

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

Friday, January 11, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:00 PM

Committee Discussion

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM Secretary of State's Office

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

2:30 PM State Workforce

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**

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

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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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

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

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:00 AM Senate Protocols and Floor Decorum

9:30 AM Senate Floor

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**

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

**15
Minutes
After the
Floor**

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

2:30 PM **Department of Public Safety**

Discuss Priorities

Thomas D. Anderson, Commissioner, Department of
Public Safety

Matthew Birmingham, Colonel, Department of Public
Safety

3:15 **15 Minute Break**

3:40 PM **Vermont Police Academy**

*Discuss Alternative Training Structure; Level 2 to Level 3;
Fair and Impartial Policing*

Rick Gauthier, Director, VT Criminal Justice Training
Council

Thursday, January 24, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

2:00 PM **Governor's 2019 FY Budget Address**

Joint Assembly-House Chamber

3:30 PM **Office of the State Treasury -- Priorities**

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

Friday, January 25, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Implied Bias Training**

Ethan Allen Room

1:00 PM **GPI**

Genuine Progress Indicator

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

Crea Lintilhac, Secretary/Treasurer, Lintilhac Foundation

2:00 PM **Committee Discussion**

Discuss Governor's budget address

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

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

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	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**

Thursday, January 31, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

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

Friday, February 1, 2019

Meeting Details

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

Meeting Details

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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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **PR2 - Declaration of rights; clarifying the prohibition on slavery and indentured servitude**

Sen. Dick McCormack, Sponsor

Peter Teachout, Professor, Vermont Law School

3:30 PM **15 Minute Break**

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

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

Thursday, February 14, 2019

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

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

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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:15 PM	Occupational Regulation and Migrant Professionals in Vermont: Reducing Barriers for Qualified Immigrants
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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

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

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Meeting Record

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

2:00 PM	S.32 - An act relating to the public financing of campaigns
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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

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
Type

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

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

Thursday, February 21, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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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 **Senate Floor**
Joint
Assembly

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

Friday, February 22, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:00 PM **Review Election Issues**

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

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

Committee Discussion

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:15 PM **PR2 - Declaration of rights; clarifying the prohibition on slavery and indentured servitude**

Sen. Debbie Ingram, Sponsor

1:30 PM **S.47 - An act relating to the persons authorized to make contributions to candidates and political parties and to political committee names**

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

3:00 PM **15 Minute Break**

3:15 PM **S.111 - An act relating to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry**

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)

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor
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1:30 PM	Ethics Commission
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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

Thursday, February 28, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

3:15 PM **Committee Discussion**

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

3:30 PM **S.106 - An act relating to establishing the Municipal Self-
Governance Program**

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

Friday, March 1, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:00 PM	S.107 - An act relating to elections corrections
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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

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meetings Scheduled**

The General Assembly is on Break for Town Meeting Week

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:15 PM	S.32 - An act relating to the public financing of campaigns
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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

2:15 PM	S.107 - An act relating to elections corrections
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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

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

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM Senate Floor

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

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

Friday, March 15, 2019

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1:00 PM	S.106 - An act relating to establishing the Municipal Self-Governance Program
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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

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

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

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

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

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

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

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor
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Friday, March 22, 2019

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor
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After the Floor	Charters
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- **H.58 - An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of Barre**

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Rep. James Harrison, Sponsor, Sponsor

Rep. James Harrison, Sponsor, Sponsor

Rep. James Harrison, Sponsor, Sponsor

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Meeting Details

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

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

3:00 PM	15 Minute Break
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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

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	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

Thursday, March 28, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

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

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

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

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

Vote

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

**1:45 PM H.523 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes to the
State's retirement systems**

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

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM Senate Floor

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

Thursday, April 4, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor
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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

Friday, April 5, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

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

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

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

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM Senate Floor

2:30 PM **H.104 - An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation**

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

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

Testimony

David Bellini, President, VSEA

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

**After the
Floor** **Ranked Choice Voting**

Kyle Bailey, Resident of the State of Maine, Maine
Voting System

Rep. Laura Sibilila, Windham-Bennington

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

2:30 PM **H.526 - An act relating to town clerk recording fees and
town restoration and preservation reserve funds**

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

Friday, April 12, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:15 PM	PR2 - Declaration of rights; clarifying the prohibition on slavery and indentured servitude
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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

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

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**

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

2:30 PM **Dispatch**

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

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

**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

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

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

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

Friday, April 19, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM Senate Floor

1:15 PM H.16 - An act relating to boards and commissions

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

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:15 PM **H.104 - An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation**

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

1:45 PM **S.156 - An act relating to binding interest arbitration for State employees and municipal public safety employees**

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

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

12:00 PM	Senate Meeting
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2:00 PM	Senate Floor
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After the Floor	Committee Discussion
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Thursday, April 25, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor
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After the Floor	S.156 - An act relating to binding interest arbitration for State employees and municipal public safety employees
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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

Friday, April 26, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

12:15 PM Senate Floor

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

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

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

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

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

Markup; possible vote

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

4:00 PM **Adjourn**

- **Montpelier Election Issues**

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

Thursday, May 2, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

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

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

Friday, May 3, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

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

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

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:30 AM	H.16 - An act relating to boards and commissions
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*Compare Senate/Legislative Council Tracking System
with State Archives Tracking System*

John Bloomer, Secretary, Vermont Senate

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

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 **Montpelier Election Issues**
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

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

John Quinn, Secretary, Agency of Digital Services

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
Type

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

Rep. James Harrison, Rutland-Windsor

Rep. James Harrison, Sponsor, Rutland-Windsor

Friday, May 10, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:30 **H.16 - An act relating to boards and commissions**

Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons, Chittenden

Sen. Michael Sirotkin, Chittenden

2:45 PM **H.16 - An act relating to boards and commissions**

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

Monday, May 13, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:30 PM **Senate Floor**

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

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

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

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

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Accountability Advocate, Montpelier

- **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**

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM Senate Floor

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

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

Thursday, May 16, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

10:30 AM Senate Floor

- **No Committee Meeting**

4:00 PM Senate Floor

Friday, May 17, 2019

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:00 AM **Senate Convenes**

1:30 PM **Committee Discussion**

Set priorities and discuss committee schedule

2:00 PM **GAC Performance Accountability**

Discuss recommendations for committee discussions

Sen. Brian Collamore

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

2:30 PM **OPR Review**

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

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

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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

Thursday, January 9, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

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

Joint Assembly-House Chamber

Friday, January 10, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:00 PM	Committee Discussion
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2:30 PM	Ethics Commission
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Update

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

3:30 PM	Committee Discussion
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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

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

8:00 AM Chairs' Meeting

1:00 PM Senate Floor

After the Floor H.143 - An act relating to appointing town agents

Walk-through

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

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM Senate Floor

After the Floor (1:15 PM) **H.143 - An act relating to appointing town agents**
Voted out of committee

- **S.186 - An act relating to bonded officials**
Voted out of committee

1:30 PM Public Records

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

Friday, January 17, 2020

Meeting Details

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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**

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
Type

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

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

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

1:15 PM **Public Records**

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

3:15 PM **15 Minute Break**

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

Friday, January 24, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM EMS

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

3:00 PM Security Briefing by Capitol Police

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

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

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

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **S.220 - An act relating to professional regulation**

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

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional
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

Thursday, January 30, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **H.550 - An act relating to unclaimed property**

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

Friday, January 31, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:00 PM	Committee Discussion
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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

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

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

15 **Annual VT Guard Sexual Assault Report**
Minutes

**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

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

Friday, February 7, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor
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After the Floor	No Committee Meeting
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Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:30 PM	S.305 - An act relating to making State-formed nonprofits subject to the Public Records Act
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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

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **S.189 - An act relating to survivor benefits for public employees**

Committee discussion

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

2:00 PM **S.124 - An act relating to governmental structures protecting the public health, safety and welfare**

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

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

Friday, February 14, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:00 PM **EMS**

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

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:15 PM	S.233 - An act relating to uniform licensing standards
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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

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor
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1:30 PM	State Treasurer's Office
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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

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

Friday, February 21, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:00 PM	S.124 - An act relating to governmental structures protecting the public health, safety and welfare
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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

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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11:30 AM	Senate Implicit Bias Training
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Legislative lounge

Bor Yang, Executive Director, VT Human Rights
Commission

1:45 PM	S.233 - An act relating to uniform licensing standards
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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

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor
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1:15 PM	S.307 - An act relating to binding interest arbitration for employees of the Vermont Judiciary
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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

Sophie Zdatny, General Counsel, Vermont State
College System

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

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Standard
Type

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

Friday, February 28, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:00 PM **S.287 - An act relating to the contractual rights of members of the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System**

Steve Howard, Executive Director, Vermont State
Employees Association

Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

2:00 PM **15 Minute Break**

2:15 PM **Committee Discussion**

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	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

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM Senate Floor

**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

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

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

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

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	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

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

2:30 PM Covid 19 Response Committee Discussion

*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**

Friday, March 20, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM Covid 19 Response Committee Discussion

*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

Monday, March 23, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

5:30 PM	Covid 19 Response Committee Discussion
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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

Friday, March 27, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

2:45 PM	Committee Discussion
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Municipal Issues; Pay Act; State Employee Issues; Law Enforcement; EMS Issues

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	COVID-19 Committee Discussion
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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 Discussion

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 Discussion

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

Thursday, April 2, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	COVID-19 Committee Discussion
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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 Discussion

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 Discussion

Fire and Safety

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

2:45 PM COVID-19 Committee Discussion

Voting Protocol

Tucker Anderson, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

John Quinn, Secretary, Agency of Digital Services

Friday, April 3, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:30 PM COVID-19 Committee Discussion

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

2:15 PM COVID-19 Committee Discussion

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

Monday, April 6, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:30 PM	COVID-19 Committee Discussion
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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

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

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	No Committee Meeting
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Thursday, April 9, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	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

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

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM COVID-19 Committee Discussion

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

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

Thursday, April 16, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	COVID-19 Committee Discussion
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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

Friday, April 17, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	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

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

Wednesday, April 22, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM COVID-19 Committee Discussion

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

Friday, April 24, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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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

Monday, April 27, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

10:30 AM **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	H.948 - An act relating to temporary municipal proceedings provisions in response to the COVID-19 outbreak
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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

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Digitizing Land Records
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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

Thursday, April 30, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting**

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

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:00 PM **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

- **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

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

Thursday, May 7, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	H.788 - An act relating to technical corrections for the 2020 legislative session
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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

Friday, May 8, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	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

Monday, May 11, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:30 PM COVID-19 Committee Discussion

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

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

Thursday, May 14, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor
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Friday, May 15, 2020

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Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	H.947 - An act relating to temporary municipal tax rate provisions in response to COVID-19
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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

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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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

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

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

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

3:15 PM	H.438 - An act relating to the Board of Medical Practice and the licensure of physicians and podiatrists
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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

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

Friday, May 22, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:00 PM **H.793 - An act relating to the powers and duties of the Auditor of Accounts**

Andrew Stein, Deputy Auditor, State Auditor's Office
BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

1:45 PM **H.750 - An act relating to creating a National Guard provost marshal**

Gregory C. Knight, Adjutant General, Vermont National
Guard
Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

2:15 PM **COVID-19 FY2020 Proposed Budget Adjustment**

Short discussion with DPS regarding budget adjustment requests and S.124

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

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

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

2:30 PM

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

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM Senate Floor

1:30 Committee Discussion

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

Thursday, May 28, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Senate Floor
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1:30 PM	Committee Discussion
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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

Friday, May 29, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:00 PM **H.769 - An act relating to veteran status inquiries on program and service intake forms**

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Committee Discussion
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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

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:30 PM	Committee Discussion
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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

Thursday, June 4, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:30 PM	Committee Discussion
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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

Friday, June 5, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	S.220 - An act relating to professional regulation
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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

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:00 PM **H.750 - An act relating to creating a National Guard provost marshal**

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

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

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

1:30 PM **Committee Discussion**

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

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

Friday, June 12, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

11:30 PM	Senate Floor
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1:30 PM	Committee Discussion
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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

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

9:30 AM **Senate Floor**

1:00 PM **S.220 - An act relating to professional regulation**

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

1:50 PM **H.650 - An act relating to boards and commissions**

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

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

**After the
Floor** **Committee Meeting**

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

Thursday, June 18, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Senate Floor**

**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

Friday, June 19, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

11:30 PM **Senate Floor**

1:00 PM **H.943 - An act relating to approval of amendments to
the charter of the City of St. Albans**

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

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

9:30 AM	Senate Floor
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1:00 PM	Committee Discussion
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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

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

12:00 PM	Senate Floor
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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

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**

Friday, June 26, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

8:00 AM **Senate Floor**

- **Senate Floor**

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

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

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

Thursday, August 27, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:30 PM **Committee Discussion**

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

2:30 PM **Committee Discussion**

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

Friday, August 28, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Committee Discussion
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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

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Committee Discussion**

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

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

**15
Minutes
After the
Floor** **Committee Discussion**
*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

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of
Legislative Counsel

Thursday, September 3, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

**15
Minutes
After the
Floor**

Committee Discussion

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

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

Friday, September 4, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

1:00 PM **Committee Discussion**

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

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Committee Discussion
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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

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

1:30 PM (After the Floor)	Committee Discussion <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

Thursday, September 10, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

1:45 PM (After the Floor)	Committee Discussion
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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

Friday, September 11, 2020

Meeting Details

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Meeting Record

1:00 PM	Committee Discussion
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No Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

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.*

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

**After the
Floor** **Committee Discussion**
Cancelled.

Thursday, September 17, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

**After the
Floor** **Committee Discussion**
*Delay in the purchasing system in regard to supplying the
Dept. of Corrections personal protection equipment.*

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

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

Friday, September 18, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	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

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

2:15 PM (After fall of the gavel) **H.952 - An act relating to approval of amendments to the charters of the City of Burlington and the City of Barre**

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

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

BetsyAnn Wrask, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

Meeting Record

2:00 PM **Committee Discussion**

TBD

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Meeting Details

**Hearing
Type** Standard

Meeting Record

2:00 PM **Committee Discussion**

TBD

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

Friday, December 4, 2020

Meeting Details

Hearing Type	Standard
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Meeting Record

10:00 AM	Elections
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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
