

# CAPITOL COMPLEX SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*Minutes of 9-26-2016*

Room 10, State House

**Attendees:**            Members present – Senator Peg Flory, Rep. Alice Emmons, Capitol Police Chief Les Dimick, Sergeant at Arms Janet Miller, Security Manager for the Judiciary William Gerke, Commissioner of BGS Michael Obuchowski , Major Hopkins of Public Safety, Col. Jake Elovirta of DMV Enforcement, Chief Anthony Facos of Montpelier Police Department

Also present - Catherine Benham, Joint Fiscal Office, Rebecca Wasserman, Legislative Council, and Paul McManus, Security Manager for BGS.

**Minutes recorded by:** Rebecca Wasserman

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10:05 Rep Alice Emmons called the meeting to order.

The members of the Committee introduced themselves and Representative Emmons discussed the Committee's mission.

Rebecca Wasserman handed out and walked through a memorandum discussing the application of the Public Records Act and the Open Meeting Law to the Committee. Rebecca Wasserman also handed out and walked through an overview of the legislative history and statutory authority for the Committee. The Committee discussed the memorandum of understanding between the Sergeant at Arms, BGS and the Judiciary and asked for an update at the next meeting.

Alice Emmons presented a request from the House Judiciary to consider a drone policy in the Capitol Complex. The Committee generally discussed whether there should be a policy regarding drones in the Capitol Complex. Committee members asked to review the current law on drones and raise this for discussion at the next meeting.

Janet Miller provided the Committee with an update on Security in the Capitol Complex.

12:25 Janet Miller moved for the Committee to enter into executive session to discuss the appointment of the Chief of Capitol Police. Peg Flory moved for the Committee to enter into executive session to discuss a record exempt from the Public Records Act. The Committee unanimously voted to enter into executive session for these two purposes. No action was taken regarding the appointment of the Chief of Capitol Police.

12:45 Peg Flory moved to adjourn the executive session. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Alice Emmons discussed scheduling future meeting dates. The Committee agreed to meet on October 27th, and again on December 12th, if the Committee can obtain approval to meet three times when the General Assembly is not in session.

Alice Emmons asked the Committee for suggestions on individuals that they would like to have join the Committee.

Committee adjourned at 12:55