



STATE OF VERMONT
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

October 1, 2020

To: Candidates for the 2021-2022 General Assembly

Dear Candidates:

An orientation program for new members of the 2021-2022 General Assembly is planned for Tuesday – Thursday, November 17 – 19, 2020. Tuesday and Wednesday will be in-person at the State House in Montpelier with appropriate distancing measures and required facial coverings. Thursday will be a virtual video conference day. Please hold the dates and plan to attend if you can.

The orientation program will begin at 9:00 am on Tuesday, November 17 with registration opening at 7:15 am. The in-person segment will wrap-up on the afternoon of Wednesday, November 18. Meals will be provided to all, and lodging will be covered for those who request it. Thursday's virtual sessions will run from approximately 9:00 am – 3:30 pm.

Our orientation gives newly elected members the chance to meet some of their colleagues, to learn about legislative procedure and traditions, and to meet the staff who will assist you in your work in the General Assembly. Over the course of the three days, you will meet legislative leaders, Executive Branch officials, and members of the Judiciary. We will also have presentations on working with the press, the role of ethics for legislators, and current budget and revenue issues facing Vermont.

The new member orientation is a nonpartisan program presented by legislative staff, in collaboration with the Snelling Center for Government.

We will send a complete program, agenda, and other information to new members in early November. As the organizers of the Orientation, we are excited to meet and congratulate the newly elected members.

Sincerely,

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