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STATE OF VERMONT
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
LEGISLATIVE JOINT FISCAL COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 18, 2025

Final Minutes

Hybrid Meeting: Room 11 and [Morning Afternoon](#)

To review specific testimony please click the video time links {00:00:00} below.

Members Present: Representatives Harrison, Kimbell, Kornheiser, Scheu, and Wood.
And Senators Beck, Cummings, Perchlik, Lyons, and Westman.

Other Attendees: Joint Fiscal Office and Administration staff, and various viewers in person and through live streaming.

A. Call to order and Approval of [July 31, 2025 Minutes](#)

The meeting was called to order by Representative Kornheiser at 9:30AM.

ACTION ITEM Representative Scheu moved to accept the July 31, 2025 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Senator Cummings. The committee voted unanimously to adopt the minutes. [{00:00:31}](#)

B. Administrations Fiscal Updates

1. Commissioner Adam Greshin provided an update on the General Fund and Transportation Fund Balance Reserves. [{00:02:00}](#)
2. Commissioner Adam Greshin updated the committee on the 27/53 Reserve Contributions. [{00:02:45}](#)
3. Commissioner Adam Greshin gave an overview of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Instructions and Technical Supplement. [{00:04:32}](#)
4. Chief Recovery Officer Douglas Farnham updated the committee on ARPA. [{00:30:05}](#)

C. Agency of Transportation Rescission Plan

1. Fiscal Analyst Logan Mooberry presented the committee with a summary of Vermont's Transportation Funding Challenges [{00:44:53}](#)

2. Agency of Transportation Chief Financial Officer Candace Elmquist, Director of Finance and Administration Jayna Morse, and Director of Policy, Planning, and Intermodal Development Michele Boomhower gave an overview of the Transportation Fund Rescission Plan. [{00:52:42}](#)
3. Director of Labor Relations John Berard, Vermont State Employees' Association Executive Director Steve Howard and Director of Field Services Gretchen Naylor testified on Line 14 of the plan- Position management savings and the Reduction in Force. [{1:12:47}](#)
4. Public Hearing [{1:45:14}](#)
 1. Nick Sherman, Leonine Public Affairs, Paving Association of Vermont
5. **ACTION ITEM** Senator Cummings moved to accept the Agency of Transportation Recission Plan. The motion was seconded by Representative Harrison. The committee voted 9-1-0 to accept the plan [{1:47:25}](#)

D. Federal Funds Update [{1:59:11}](#)

Secretary Sarah Clark gave an update on federal funds and the administration's approach. Deputy Fiscal Officer Emily Byrne gave an update on the Joint Fiscal Office's work with the administration to monitor federal funds.

***** Break for Lunch *****

E. Public Safety Communications Task Force Update [{00:01:24}](#)

Executive Director Barbara Neal, Deputy Commissioner Dan Batsie, and Financial Director Rick Hallenback updated the committee on the status of the Public Safety Communications Task Force.

F. DS Payment Reform

1. Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living [{00:31:53}](#)

Commissioner Jill Bowen, Developmental Services Division Director Jennifer Garabedien, Medicaid Policy Deputy Director Dylan Frazer, and Payment Reform Deputy Director Jessica Bernard gave an overview of the Payment Reform Progress Report.

2. Vermont Care Partners [{00:50:27}](#)

Howard Center Director of Financial Management Carrie Hathaway and Lamoille County Mental Health Executive Director Jennifer Stratton testified to their organizations experience of DS Payment Reform

3. Developmental Disabilities Council [{1:08:51}](#)

Executive Director Kirsten Murphy testified to her organizations experience of DS Payment Reform.

G. Community Partners and Federal Impacts

1. Alison Calderara, Executive Director, Capstone Community Action [{1:21:24}](#)
2. Autumn Moen, Legislative Policy Lead, Hunger Free Vermont [{1:27:54}](#)
3. Nicole Miller, Executive Director, Vermont Afterschool [{1:33:06}](#)
4. Corissa Burnell, Co-Executive Director, Rutland Parent Child Center [{1:37:46}](#)
5. Carrie Stahler, Senior Manager- Government and Public Affairs, Vermont Foodbank [{1:42:51}](#)
6. Amy Shollenberger, Action Circles [{1:48:31}](#)
7. Maddie Kempner, Policy Director, NOFA-VT [{1:53:44}](#)

H. Fiscal Officer's Report [{1:58:44}](#)

Chief Fiscal Officer Catherine Benham presented the fiscal officer's report.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,
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