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STATE OF VERMONT

Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR)

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

MINUTES

April 9, 2026

The Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules met on Thursday, April 9, 2026, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Room 10 of the State House Building in Montpelier, Vermont.

The following members were present:

Sen. Scott Beck
Sen. Robert Plunkett
Sen. David Weeks

Rep. Trevor Squirrell, Chair
Rep. Mark Higley
Rep. Carol Ode
Rep. Larry Satcowitz

Staff present:

Bradley Showman
Lindsey Schreier

Committee Counsel
Committee Assistant

Approval of Prior Minutes

On motion of Sen. Weeks, the Committee approved the April 2, 2026, minutes.

Review of Rules

The Committee reviewed the following rules:

25-P043 - Reportable and Communicable Diseases Rule. Shayla Livingston, Principal Assistant, Department of Health, explained the rule and answered questions from the Committee.

This rule amendment modifies reporting requirements for certain infectious diseases. This rule would modify required reportable findings, including adding reporting requirements for certain animal diseases; change the reporting period for Brucellosis to “within 24 hours” and for Rubella to “immediately”; add information on reporting positive tuberculin skin test results; and clarify reporting of blood lead results. This rule would also remove some reporting requirements for COVID-19 and SARS-CoV-2.

On motion of Sen. Weeks, the Committee approved the rule.

25-P044 - GMCB Rule 3.000: Hospital Budget Review. Julia Corlman, Staff Attorney, Green Mountain Care Board, explained the rule and answered questions from the Committee. Michael Barber, General Counsel, Green Mountain Care Board, was available for questions but did not testify. Jen Carbee, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel, also answered questions from the Committee.

This rule amendment would revise standards and processes for GMCB's review of hospital budgets. This rule would clarify hospital budget submission obligations, clarify the process for requesting information to be exempt from public inspection, and clarify GMCB's ability to disclose information. This rule also would revise the process for exempting hospitals from public hearings, the process for midyear budget performance review, the process for reviewing significant deviations from established budgets, and the process for reviewing hospital applications for budget adjustment.

On motion of Sen. Beck, the Committee approved the rule.

25-P047 - Vermont Residential Building Energy Standards (RBES) Amendments and 25-P048 - Vermont Commercial Building Energy Standards (CBES) Amendments. The Committee discussed a draft memo that would explain the Committee's decision to neither object to nor approve these rules. The Committee provided feedback. The Committee will review another draft of the memo prior to sending to the Department of Public Service.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

The Committee adjourned at 8:48 a.m.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2026, beginning at 8:00 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
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