

LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT BOARD
Title 17, Chapter 34A, Vermont Statutes Annotated
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December 22, 2021
10:00 – 11:30 A.M.

DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting at Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier
(Telephone Conference Call Participation Available)

Members Present: Tom Koch

Members Present Remotely: Tom Little, Rob Roper, Jeanne Albert, Mary Houghton, Jeremy Hansen, Ed Adrian

Others Present: Eric Covey

Others Present Remotely: Mia Kro

1. Call to Order

Tom L. called the meeting to order at 10:02am.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

Tom L. provided the Board members with a proposal on the final sprint for getting the reports done, including a suggestion for postponement on the votes of the final sets of meeting minutes. He would fold the minutes into the final approved version of the reports to the Legislature.

Chair's Proposal for Final Schedule for Drafting and Approving House and Senate Reports

December 22, 2021

1. Wednesday, 12/22: Drafts of House Report, House Minority Report, Senate Report circulated.
2. Friday, 12/24: Chair completes proposed edits of all unapproved Minutes. Draft of Senate Minority report is circulated.
3. Monday, 12/27, 12:00 Noon: deadline for Board members to share proposed edits on all documents in (1) and (2).
4. Wednesday, 12/29, 5:00 pm: Chair circulates "final" versions of all documents in (1) and (2).
5. Friday, 12/31, 5:00 pm: Final suggested edits from all members on all documents in (1) and (2).
6. Monday, 1/3, 10:00 am: Final Board meeting and vote to approve the final House and Senate reports.

No action was taken on any prior Minutes.

3. Public Comment (per 1 V.S.A. sec. 312(h))

None.

4. Review and Discuss Drafts of House and Senate Reports

Rob provided a rough draft of his report to the LAB. Tom L. says he is nearly done his report sections as well, and is proposing meeting Monday, January 3rd to approve these reports.

Tom L. said he knows the Board members have disagreed with spirit and passion and encouraged all to continue to be civil and kind in our discussions. He has appreciated the willingness for everyone to act civilly, and **is confident** that will continue in this final stretch.

There was a consensus that the Chair's proposed schedule was a good one. Tom L. stressed the critical importance of each member reading all posted drafts and commenting back on them, in order to maintain and enhance momentum and the morale of the drafters.

Tom and Jeanne discussed the issue with Derby and Newport City, and Tom said the communication issue was resolved. Eric will re-circulate the Newport City feedback.

Rob asked that Board members provide feedback to him on the majority report, as did Tom L. Ed clarified his input would be his personal input, not legal advice.

5. Set Next Meeting Date; Other Business

The next meeting date of the LAB is 01/03/2022.

6. Adjourn

Tom L. adjourned the meeting at 10:32 am.