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

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## Thursday, May 14, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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## Friday, May 15, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>H.947 - An act relating to temporary municipal tax rate provisions in response to COVID-19</b>
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Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Peter Elwell, Town Manager, Town of Brattleboro

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

- **COVID-19 Committee Discussion**

*S.124 Discussion*

Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County, The Nature Conservancy

Dan Batsie, Chief, Emergency Medical Services,  
Vermont Department of Health

Matthew Birmingham, Vermont State Police,  
Department of Public Safety

William Bohnyak, Orange County Sheriff's Department,  
Vermont Sheriffs Association

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

Nolan Langweil, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

George Merkel, President, Vermont Association of  
Chiefs of Police

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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

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**Tuesday, May 19, 2020**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing  
Type**

Standard



## Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **Senate Floor**

**1:00 PM**      **COVID-19 FY2020 Proposed Budget Adjustment**

*Discuss SOS, EMS financial needs that are not being addressed elsewhere.*

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**2:00 PM**      **H.948 - An act relating to temporary municipal proceedings provisions in response to the COVID-19 outbreak**

*Possible vote.*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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

**2:30 PM**      **H.558 - An act relating to exempting the Victims Compensation Board from the Open Meeting Law**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Chris Fenno, Executive Director, Center for Crime Victim  
Services

Wendy Mays, Executive Director, Vermont Association  
of Broadcasters

Robert Paolini, Attorney, Victim's Compensation Board

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## Wednesday, May 20, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>2:15 PM</b>	<b>H.788 - An act relating to technical corrections for the 2020 legislative session</b>
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*Review*

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

<b>3:15 PM</b>	<b>H.438 - An act relating to the Board of Medical Practice and the licensure of physicians and podiatrists</b>
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*Review*

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**3:30 PM      H.558 - An act relating to exempting the Victims  
Compensation Board from the Open Meeting Law**

*Vote*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Chris Fenno, Executive Director, Center for Crime Victim  
Services

Wendy Mays, Executive Director, Vermont Association  
of Broadcasters

Robert Paolini, Attorney, Victim's Compensation Board

**3:45 PM      H.948 - An act relating to temporary municipal  
proceedings provisions in response to the COVID-19  
outbreak**

*Committee Discussion*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Doug Farnham, Deputy Commissioner, Department of  
Taxes

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**Thursday, May 21, 2020**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing  
Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM Senate Floor**

**After the Floor S.124 - An act relating to governmental structures protecting the public health, safety and welfare**

*Committee discussion*

Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County, The Nature Conservancy

Dan Batsie, Chief, Emergency Medical Services, Vermont Department of Health

Matthew Birmingham, Vermont State Police, Department of Public Safety

Bill Bohnyak, Sheriff, Sheriffs' Association

Christopher Brickell, Chief of Police, VT Criminal Justice Training Council

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

George Merkel, President, Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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

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# Friday, May 22, 2020

## Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>H.793 - An act relating to the powers and duties of the Auditor of Accounts</b>
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Andrew Stein, Deputy Auditor, State Auditor's Office  
BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

<b>1:45 PM</b>	<b>H.750 - An act relating to creating a National Guard provost marshal</b>
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Gregory C. Knight, Adjutant General, Vermont National  
Guard  
Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

<b>2:15 PM</b>	<b>COVID-19 FY2020 Proposed Budget Adjustment</b>
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*Short discussion with DPS regarding budget adjustment requests and S.124*

## Tuesday, May 26, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>COVID-19 Committee Discussion</b>
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#### *Elections*

Paul Burns, Executive Director, Vermont Public Interest  
Research Group

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

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

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

<b>2:30 PM</b>
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**S.124 - An act relating to governmental structures protecting the public health, safety and welfare**

Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County

Dan Batsie, Chief, Emergency Medical Services,  
Vermont Department of Health

Bill Bohnyak, Sheriff, Sheriffs' Association

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

Matthew S. Romei, Chief of Police, Capitol Police  
Department

Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public  
Safety

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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**Wednesday, May 27, 2020**

**Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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**Meeting Record**

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:30</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
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*Meeting begins after Senate Session ends. Zoom meeting opens at 1:30 PM.*

- **S.124 - An act relating to governmental structures protecting the public health, safety and welfare**

*Committee discussion begins after Senate Session is finished.*

Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County

Dan Batsie, Chief, Emergency Medical Services,  
Vermont Department of Health

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## Thursday, May 28, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
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*Meeting begins when Senate Session ends. Zoom meeting opens at 1:30 pm.*

- **Committee Discussion**

*Sheriffs' finances: Lost revenue due to COVID-19*

Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County, Sheriffs' Association

Jennifer Harlow, Sheriff, Orleans County, Sheriffs' Association

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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

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## **Friday, May 29, 2020**

### **Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### **Meeting Record**

<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>H.769 - An act relating to veteran status inquiries on program and service intake forms</b>
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*Walk-through*

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative  
Counsel

- **H.557 - An act relating to municipal regulation of livestock running at large**

*Walk-through*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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Legislative Counsel

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## Tuesday, June 2, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
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*Burn Pit Bill (S.111) Follow Up*

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical  
Society

Bob Burke, Director, Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs  
June Heston, Widow, Brigadier General Michael Heston,  
Former Deputy Adjutant General Vermont National  
Guard

Gregory C. Knight, Adjutant General, Vermont National  
Guard

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Katherine Long, Caseworker, Office of Senator Patrick  
Leahy

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

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## Wednesday, June 3, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
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*Meeting begins after Senate Session ends. Zoom meeting  
opens at 1:30 PM.*

- **H.558 - An act relating to exempting the Victims  
Compensation Board from the Open Meeting Law**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Michael Donoghue, Executive Director, Vermont Press  
Association

John Flowers, Officer, Vermont Press Association

Angelo Lynn, Editor/Publisher, Addison County  
Independent

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## Thursday, June 4, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
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*Meeting begins after Senate Session ends. Zoom meeting  
opens at 1:30 PM.*

- **H.345 - An act relating to the placement of inspection  
certificates**

*Committee Discussion*

Rep. Janet Ancel, Sponsor

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Cary Brown, Executive Director, Vermont Commission  
on Women

Rep. Robert LaClair, Sponsor

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## Friday, June 5, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>S.220 - An act relating to professional regulation</b>
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*Discuss amendment*

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**1:30 PM      H.958 - An act relating to communications union districts**

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

**2:00 PM      H.750 - An act relating to creating a National Guard provost marshal**

*Committee Discussion*

Sen. Ruth Hardy

Gregory C. Knight, Adjutant General, Vermont National  
Guard

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**2:30 PM      H.558 - An act relating to exempting the Victims Compensation Board from the Open Meeting Law**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Michael Donoghue, Executive Director, Vermont Press  
Association

Chris Fenno, Executive Director, Center for Crime Victim  
Services

John Flowers, Officer, Vermont Press Association

Angelo Lynn, Editor/Publisher, Addison County  
Independent

Robert Paolini, Attorney, Victim's Compensation Board

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# Tuesday, June 9, 2020

## Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>H.750 - An act relating to creating a National Guard provost marshal</b>
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*Committee discussion of amendments.*

Christopher Brickell, Chief of Police, VT Criminal Justice  
Training Council

Sen. Ruth Hardy, Sponsor

Gregory C. Knight, Adjutant General, Vermont National  
Guard

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Sen. Andrew Perchlik

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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# Wednesday, June 10, 2020

## Meeting Details

**Hearing  
Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**1:00 PM      Senate Floor**

**1:30 PM      Committee Discussion**

**After the  
Floor      Committee Discussion**

*Land Records*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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

Chris Delia, President, Vermont Bankers' Association

Andy Mikell, State Counsel, VT Attorneys Title Corp.

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist

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

**2:30 PM      H.964 - An act relating to compensation for certain  
State employees (Pay Act)**

Gary Hoadley, Director of Labor Relations, VSEA

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State  
Employees Association

Annie Noonan, Labor Relations Manager, State's  
Attorneys and Sheriffs Association



## Thursday, June 11, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
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<b>After the Floor</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
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*Law Enforcement.*

Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County, Sheriffs'  
Association

Bill Bohnyak, Sheriff, Sheriffs' Association

Christopher Brickell, Chief of Police, VT Criminal Justice  
Training Council

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

John Flowers, Officer, Vermont Press Association

Brynn Hare, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative  
Counsel

Rob Schell, Security and Safety Program Manager,  
Judiciary Branch

Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public  
Safety

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## Friday, June 12, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>11:30 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
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*Law Enforcement - Disciplinary Action*

Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County, Sheriffs'  
Association

Matthew Birmingham, Vermont State Police,  
Department of Public Safety

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

Michael Donahue, Vermont Press Association

Etan Nasreddin-Longo, Chair, RDAP

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

Betsy Ann Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## Tuesday, June 16, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>S.220 - An act relating to professional regulation</b>
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*Discuss proposed amendment*

Sen. Tim Ashe

Matt Cota, Executive Director, Vermont Fuel Dealers  
Association

Sen. Christopher A. Pearson

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

<b>1:50 PM</b>	<b>H.650 - An act relating to boards and commissions</b>
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*Vote*

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**1:55 PM      H.964 - An act relating to compensation for certain  
State employees (Pay Act)**

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**2:00 PM      Committee Discussion**

*Law Enforcement Continued - Recruitment, hiring, training  
and promotion of law enforcement officers*

Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County, Sheriffs'  
Association

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

Curtiss Reed, Executive Director, Vermont Partnership  
for Fairness and Diversity

Michael E. Schirling, Commissioner, Department of  
Public Safety

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

Diana Wahle, Community Equity Collaborative

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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

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**Wednesday, June 17, 2020**

## Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>After the Floor</b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
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*Law enforcement continued. General discussion.*

John Campbell, Executive Director, State's Attorneys  
and Sheriffs' Dept.

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of  
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

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## Thursday, June 18, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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**After the  
Floor**

**Committee Meeting**

*Law enforcement continued. General discussion.*

Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County, Sheriffs'  
Association

Robert Appel, Esq, Attorney, Robert Appel Law

John Flowers, Officer, Vermont Press Association

James Pepper, Deputy State's Attorney, Department of  
State's Attorneys & Sheriffs

Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public  
Safety

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

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**Friday, June 19, 2020**

**Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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**Meeting Record**

<b>11:30 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>H.943 - An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the City of St. Albans</b>
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*Walk-through*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

- **H.946 - An act relating to approval of the adoption of the charter of the Town of Elmore**

*Walk-through*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## Tuesday, June 23, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
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*Law Enforcement discussion continued: 2016 163 body  
cam act and other issues.*

Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County, Sheriffs'  
Association

Robert Appel, Esq, Attorney, Robert Appel Law

Christopher Brickell, Chief of Police, VT Criminal Justice  
Training Council

Sarah Robinson, Deputy Director, Vermont Network  
Against Domestic & Sexual Violence

Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public  
Safety

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

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Bor Yang, Executive Director, VT Human Rights  
Commission

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

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## Wednesday, June 24, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Floor</b>
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**After the  
Floor(1:30)**

**Committee Discussion**

*Law Enforcement discussion continued. Discuss budget items.*

Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County, Sheriffs'  
Association

Christopher Brickell, Chief of Police, VT Criminal Justice  
Training Council

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

**4:00 PM**

**Senate Floor**

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## Thursday, June 25, 2020

### Meeting Details

**Hearing  
Type**

Standard

### Meeting Record

**12:00 PM**

**Senate Floor**

**1:45 PM**

**S.349 - An act relating to emergency funding for local  
government**

Bobbi Brimblecombe, Marshfield Town Clerk, VMCTA  
Legislative Committee

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

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

Adam Lougee, Director, Addison County Regional  
Planning Commission

Tanya Marshall, State Archivist and Chief Records  
Officer, VT State Archives & Records Administration

Andrew Mikell, State Manager, VT Attorneys Title Corp.

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, Connecticut Attorneys Title  
Corporation

- **Committee Discussion**

*Discuss measures for future state emergencies.*

**4:00 PM      Senate Floor**

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## Friday, June 26, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

**8:00 AM**      **Senate Floor**

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## **Tuesday, August 25, 2020**

### **Meeting Details**

**Hearing  
Type**      Standard

### **Meeting Record**

**1:30 PM**      **Committee Discussion**  
*Review; Set Priorities*

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## **Wednesday, August 26, 2020**

### **Meeting Details**

**Hearing  
Type**      Standard

### **Meeting Record**

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

*CRF Update: EMS and digitizing*

Dan Batsie, Chief, Emergency Medical Services,  
Vermont Department of Health

Sarah Clark, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Human  
Services

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

Doug Farnham, Deputy Commissioner, Department of  
Taxes

Jim Finger , President

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

Jill Remick, Director of Property Valuation and Review,  
Department of Taxes

**2:30 PM      Committee Discussion**

*Discuss elections.*

Paul Burns, Executive Director, Vermont Public Interest  
Research Group

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

Greg Marchildon, State Director, AARP

Thomas Weiss, Resident, Montpelier

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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# Thursday, August 27, 2020

## Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
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*CRF Update Discussion Continued*

Bill Bohnyak, Sheriff, Sheriffs' Association

Erica Bornemann, Director, Vermont Emergency  
Management & Homeland Security

Christopher Brickell, Chief of Police, VT Criminal Justice  
Training Council

Jennifer Harlow, Sheriff, Orleans County, Sheriffs'  
Association

<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
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*Burn pits*

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical  
Society

Bob Burke, Director, Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs

June Heston, Widow, Brigadier General Michael Heston,  
Former Deputy Adjutant General Vermont National

Guard

Katherine Long, Caseworker, Office of Senator Patrick Leahy

Kathryn Becker Van Haste, Director of Health Policy and Health, Veterans & Business Outreach, Office of Senator Bernie Sanders

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## Friday, August 28, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
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*Discuss Governor's Budget*

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

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State Employees Association

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel

Bor Yang, Executive Director, VT Human Rights Commission

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# Tuesday, September 1, 2020

## Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
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*Governor's Budget - DPS, Sheriffs & VT Commission on Women*

Mark Anderson, Sheriff, Windham County, Sheriffs' Association

Dan Batsie, Chief, Emergency Medical Services, Vermont Department of Health

Christopher Brickell, Chief of Police, VT Criminal Justice Training Council

Cary Brown, Executive Director, Vermont Commission on Women

John Campbell, Executive Director, State's Attorneys and Sheriffs' Dept.

Jennifer Harlow, Sheriff, Orleans County, Sheriffs' Association

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

Nolan Langweil, Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

## Wednesday, September 2, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>15 Minutes After the Floor</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>  <i>continue budget discussion, address bills coming from House, begin reviewing "Lessons Learned: Preparation for Potential Emergencies" bill.</i>  Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  Karen Horn, Director, Public Policy & Advocacy, Vermont League of Cities and Towns  BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
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## Thursday, September 3, 2020

### Meeting Details



<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>15 Minutes After the Floor</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>  <i>continue budget discussion, address bills coming from House, begin reviewing "Lessons Learned: Preparation for Potential Emergencies" bill.</i>  Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  David Herlihy, Executive Director, Vermont Board of Medical Practice  Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Office of the Secretary of State  BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
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## Friday, September 4, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
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*continue budget discussion, address bills coming from House, begin reviewing "Lessons Learned: Preparation for Potential Emergencies" bill.*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Bill Bohnyak, Sheriff, Sheriffs' Association

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

Christopher Winters, Director of Secretary of State,  
Secretary of State's Office

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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

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## **Tuesday, September 8, 2020**

### **Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### **Meeting Record**

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
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*Continue budget discussion, address bills coming from House, begin reviewing "Lessons Learned: Preparation for Potential Emergencies" bill.*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Jack Anderson, President, Vermont Association of  
County Judges

Bill Bohnyak, Sheriff, Sheriffs' Association

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

Christopher Winters, Director of Secretary of State,  
Secretary of State's Office

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Susanne Young, Secretary of Administration, Agency of  
Administration

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

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## Wednesday, September 9, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:30 PM (After the Floor)</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>  <i>Continue reviewing "Lessons Learned: Preparation for Potential Emergencies" bill.</i>
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Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Ross Connelly, Trustee, Jeudevine Memorial Library

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

Michael Donoghue, Executive Director, Vermont Press  
Association

David Herlihy, Executive Director, Vermont Board of  
Medical Practice

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional  
Regulation, Office of the Secretary of State

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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

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## Thursday, September 10, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:45 PM (After the Floor)</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
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*Continue review -- and vote on "Lessons Learned: Preparation for Potential Emergencies" bill. Review House changes to S.220.*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Ross Connelly, Trustee, Jeudevine Memorial Library

Michael Donoghue, Executive Director, Vermont Press  
Association

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

Lisa Loomis, President, Vermont Press Association

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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

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## Friday, September 11, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b>
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*No Committee Meeting*

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# Tuesday, September 15, 2020

## Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

### **1:15 PM      Commission Discussion**

*Discuss Governor's recent executive order. Order No. 3-20.*

Matthew Birmingham, Vermont State Police,  
Department of Public Safety

Ingrid Jonas, Major, Vermont State Police

Michael E. Schirling, Commissioner, Department of  
Public Safety

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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

*National Guard: Joint meeting between Senate  
Government Operations Committee and House General  
and Military Affairs Committee. Will be available on House  
General YouTube channel.*

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# Wednesday, September 16, 2020

## Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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## Meeting Record

<b>After the Floor</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b> <i>Cancelled.</i>
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## Thursday, September 17, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

<b>After the Floor</b>	<b>Committee Discussion</b> <i>Delay in the purchasing system in regard to supplying the Dept. of Corrections personal protection equipment.</i>  Al Cormier, Corrections Facilities Executive, Department of Corrections  Matt D'Agostino, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Corrections  Erik Filkorn, Principal Assistant, Buildings and General Services
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Jennifer Fitch, Acting Commissioner, Buildings &  
General Services

**3:00 PM**      **S.124 - An act relating to governmental structures  
protecting the public health, safety and welfare**

*Discuss changes proposed by the House.*

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## Friday, September 18, 2020

### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### Meeting Record

**1:00 PM**      **S.124 - An act relating to governmental structures  
protecting the public health, safety and welfare**

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## Tuesday, September 22, 2020

### Meeting Details



<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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#### Meeting Record

<b>2:15 PM (After fall of the gavel)</b>	<b>H.952 - An act relating to approval of amendments to the charters of the City of Burlington and the City of Barre</b>
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Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Rep. Peter Anthony, Barre City

Rep. Robert Hooper, Chittenden 6-1

Justin St. James, Staff Attorney, City Of Burlington

<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>S.124 - An act relating to governmental structures protecting the public health, safety and welfare</b>
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BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## Wednesday, September 23, 2020

#### Meeting Details

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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#### Meeting Record

**2:00 PM**      **Committee Discussion**

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## **Thursday, September 24, 2020**

### **Meeting Details**

**Hearing  
Type**      Standard

### **Meeting Record**

**2:00 PM**      **Committee Discussion**

*TBD*

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## **Friday, September 25, 2020**

### **Meeting Details**

**Hearing  
Type**      Standard

### **Meeting Record**

**12:00 PM**      **S.354 - An act relating to using Australian ballot for  
municipal meetings in the year 2021**

## *House Proposal of Amendment*

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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## **Friday, December 4, 2020**

### **Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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### **Meeting Record**

<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Elections</b>
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#### *Town Meeting 2021 Discussion*

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

Susan Clark, Middlesex Town Moderator

Kari Clark, Rutland Town Clerk

Susan Clark, Middlesex Town Moderator

James Condos, Vermont Secretary of State

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

Carl Ethier, Selectboard Member, East Montpelier

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

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

Scott Woodward, Selectboard, Pomfret

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of  
Legislative Counsel

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

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