

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON JOINT RULES

Thurs., Feb. 26, 2026 \* Speaker's Office  
See [agenda](#) and [livestream 1](#) and [livestream 2](#)

At 9:00 a.m., the Speaker called the meeting to order.

Members present: Speaker Jill Krowinski, *Chair*  
President *Pro Tem* Philip Baruth, *Vice Chair*  
Rep. Karen Dolan  
Rep. Lori Houghton  
Rep. Patricia McCoy  
Sen. Scott Beck  
Sen. Ginny Lyons  
Sen. Kesha Ram Hinsdale

Others present: John Bloomer, Senate Secretary  
Conor Kennedy, Chief of Staff, Office of Speaker  
Agatha Kessler, Sergeant at Arms  
Ashley Moore, Chief of Staff, Office of *Pro Tem*  
John Poleway, Chief of Capitol Police Department  
Theresa Utton-Jerman, House Journal Clerk [*remote*]  
BetsyAnn Wrask, Clerk of the House

**Office of Sergeant at Arms; Security Screening Plan.** The Clerk provided an overview of the Sergeant at Arms' duties to provide general supervision over public conduct in the State House and to provide security for the State House, as set forth in [Joint Rule 26](#) and [2 V.S.A. § 62](#). The Sergeant at Arms described that her Office is planning to update its security screening measures<sup>1</sup> and requested that the Committee enter executive session to discuss State House security issues. At 9:05 a.m., on motion of Sen. Baruth, the Committee unanimously voted to enter executive session for this purpose on a vote of 8-0-0. At 9:33 a.m., the Committee returned to open session, and on motion of Sen. Baruth, the Committee unanimously voted to approve the Office of Sergeant at Arms' Updated Security Screening Plan.

**Interstate Compact for Juveniles; Vermont Council on Interstate Juvenile Supervision; Appointment.** Sec. 1(e) of [2011 Executive Order No. 33-21](#) provides for the Committee to determine the process to make the legislative appointment to the Vermont Council on Interstate Juvenile Supervision, as required by the Interstate Compact for Juveniles as set forth in [33 V.S.A. § 5729](#). On motion of Sen. Lyons, the Committee unanimously voted to appoint Rep. Theresa Wood of Waterbury to the Council on a vote of 8-0-0.

The Speaker adjourned the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

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<sup>1</sup> See [Office Sergeant at Arms' Updated Security Screening Plan](#), which includes security officer screening at the public entrance of the State House on an updated screening schedule, and a secure entrance for authorized users.

Respectfully submitted,

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