

# Journal of the Joint Assembly

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IN JOINT ASSEMBLY, APRIL 10, 2014

10:30 A.M.

The Senate and House of Representatives met in the hall of the House of Representatives pursuant to a joint resolution which was read by the Clerk and is as follows:

**J.R.S. 51.** Joint resolution providing for a Joint Assembly for the election of a successor legislative Trustee of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Representative Sarah E. Buxton of Tunbridge.

Whereas, the recent resignation of Representative Sarah E. Buxton of Tunbridge has created a vacancy on the Trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, and

Whereas, the term of office for this vacant position commenced on February 20, 2014 and will expire on February 28, 2019, and

Whereas, this General Assembly has an obligation to fill this vacant position as prescribed by statute, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on Thursday, April 10, 2014, at ten o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon to elect a successor legislative Trustee of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College to fill the unexpired term of Representative Sarah E. Buxton, which term commenced on March 1, 2013 and will expire on February 28, 2019, such vacancy having resulted from the resignation of Representative Sarah E. Buxton. In case election of this successor Trustee shall not be made on that day, the two Houses shall meet in Joint Assembly at ten o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon, on each succeeding day, Saturdays and Sundays excepted, and proceed in such election until this successor Trustee is elected.

**Presiding Officer**

Honorable Philip B. Scott, President of the Senate, in the Chair.

**Clerk**

John H. Bloomer, Jr., Secretary of the Senate, Clerk.

**Statement by Presiding Officer**

“Pursuant to our Constitution and statutes we are assembled here today in Joint Assembly for the election of successor trustee for the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Representative Sarah E. Buxton.

“The procedure for this election will be similar to the procedure which we have followed in the past. The candidates will be nominated from the floor as in the past, elected by voice vote where there is no contest (**if** there is no objection under joint rule 10) and by written ballot if there is a contest.

“With respect to the election of this single legislative trustee, the Chair now calls to the attention of the Joint Assembly pertinent text of Joint Rule 10 which applies to elections held by this Assembly:

“(a) Whenever a Joint Assembly is required to elect one or more persons to any office, the voting shall be by ballot, except that if there is only one candidate for any office, and if there is no objection, the Chair may put the question to the Joint Assembly by voice vote.

“(c) Election to any office is by a majority of the votes cast, exclusive of spoiled and blank ballots.

“As will be explained, if a written ballot is necessary pursuant to the adoption of J.R.S. 52 the election will be by plurality.”

**Nominations for UVM Trustees**

The Joint Assembly then proceeded to the election to fill the successor vacancy for trustee of the University of Vermont and State Agriculture College.

Representative Joan G. Lenes of Shelburne nominated *Representative Donna G. Sweaney* of Windsor.

There being no other nominations, the Chair declared that nominations were closed.

Whereupon, no other nominations being made, the vote was taken *viva voce* pursuant to Joint Rule 10(a), and the Chair declared that

**DONNA G. SWEANEY, of Windsor**

was unanimously elected a Trustee of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, for the remainder of the term created by the resignation

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of Representative Sarah E. Buxton commencing April 10, 2014 until February 28, 2019, and until her successor is elected and has qualified.

**Dissolution**

The purposes for which the Joint Assembly was convened having been accomplished, the Chair then declared the Joint Assembly dissolved.

JOHN H. BLOOMER, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate  
Clerk of the Joint Assembly