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October 24, 2019
9:30am-12:00pm
Room 10

MINUTES

Legislative Members Present: Senator Debbie Ingram (Chair), Representative Diane Lanpher (Vice Chair), Representative Lawrence Cupoli, Senator Dick McCormack, and Representative Theresa Wood

Other Members Present: Heather Bouchey, *Agency of Education*; Carlen Finn, *Voices for Vermont Children*; Katie Ballard, *VT Coalition for Disability Rights*; Karen Lafayette, *VT Low Income Advocacy Council*; Janet Kilburn, *Department of Health*; Auburn Watersong, *Agency of Human Services*; Jenna O'Farrell, *NEKCA*

Staff Present: Katie McLinn and Peggy Delaney, *Office of Legislative Council*, Nolan Langweil, *Joint Fiscal Office*

- The meeting was called to order by Senator Debbie Ingram at 9:30am.
- As the Council consists of 15 voting members, a quorum was established with more than 8 voting members present.
- A motion was made to approve the [minutes](#) of the previous meeting. The Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes.
- The Council began the meeting hearing from Erhard Mahnke and several witnesses on housing and homelessness in Vermont. The full list of documents and witnesses can be found [here](#).
- The Council then heard from representatives on Help Me Grow VT. Several documents of testimony on that testimony can be found [here](#).
- Next, Peter Walke discussed the [Transportation Climate Initiative](#) (TCI) with the Council.
- The Council discussed the off-site meeting and established the following details: the meeting will take place on 11/21/2019 5:30pm-7:30pm at BROCC in Rutland. Representative Cupoli is

coordinating with Tom Donahue on the logistics and those details should be ready by the next meeting.

- The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.
- The next meeting of the Council is November 21, 2019 at Rutland Middle School for the annual off-site meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Office of Legislative Council