

Journal of the Joint Assembly

IN JOINT ASSEMBLY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020

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. 38. Joint resolution providing for a Joint Assembly for the election of two legislative Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the two Houses meet in Joint Assembly on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at ten o'clock and thirty minutes in the forenoon to elect two legislative Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation to serve a four year term commencing March 1, 2020, and expiring on March 1, 2024. In case election of all such Trustees 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 Trustees are elected.

Presiding Officer

Timothy R. Ashe, President *pro tempore* of the Senate, in the Chair.

Clerk

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

Statement by Presiding Officer

Pursuant to our statutes we are assembled here today in Joint Assembly for the election of two legislative trustees for the Vermont State Colleges Corporation, who are to be elected as trustees for four-year terms commencing on March 1, 2020, and expiring on March 1, 2024. The Chair now cautions you with respect to two statutory conditions imposed by that law for this election:

First: No candidate for election to the Vermont State Colleges Corporation can presently be serving as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Vermont.

Second: Consideration shall be given to the *geographic* distribution of those elected in order to "prevent an unfair focus on any single college".

The procedure for the election of these two legislative trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation will be similar to the procedure which we followed in past years. The candidates will be nominated from the floor and elected by plurality vote.

In the event that more than two candidates are nominated, the procedure for the election of these two legislative trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation will be different from the procedure which we would normally follow under the Joint Rules.

J.R.S. 39 sets up a special procedure for this particular election. In the event that more than two candidates are nominated, the adoption of J.R.S. 39 permits us to determine the winners of this election by means of a plurality vote, so that two candidates can be elected on the same ballot.

In the event that more than two candidates are nominated, you will be instructed to vote for not more than two candidates on the same ballot.

I also draw your attention to the text of Joint Rule 10 which applies to elections held by the assembly.

Rule 10(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 not objection, the chair may put the question to the Joint Assembly by voice vote.

Election of Trustees of Vermont State Colleges Corporation

The Joint Assembly then proceeded to the election of two legislative trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation, each for a term of four years, from and including the first day of March, 2020.

Nominations for Both Vacancies

Representative James W. Masland of Thetford nominated *Representative Eileen G. Dickinson* of St. Albans Town.

Representative Anne B. Donahue, of Northfield then nominated *Representative William J. Lippert, Jr.* of Hinesburg.

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

Accordingly, those names placed in nomination and on the ballot for the office of Trustee of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation were as follows:

Representative Eileen G. Dickinson of St. Albans Town
Representative William J. Lippert, Jr. of Hinesburg

There being two vacancies and two nominations, under Joint Rule 10(a), with no objection, the question, Shall Eileen G. Dickinson and William J. Lippert, Jr. be elected to the Office of Trustee of Vermont State Colleges Corporation? was agree to.

Whereupon, the Chair declared that

Eileen G. Dickinson, of St. Albans Town

having received a plurality of the total votes cast, was duly elected a Trustee of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation, for a term of four years, commencing March 1, 2020.

Whereupon, the Chair declared that

William J. Lippert, Jr., of Hinesburg

having received a plurality of the total votes cast, was duly elected a Trustee of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation, for a term of four years, commencing March 1, 2020.

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