

Government Review & Efficiency Committee Minutes
October 7, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Matt Veitch; Committee Members Eric Connolly, Tara Gaston, Joe Grasso, Jean Raymond and Jonathan Schopf; Ridge Harris, Matt Rose, Audra Hedden, Christine Rush, County Administrator; Michael Hartnett, County Attorney; Craig Hayner, Charles Foehser, County Clerk; Lauren Roberts, Historian.

Chairman Veitch called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mrs. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Schopf, the minutes of the August 25, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Veitch said that items number three and four are being pulled from today's meeting agenda at the request of the Chairman of the Board. These items are the Public Relations policy update and the Travel & Discretionary Spending policy. These items will be held for another month.

A motion was made by Mrs. Raymond, seconded by Ms. Gaston, to change the meeting date of the 2021 December Board meeting from December 21 to Wednesday, December 15. Unanimous.

Mr. Veitch said that the normal schedule for the Board meeting is the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Ms. Hedden said that December 1st falls on a Wednesday and this causes an almost two-week gap between the Law & Finance meeting and the Board meeting. Mr. Veitch said that the date change will also give time if there are any issues with the budget, as the deadline for budget adoption is December 20. Mr. Veitch said that he would like to change the date by resolution rather than amending the entire Rules of the Board. Mr. Veitch said that the rules are intended to be a document that is approved and then changed over time, and not for changing the meeting date for one particular month, in one particular year.

Mr. Veitch said that in looking into next year, there are already conflicts in the Rules of the Board for the meeting schedule for 2022, and proposed striking item 1B of the current rules and replacing it with language that the Board will pass a resolution each January, setting the Board's schedule for the year.

Role of the Committee and future tasks for 2021

Mr. Veitch said that the Committee's definition and scope was distributed with the agenda. A lot has been done already such as review and amendments to the Rules of the Board, the County's Policies and Procedures, and the Saratoga County Code. Mr. Veitch said that one item on the list of things to do is to ensure that the County appointment book contains the most relevant and appropriate statutory committees and individual appointments. Mr. Veitch said that he would like to have an agenda item next month to review the Rules of the Board and the appointment book to have it ready for the incoming Chair for 2022.

On a motion made by Mrs. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Schopf, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Clerk of the Board