



**STATE OF VERMONT**  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
LEGISLATIVE JOINT FISCAL COMMITTEE

Friday, December 1, 2023  
Minutes

Hybrid Meeting: Room 11 and <https://www.youtube.com/@VTJointFiscal/featured>  
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Members present: Representatives Harrison, Kornheiser, Lanpher, Scheu, and Wood.  
And Senators Baruth (remote), Cummings, Kitchel, Sears (remote), and Westman (remote).

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

**Call to order and Approval of Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Senator Kitchel at 3:15pm

Representative Kornheiser moved to accept the November 7, 2023 minutes as written.  
Representative Scheu seconded the motion. The committee voted 10-0-0 and adopted the minutes. *{00:00:25}*

**A. ARPA and Flood Recovery Update *{00:00:57}***

Douglas Farnham, Chief Recovery Officer. Gave an update and presentation on ARPA and flood recovery.

**B. Basic Needs Budget Methodology Updates *{00:24:27}***

Patrick Titterton, Senior Fiscal Analyst with the Joint Fiscal Office, presented the Basic Needs Budget methodology updates and reviewed the report from the Basic Needs Budget Technical Advisory Committee.

Representative Lanpher moved to approve the changes to assumptions and methodology for the food, child care, clothing and household expenses, telecommunications, personal expenses, and personal care products components, as recommended by the Basic Needs Budget Technical Advisory Committee for the Basic Needs Budgets in accordance with 2 V.S.A §526 (d), as outlined in memo presented to the committee on November 7, 2023. Senator Cummings seconded the motion. The committee voted 9-0-1 and approved the changes.

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**C. December 1<sup>st</sup> Education Tax Rate Letter *{00:45:07}***

Julia Richter, Senior Fiscal Analyst with the Joint Fiscal Office, discussed the December 1<sup>st</sup> Education Tax Rate Letter and reviewed the preliminary Education Fund outlook.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Erin Viera, Senior Staff Associate  
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