

Minutes of Department of Liquor and Lottery Task Force
Ethan Allen Room
Meeting Date: 9/22/2017

Members in Attendance

Matt Krauss, Chair
Rep. Thomas Stevens, Vice Chair
Sen. Alison Clarkson
Sabina Haskell
Martin Manahan
Brittney Wilson

Others Active Participants

Damien Leonard, Office of Legislative Council
Mary Cassani Business Manager Vermont Lottery Commission
Mike Ferrant Director of Security, Vermont Lottery Commission
Greg Mineo, Director of Maine Bureau of Alcoholic and Lottery Operations
Patrick Delaney, Commissioner, Department of Liquor Control
Abby Shephard, Tax Policy Analyst from the Department of Taxes
Ed Flanagan, Member Vermont Lottery Commission
Beth Fastiggi Commissioner, Department of Human Services
Molly Paulger, Classification Director, Department of Human Resources

Topics Discussed

- The meeting opened at 9:00 AM
- Matt Cassani and Mike Ferrant gave an overview of the mission and organization for The Vermont Lottery. They discussed revenues, merger opportunities and challenges as well as potential solutions.
- Gregg Mineo talked via phone about when and how Maine combined their Liquor and Lottery Departments. He also talked about what has worked well for them, the challenges, and how their model could help the committee as they continue to explore a possible merger.
- Abby Shephard talked about the revenues that the state of Vermont receives from Liquor sales and some of the trends that the department is seeing.
- Ed Flanagan discussed the Vermont Lottery Commission. He gave an overview of their mission and function and discussed the opportunities, challenges and potential solutions as it pertains to a potential merger.
- Beth Fastiggi and Molly Paulger from the Department of Human Services discussed the possible resources that could be available to help with a merger.
- The Task Force discussed the site visits to the Department of Lottery and the Department of Liquor

Adjournment at 1:00 PM.

- The next meeting of the Council will be held September 27 , 2017, 9 AM to 1 PM and will be a site visit to the Department of Liquor and the Department of Lottery..

Minutes prepared by Peggy Delaney, Legislative Council