

Senate Calendar

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025

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CONFIRMATION

The following appointment will be considered by the Senate, as a group, under suspension of the Rules, as moved by the President *pro tempore*, for confirmation together and without debate, by consent thereby given by the Senate. However, upon request of any senator, any appointment may be singled out and acted upon separately by the Senate, with consideration given to the report of the Committee to which the appointment was referred, and with full debate; and further, all appointments for the positions of Secretaries of Agencies, Commissioners of Departments, Judges, Magistrates, and members of the Public Utility Commission, underlined below, shall be fully and separately act

Kerrick L. Johnson of Middlesex - Commissioner of the Department of Public Service - By Senator Cummings for the Committee on Finance (February 11, 2025)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Announcement: Joint Public Hearing on the Governor's Recommended FY 2026 Budget

The Vermont House and Senate Committees on Appropriations will hold two **joint public hearings on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 1:45 p.m. and Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.** via in person or videoconference.

The Committee will take testimony on the Governor's recommended budget adjustments at the above date and time. **Anyone interested in testifying should sign up in advance of the hearing through the following online form:** <https://legislature.vermont.gov/links/joint-public-hearings-on-the-fy26-budget> **not later than 10:00 a.m. on February 12, 2025, for the first**

hearing, and 10:00 a.m. on February 19, 2025, for the second hearing. Instructions on how to access and participate in the hearing will be sent once you have signed up for the hearing.

The hearing will be available to watch live on YouTube at the following link:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/house-appropriations>

For more information about the format of these events, contact Erin Pedley at epedley@leg.state.vt.us or Elle Oille-Stanforth at eoille-stanforth@leg.state.vt.us. Written testimony is encouraged and can be submitted electronically through email at testimony2025@leg.state.vt.us or mailed to the House Committee on Appropriations, c/o Erin Pedley, 115 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633.

NOTICE OF JOINT ASSEMBLY

Thursday, February 20, 2025 - 10:30 A.M. - House Chamber - Election of a Sergeant at Arms, and three (3) trustees for the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College.

Candidates for the position of Sergeant at Arms, and legislative candidates for University of Vermont trustees must notify the Secretary of State **in writing** of their candidacies not later than Thursday, February 13, 2025, by 4:00 P.M., pursuant to the provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 12(b). Otherwise their names will not appear on the ballots for these positions.

The following rules shall apply to the conduct of these elections.

First: All nominations for these offices will be presented in alphabetical order prior to voting.

Second: There will be only one nominating speech of not more than three (3) minutes and not more than two seconding speeches of not more than one (1) minute each for each nominee.

JFO NOTICE

Grants and Positions that have been submitted to the Joint Fiscal Committee by the Administration, under 32 V.S.A. §5(b)(3):

JFO #3244: \$2,335,401.00 to the Agency of Human Services, Department of Health from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Funds support continued crisis counseling assistance and training in response to the July 2024 flood event.

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JFO #3245: \$250,000.00 to the Agency of Human Services, Department of Health from the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors. Funds used to provide trainings for crisis staff and to make improvements to the State’s crisis system dispatch platform.

[Received February 7, 2025]

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

CROSSOVER DATES

The Joint Rules Committee established the following crossover deadlines:

(1) All **Senate/House** bills must be reported out of the last committee of reference (including the Committees on Appropriations and Finance/Ways and Means, except as provided below in (2) and the exceptions listed below) on or before **Friday, March 14, 2025**, and filed with the Secretary/Clerk so they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day – Committee bills must be voted out of Committee by **Friday, March 14, 2025**.

(2) All **Senate/House** bills referred pursuant to Senate Rule 31 or House Rule 35(a) to the Committees on Appropriations and Finance/Ways and Means must be reported out by the last of those committees on or before **Friday, March 21, 2025**, and filed with the Secretary/Clerk so they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day.

Note: The Senate will not act on bills that do not meet these crossover deadlines, without the consent of the Senate Rules Committee.

Exceptions to the foregoing deadlines include the major money bills (the General Appropriations bill (“The Big Bill”), the Transportation Capital bill, the Capital Construction bill and the Fee/Revenue bills)