

**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 Commission met for 2 ½ months in the Fall of 2017. The Commissioner has not met in the past two fiscal years.**
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.

Commission Members:

**David Provost, Chair, appointed by the Governor;
Michael Pieciak, Commissioner of Financial Regulation;
Kaj Samsom, Commissioner of Taxes;
Suzanne Dirmaier, Vermont-NEA;
David Van Deusen, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 93;
Nicole Mace, Vermont School Boards Association;
John Pandolfo, Vermont Superintendents Association; Barbara Griffin, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
George Cross, appointed by the Senate Committee on Committees.**

*** None of the members were assigned a term length and no per diem was received.**

3. Provide an overview of the board or commission's purpose.
 - **The purpose of the Commission was to determine whether and how to establish a single statewide health benefit plan for all teachers, administrators, and other employees of the supervisory unions and school districts. The Commissioner was to determine the advantages and disadvantages of establishing a single statewide health benefit plan for all teachers, administrators, and other employees of supervisory unions and school districts. The enacting legislation (Act 85) required the Commission to present its finding and recommendations to the legislature.**

4. Is that purpose still needed? What would happen if the board or commission no longer fulfilled that purpose?
 - **The Commission is no longer needed as it has fulfilled its purpose. The Commission has presented its findings to the legislature and published a final report.**¹
5. How well is the board or commission performing in executing that purpose? What evidence can you provide to substantiate that performance?
 - **The Commission has executed its purpose. The Commission submitted a report to the legislature on its findings as directed under Act 85.**
6. If the purpose is still needed, can State government be more effective and efficient if the purpose was executed in a different manner? **N/A**
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? **N/A**
8. Does the board or commission's enabling law continue to correctly reflect the purpose and activities of the board or commission?
 - **Due to the purpose of the Commission having been fulfilled the enabling law is no longer needed and does not require future activities or a purpose of the Commission.**
9. Provide a list of the board and commission's last fiscal year expenditures including staffing costs. How are these funded? **N/A**
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?
 - **The Commission was required to produce a report to the legislature by November 15, 2017. The Commission has produced the report and has no ongoing reporting obligations.**

¹ https://dfr.vermont.gov/sites/finreg/files/doc_library/VEHBC%20Final%20Report.pdf