

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON JOINT RULES

Mon., Nov. 24, 2025 \* Room 10  
See [agenda](#)<sup>1</sup> and [livestream](#)<sup>2</sup>

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* [remote day 1/3 via [J.R.H.5](#)]  
Rep. Karen Dolan [remote day 1/3 via [J.R.H.5](#)]  
Rep. Lori Houghton [remote day 1/3 via [J.R.H.5](#)]  
Rep. Patricia McCoy [remote day 1/3 via [J.R.H.5](#)]  
Sen. Scott Beck [remote]  
Sen. Ginny Lyons [remote day 1/3 via [J.R.H.5](#)]  
Sen. Kesha Ram Hinsdale [remote day 1/3 via [J.R.H.5](#)]

Others present: Senate Secretary John Bloomer [remote]  
Sergeant at Arms Agatha Kessler  
Chief of Capitol Police John Poleway [remote]  
House Journal Clerk Theresa Utton-Jerman  
House Clerk BetsyAnn Wrask

**State House Security Camera and Data Retention Policy and Procedure.** The Clerk provided background information pertaining to the [draft State House Security Camera and Data Retention Policy and Procedure](#),<sup>3</sup> which would establish policy for the use of the security cameras that were installed pursuant to the approval of the Committee at its Oct. 10, 2022 meeting,<sup>4</sup> and the procedure governing the retention of the footage they record.

The Sergeant at Arms provided a walk-through of the document and described how it may be implemented; the Chief of Capitol Police provided further information regarding the cameras; and both the Sergeant at Arms and Chief answered questions from the Committee.

Pursuant to a question from Rep. Dolan regarding a future review of the operation of this Policy and Procedure, the Speaker advised that she would plan for the Committee an end-of-year (2026) review of the document's provisions. Pursuant to a question from Rep. McCoy and Committee discussion regarding the use of the term "surrounding community" in Section (III)(B)(1) of the Policy and Procedure, the Committee agreed to revisit that language at an upcoming Committee meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/agenda/2026/2486>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Bwe9PkIdlo>

<sup>3</sup> <https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2026/Workgroups/Joint%20Rules/Dates%20and%20Other%20Information/W~Agatha%20Kessler,%20Sergeant%20at%20Arms~DRAFT%20State%20House%20Security%20Camera%20and%20Data%20Retention%20Policy%20and%20Procedure~11-24-2025.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> See Oct. 10, 2022 Committee meeting minutes, last pg., 1<sup>st</sup> par.:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2026/Workgroups/Joint%20Rules/Dates%20and%20Other%20Information/W~BetsyAnn%20Wrask,%20Clerk%20of%20the%20House~Oct.%2010,%202022%20Meeting%20Minutes~11-24-2025.pdf>

On motion of Sen. Lyons, the Committee unanimously approved the Policy and Procedure on a vote of 6-0-1 (Sen. Beck was absent for the vote).

The Speaker adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*BetsyAnn Wrask*

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