

CAPITOL COMPLEX COMMISSION – MINUTES

- Date: May 6, 2022

OPENING:

- The Microsoft Teams Meeting (via video/audio) of the Capitol Complex Commission (CCC) was convened and called to order by Chair Shouldice at 12:14 PM on May 6, 2022.

PRESENT:

- **Members:** Heather Shouldice, Chair; Jireh Billings, Susan Hayward, and Tim Senter.
- **Also, Present:** Jennifer M.V. Fitch, BGS Commissioner, E. Joseph Aja, Jr. Director, Design and Construction, and Laura Trieschmann, State Historic Preservation Officer
- **Minutes Transcriber:** Judy Bruneau, Private Secretary, Department of Buildings and General Services

PRIOR MINUTES APPROVAL:

- **Item #1** – Jireh Billings moved to approve the minutes as written for the December 14, 2021, meeting and Susan Hayward seconded the motion. The minutes were passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION:

- **Item #2 – VT State House – Bess Battery Enclosure** – Jennifer M.V. Fitch, BGS Commissioner, E. Joseph Aja Jr., Director, BGS Design and Construction Division
- Joe Aja was delayed due to testifying before the House Institutions and Corrections Committee.
- On behalf of Joe Aja, Commissioner Fitch gave background information on how the current battery backup system came to be. It was located in the basement of the State House and was relocated temporarily in anticipation of future code adoption. It is likely the large battery storage systems will not be allowed below grade.
- The proposal for the new location is currently a parking space on the west side of the State House and would be hidden by the hedge. She went through each page of the proposal document which showed various views on the visibility of the cabinet.
- Joe Aja confirmed the cabinet would be green so it would camouflage with the surroundings.

MOTION:

- Motion was made by Tim Senter to approve the design as presented, with a second by Jireh Billings. The design was passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Jireh Billings moved for adjournment, and Tim Senter seconded. The commission adjourned at 12:28 PM.