ACT 170 MERGER COMMITTEE - GROUP 2

MEETING NOTICE

Vermont Act 170
Merger Committee ````

Barstow Memorial School, The Hall
Chittenden, Vermont

Thursday, OCTOBER 22, 2026

4PM

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84387568905?pwd=CR0jVwIxJLeQtZLPC1orT5GJchh0sp.1
Meeting ID: 843 8756 8905
Passcode: 391857

Public Input *will be available to virtual and in-person attendees, as well as to individuals who submit a written comment to be read aloud in the meeting. Guidelines regarding public input are outlined at the end of this agenda.*

Meeting Duration *and all aspects of the meeting will be managed by the Facilitator. Meetings will be designed to last no more than 90 minutes.*

Meeting Minutes *will be generated using digital tools and checked for accuracy by the Facilitator. All meeting agendas, minutes, and meeting recording links will be housed on the websites of participating districts.*

Superintendents and Board Members *who are present but not appointed to the committee will be regarded as members of the Public for the purposes of these meetings. No special privileges of participation will be granted unless the committee specifically requests engagement.*

AGENDA

1. Facilitator Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Overview of Committee Roles

Regional Facilitator

- *Leads and facilitates the committee meeting and the committee's overall process.*
- *Develops and guides the meeting agenda in coordination with the Chair.*
- *Introduces topics, frames questions, guides discussion, and keeps the committee focused on its work.*

GROUP 2 DISTRICTS AND REPRESENTATIVES

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- *Ensures members have opportunities to participate and that differing perspectives are heard.*
- *Guides the committee toward consensus where possible and toward decisions when decisions are needed.*
- *Identifies information, research, technical assistance, or follow-up needed for future meetings.*
- *Supports the committee in completing the work and timelines required by Act 170.*
- *Remains neutral regarding whether a merger should ultimately be recommended.*

Committee Chair

- *Serves as the formal presiding officer of the committee.*
- *Calls for and recognizes motions and votes.*
- *Makes or confirms procedural rulings when necessary.*
- *Carries out responsibilities specifically assigned to the chair by law.*
- *Primary point of contact for Regional Facilitator - works with the Regional Facilitator on meeting planning and agenda development.*

4. Merger Committee Organization
    a. Adoption of Robert's Rules of Order
    b. Election of Chair
    c. Establishment of Committee Norms
    d. Determination of future meeting locations(s) and meeting cadence

5. Good Faith Standard Review. Please review prior to meeting.
6. Public Input
7. Act 170 Overview Presentation. Please review presentation prior to meeting.
8. Proportional Representation Determination
9. Areas of Committee Interest and Next Steps for Next Meeting
    a. November Meeting - Regional Assets Discussion
    b. Other
10. Agenda Building
11. Adjourn

PUBLIC INPUT GUIDELINES:

- *There will be only one opportunity during the committee meeting for public input.*
- *Public Input is solely for receiving comment on items pertaining to items on this agenda.*
- *Before speaking, please state your full name and your town of residence.*
- *Speakers will be limited to two (2) minutes to share their input.*
- *When informed by the timekeeper that time is up, the speaker will be expected to yield to the next speaker.*
- *The Committee will not enter into a dialogue with a commenter. The Committee may briefly issue a response in cases when a response must be given in a timely way for the public's benefit.*
- *Rudeness, ridicule, obscene or profane language, lack of respect for others, and personal attacks are not acceptable behavior.*