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## STATE OF VERMONT

### Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR)

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

MINUTES

January 29, 2026

The Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules met on Thursday, January 29, 2026, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in room 10 of the State House Building in Montpelier, Vermont.

The following members were present:

Sen. Seth Bongartz, Vice Chair  
Sen. Scott Beck  
Sen. Robert Plunkett  
Sen. David Weeks

Rep. Trevor Squirrell, Chair  
Rep. Mark Higley

Staff present:

Bradley Showman  
Lindsey Schreier

Committee Counsel  
Committee Assistant

#### **Approval of Prior Minutes**

On motion of Sen. Weeks, the January 22, 2026, meeting minutes were approved.

#### **Review of Rules**

The Committee reviewed the following rules:

**25-P041 - Department of Fish and Wildlife - 10 V.S.A. App. § 15a, Fees for the Use of Fish and Wildlife Department Lands and Facilities.** Hannah Smith, General Counsel, and Alison Thomas, Director of Outreach and Education Programs Coordinator, Department of Fish and Wildlife, explained the rule and answered questions from the Committee.

This amendment updates the existing rule to raise the Green Mountain Conservation Camp tuition rates and raises the day use and wedding facility rental fees at Buck Lake and Kehoe Education Centers. The Department asserts that increasing these fees is necessary to offset costs associated with facility rentals, maintain a financially viable facility rental program, and continue to provide educational programming.

On motion of Rep. Higley, the Committee approved the rule.

**25-P021 - Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living - Rules for the Designation and Operation of Home Health Agencies.** Stuart Schurr, General Counsel, Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL), explained the need for an extension of the rule adoption deadline to April 10, 2026.

Without an extension, the eight-month adoption deadline for 25-P021 would be February 10, 2026. DAIL also set forth reasons for his extension request in a memo dated January 16, 2026.

On motion of Sen. Beck, the Committee approved extending the eight-month adoption deadline for this rule to April 10, 2026.

**25-P031 - Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets - Best Management Practices for the Use of Neonicotinoid Treated Article Seeds and Neonicotinoid Pesticides.** The Committee discussed a memo dated January 23, 2026, regarding LCAR's request to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to provide reporting on education and outreach activities.

By consent of the members, the Committee authorized sending the memo as addressed.

**Adjournment and Next Meeting**

The Committee adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for February 26, 2026, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in room 10 of the State House Building in Montpelier, Vermont.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley Showman  
Committee Counsel

cc: APA Clerk, Secretary of State  
ICAR, Agency of Administration