

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON JOINT RULES

Wed., Jan. 22, 2025 * Speaker's Office
See [agenda](#)¹ and [livestream](#)²

At 12:00 p.m., the Speaker called the meeting to order.

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

Others present: Senate Secretary John Bloomer
Assistant Senate Secretary Melissa Gradel
Speaker Chief of Staff Conor Kennedy
President *Pro Tem* Chief of Staff Ashley Moore
House Journal Clerk Theresa Utton-Jerman (*remote*)
House Clerk BetsyAnn Wrask

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair in accordance with Joint Rule 6.

- a. **Chair.** President *Pro Tem* Baruth nominated Speaker Krowinski as Chair of the Committee. There being no further nominations, the Committee elected Speaker Krowinski as Chair on a voice vote.
- b. **Vice Chair.** Speaker Krowinski nominated President *Pro Tem* Baruth as Vice Chair of the Committee. There being no further nominations, the Committee elected President *Pro Tem* Baruth as Vice Chair on a voice vote.

2. **Setting Crossover dates.** The Speaker proposed to the Committee the standard Crossover dates as set forth in [this memo](#)³ (Friday, March 14, 2025 for the last committee of reference and committee bills; Friday, March 21, 2025 for money committee referrals via House Rule 35(a)/Senate Rule 31; and with exceptions for the major money bills). On motion of Rep. Houghton, the Committee unanimously agreed to the Speaker's proposed Crossover dates on a vote of 8-0-0.

¹ <https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/agenda/2022/5983>

² <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FJ9IBWvs2iM>

³ <https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2026/Workgroups/Joint%20Rules/Dates%20and%20Other%20Information/W~2025%20Speaker%20Krowinski%20Memo%20to%20Joint%20Rules%20Committee~Crossover%20Dates~1-22-2025.pdf>

3. **Joint committee remote authority.** The Speaker advised that the House Committee on Rules will be discussing potential remote authority in House committees, and that she will inform this Committee of the results of those deliberations so that it can inform potential joint committee remote authority.
4. **Other business.** Upon the Speaker's request for future Committee meeting topics, Sen. Ram Hinsdale asked for input on the Senate amending its chamber panels to address both ethics and discrimination prevention, which the Speaker advised could be addressed in coordination with members of the corresponding House panels.

The Speaker adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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