

Is an advisory commission established under 24 V.S.A. § 4433 required to have a quorum to meet and take action?

Yes, a quorum of members of an advisory commission is required in order for that body to meet and take action. An advisory commission as enabled in 24 V.S.A. § 4433 is a public body as defined in the law. A public body includes state government commissions, boards, and councils; municipal government boards, commissions, and councils; and any ad hoc committees or subcommittees of state or municipal government created by charter, motion, or resolution. 1 V.S.A. § 310 (3). In order for a public body to discuss its business or take action, a meeting must occur, which includes the requirement for a quorum to be present. 1 V.S.A. § 310 (2). All the requirements of the open meeting law, including providing notice and taking minutes, apply to the advisory commission.

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