

**Minutes of the Board of Trustees special meeting Wednesday, January 28, 2015,  
APPROVED by the Board of Trustees February 19, 2015.**

The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees conducted a special meeting Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at Johnson State College in Johnson, Vermont.

The following were present:

Trustees: Jerry Diamond, Lynn Dickinson, Kraig Hannum, Tim Jerman, Bill Lippert, Chris Macfarlane (by phone), Jim Masland, Linda Milne (by phone), Gary Moore, Martha O'Connor, Alyssa Slaimen

Absent: Michelle Fairbrother, Karen Luneau, Heidi Pelletier

Presidents: Joe Bertolino, Joyce Judy, Barbara Murphy, Dan Smith, Dave Wolk

Office of the Chancellor:

Jeb Spaulding, Chancellor  
Tom Robbins, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
Bill Reedy, Vice President and General Counsel  
Elaine Sopchak, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor  
Sophie Zdatny, Associate General Counsel

Guests: Pam Chisholm, Dean of Enrollment Management, CCV  
Joe Moore, President, Lesley University, Cambridge, MA  
Maurice Ouimet, Dean of Enrollment Management, Castleton State College

The Board of Trustees convened this special meeting in order to hear a series of presentations on the topic of tuition at the Vermont State Colleges. The meeting came to order at 12:25 p.m. Chancellor Spaulding began with an introduction of the panelists: Pam Chisholm, Joe Bertolino, Alyssa Slaimen, Joe Moore, Dan Smith, and Maurice Ouimet.

Dean Ouimet discussed tuition setting from the perspective of admissions. Alyssa Slaimen shared the student perspective. President Bertolino discussed the impact of tuition setting on the college as a whole. Dean Chisholm explained the effect tuition setting has on the financial aid process. President Smith explained the importance of setting tuition while maintaining investments in innovation. Finally, President Moore described the costs and benefits of raising tuition versus improving retention.

Following the panel presentation there were comments from the public, followed by a presentation by CFO Tom Robbins on the VSC's current financial and enrollment

position. There were more questions and comments from the public. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.