

**Sunset Advisory Commission  
2022 Board and Commission Questionnaire**

The Sunset Advisory 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.

Please answer the following questions about the specific board or commission under review. If asked to testify before the Sunset Advisory Commission, please plan to provide concise recommendations regarding the continued operation of the board or commission under review and any revisions to its powers, duties, or membership.

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.

*Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 8060A, the VTA is dormant and no longer meets.*

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 VTA is dormant and has no active members.*

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

*The Board was established to develop and finance broadband expansion projects.*

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

*The VTA is in a state of dormancy. In 2021, the Legislature established a new board called the Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB), which is active and has an overlapping purpose.*

5. How well is the board or commission performing in executing that purpose? What evidence can you provide to substantiate that performance? *The VTA is dormant is no longer executing on its purpose.*

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 state established an alternative Board, the VCBB, in 2021.*

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? *The VCBB has the same mission and covers many of the same authorities and responsibilities as the VTA.*

8. Does the board or commission's enabling law continue to correctly reflect the purpose and activities of the board or commission? *No.*
9. Provide a list of the board and commission's last fiscal year expenditures including staffing costs. How are these funded? *The VTA is not currently funded. It has no budget or staff.*
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?

*No, the commission is not required to prepare and reports or studies for the legislature. The VTA was placed in a state of dormancy by Section 8060A. the Vermont Community Broadband Board was established for the purpose of expanding broadband. The Telecommunications and Connectivity Division was also directed to assume the responsibilities of the VTA.*