

Journal of the Joint Assembly

IN JOINT ASSEMBLY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019

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. 10. Joint resolution providing for the election of a Sergeant at Arms, an Adjutant and Inspector General, and three Trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on Thursday, February 21, 2019, at ten o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon to elect a Sergeant at Arms, an Adjutant and Inspector General, and three trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College. In case election of all such officers 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 all such officers are elected.

Presiding Officer

Honorable David E. Zuckerman, 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 an Adjutant and Inspector General, a Sergeant at Arms and three Trustees for the University of Vermont.

“With respect to the election of all of these officers, if a contest exists, then the voting must be done by written ballot. This mandate is set forth in 2 V.S.A. §12 and in Joint Rule 10(a). Joint Rule 10 provides:

“(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.

“(b) If two or more offices are to be filled, each office will be voted upon and decided separately. If two or more vacancies for the same office are to be filled, nominations for all vacancies will be received before voting begins for the first vacancy, but each vacancy will be voted upon and decided separately. The Joint Assembly may limit the number and length of nominating and seconding speeches for each candidate.

“(c) Election to any office is by a majority of the votes cast, exclusive of spoiled and blank ballots. After two votes have been taken for any vacancy without an election, all nominees except the two having the highest number of votes on the second ballot shall be withdrawn, and voting shall then continue until a candidate is elected. In no event shall the involuntary removal of nominees result in fewer than two nominees remaining in the contest.

“(d) The person who first nominated a candidate may withdraw that candidate's name at any time; a withdrawal may be complete or may be limited to one or more vacancies. A candidate for any office having more than one vacancy who is defeated for the first vacancy shall automatically be a candidate for successive vacancies, unless the nomination is voluntarily withdrawn.

“The following rules shall apply to the conduct of these elections:

First: All nominations for these offices will be received by the Chair prior to voting, presented in alphabetical order.

Second: There will be only one nominating speech of not more than three minutes and not more than two seconding speeches of not more than one minute each for each nominee.

“We have three sets of elections today:

- a. First, To elect a Sergeant at Arms.
- b. Second, To elect an Adjutant and Inspector General.
- c. Third, To elect three UVM Trustees.

“For the elections that are not contested the provisions of Joint Rule 10(a) will apply.

“This means that the elections may be by voice vote if there is no objection.

“For the election of Adjutant and Inspector General - as there is a contest - the election shall be by ballot.

Tellers Appointed

“As stated before, one of our elections today is contested and must be decided by written ballot.

“Accordingly, we will need tellers, and the Chair now appoints as tellers:

Senator Jeanette K. White, of Windham District, as Chief Teller
Senator Brian P. Collamore, of Rutland District
Senator Christopher A. Pearson, of Chittenden District
Representative Rebecca White, of Hartford
Representative Anne B. Donahue, of Northfield
Representative Leland J. Morgan, of Milton
Representative Joseph “Chip” Troiano, of Stannard”

Election of Sergeant at Arms

The Joint Assembly then proceeded to the election of a Sergeant at Arms.

For the office of Sergeant at Arms, Senator Joseph C. Benning of Caledonia District nominated *Janet C. Miller*, of Montpelier.

The nomination was seconded by Representative Alice M. Emmons of Springfield.

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

JANET MILLER, of Montpelier

was unanimously elected to the office of Sergeant at Arms for a term of two years, from and including the first day of March, 2019, and until her successor is elected and has qualified.

Election of Adjutant and Inspector General

The Joint Assembly then proceeded to the election of an Adjutant and Inspector General.

For the office of Adjutant and Inspector General, Representative David Potter of Clarendon nominated *David P. Baczewski*, of Westford.

The nomination was seconded by Representative Robert L. Bancroft of Westford.

For the office of Adjutant and Inspector General, Senator Richard J. McCormack of Windsor District nominated *David B. Graham*, of Grand Isle.

For the office of Adjutant and Inspector General, Senator Deborah J. Ingram of Chittenden District nominated *Rosanne Greco*, of South Burlington.

The nomination was seconded by Representative Maida Townsend of South Burlington.

For the office of Adjutant and Inspector General, Representative Laura Sibilia of Dover nominated *Gregory C. Knight*, of Huntington.

The nomination was seconded by Senator Ruth Ellen Hardy of Addison District.

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

Summary of Names Placed in Nomination

The four names placed in nomination and on the ballot for the office of Adjutant and Inspector General were as follows:

David P. Baczewski of Westford
 David B. Graham of Grand Isle
 Rosanne Greco of South Burlington
 Gregory C. Knight of Huntington

Statement of Presiding Officer

“Our Joint Rules permit nominations before the Joint Assembly.

“Vermont statutes require the official ballot be that provided by the Secretary of State. By statute the requirement for inclusions on the ballot is timely notification to the secretary of state.

“The statutory authority determines the ballot for this election. As such the official ballots have been printed by the Secretary of State and contain the names of David P. Baczewski, David B. Graham, Rosanne Greco, Gregory C. Knight.”

Results of Balloting for Adjutant General

The ballots were taken and counted and the result was as follows:

Total votes cast.....	176
Necessary for a choice.....	89
Baczewski.....	58
Graham.....	2
Greco.....	21
Knight.....	95
Write in.....	0

Whereupon, the chair declared that

GREGORY C. KNIGHT of Huntington

having received a majority of the total votes cast was duly elected to the office Adjutant and Inspector General for a term of two years, from and including the first day of March, 2019, and until his successor is elected and has qualified.

Election of UVM Trustees

The Joint Assembly then proceeded to the election of three Trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, each for a term of six years, from and including the first day of March, 2007.

The Chair reminded the Joint Assembly that nominations for the office of three UVM Trustees would be received in alphabetical order, with one nominating speech of not more than three minutes and not more than two seconding speeches of not more than one minute for each nominee.

Statement by the Presiding Officer

“As stated previously, for the election of UVM trustees, we will be operating under a different set of rules. This is because both houses adopted J.R.S. 11, which suspended the provisions of Joint Rule 10 for this particular election.

“By adopting this joint resolution (J.R.S. 11), we have set up a special voting procedure for this election, which will help expedite the process.

“The adoption of J.R.S. 11 permits the Joint Assembly to determine the winners of this election of the three Trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agriculture College by means of a plurality vote. This means that three candidates can be elected on the same ballot.”

Nominations for UVM Trustees

Representative Thomas Burditt of West Rutland nominated *Representative Kevin “Coach” Christie* of Hartford. The nomination was seconded by Representative Martin Lalondon of South Burlington.

Representative Diane Lamphere of Vergennes then nominated *Representative Carol Ode* of Burlington. The nomination was seconded by Representative Paul D. Lefebvre. of Newark.

Representative Johannah Leddy Donovan then nominated *Representative Samuel Young* of Greensboro. The nomination was seconded by Senator Richard A. Westman of Lamoille District.

Summary of Names Placed in Nomination

The three names placed in nomination and on the ballot for the office of Trustee of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College were as follows:

Kevin “Coach” Christie, of Hartford
Carol Ode, of Burlington
Samuel Young, of Greensboro

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

KEVIN “COACH” CHRISTIE, OF HARTFORD
CAROL ODE, OF BURLINGTON
SAMUEL YOUNG, OF GREENSBORO

were unanimously elected as Trustee of the University of Vermont and State Agriculture College for a term of six years, commencing March 1, 2019.

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