

Sunset Advisory Commission Board and Commission Review

The Commission reviews every State board and commission and takes testimony regarding whether each board or commission should continue to operate or be eliminated and whether the powers and duties of any board or commission should be revised. Each board and commission has the burden of justifying its continued operation.

The Commission also reviews whether members of a board or commission should be entitled to a per diem and, if so, the amount of that per diem.

In testifying before the Commission, you should be able to provide the following information:

1. In general, how often does the board and commission meet? Provide specific information on how often the board or commission has met in the past two fiscal years. Provide information on where agendas and minutes of meetings can be found.

The ICCM has a monthly scheduled meeting. Twice a year, the ICCM invites the Citizen Advisory Panel (CAP) to join the ICCM meeting to hear about the work and provide comment. During the pandemic, the ICCM has canceled occasional meetings due to competing priorities. Agendas and minutes can be found here: <https://anr.vermont.gov/about/special-topics/chemical-management-committee/meetings>

2. Provide the names of members of the board or commission, their term length and expiration, their appointing authority, and the amount of any per diem they receive.

The ICCM is made of up agency/department heads or their designees. Here is the current membership of the ICCM:

Shawn Barth, Department of Labor
Carey Giguere, Agency of Agriculture
Ken Jones, Agency of Commerce and Community Development
Patrick McLaughlin, Department of Public Safety
Andy Shively, Agency of Transportation
Peter Telep, Agency of Digital Services
Sarah Vose, Department of Health
Peter Walke, Agency of Natural Resources

3. Provide an overview of the board or commission's purpose.

The purpose of the ICCM is to coordinate the management and regulation of chemicals across state government and to evaluate the need for further recordkeeping, reporting, or regulation of chemicals.

4. Is that purpose still needed? What would happen if the board or commission no longer fulfilled that purpose?

The purpose is still needed. The ICCM spent it's first two years developing a strategy to implement our charge. Since then, including through the pandemic, we have been working to ensure the public has a clear process to inform our work. We are ready to launch that process now. Based on known chemicals and ones submitted through our public portal, the work of the ICCM is just beginning.

5. How well is the board or commission performing in executing that purpose? What evidence can you provide to substantiate that performance?

We have effectively met our charge and provided the reporting required first by Executive Order and then by statute to update Vermonters on our work.

6. If the purpose is still needed, can State government be more effective and efficient if the purpose was executed in a different manner?

The ICCM is utilizing all available IT resources to support its work to conduct our operations efficiently. The ICCM is also made up of all state personnel, so no additional resources are currently utilized to implement our work.

7. If the purpose is still needed, do any of your board or commission's functions overlap or duplicate those of another State board or commission or federal or State agency? If so, is your board or commission still the best entity to fulfill the purpose?

No

8. Does the board or commission's enabling law continue to correctly reflect the purpose and activities of the board or commission?

Yes

9. Provide a list of the board and commission's last fiscal year expenditures including staffing costs. How are these funded?

No additional costs beyond resources budgets by individual agencies and departments

10. Is the board or commission required by law to prepare any reports or studies for the Legislature, the Governor, or any State agency or officer? If so, have those reports or studies been produced? Does the board or commission have ongoing reporting obligations?

Yes and yes.

Supplemental information about the ICCM Citizens Advisory Panel (CAP). The CAP exists to advise and comment upon the work of the ICCM. The ICCM has relied upon the expertise of the CAP to improve its work. The CAP does not have separate authority outside of the ICCM. Further, no CAP member has requested per diem to this point, so there has been no expenditure of funds necessary to support the CAP's work.