

**Minutes of the Nominating Committee meeting Tuesday, December 6, 2016—APPROVED
February 20, 2017**

The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees Nominating Committee conducted a meeting Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at the Office of the Chancellor in Montpelier, Vermont.

Committee members present: Jerry Diamond (Chair), Lynn Dickinson, Tim Jerman

From the Chancellor's Office: Elaine Sopchak, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor
Jeb Spaulding, Chancellor

Chair Diamond called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to approve a slate of proposed new members to present to the full Board for appointment. Currently, the terms of Trustees Hannum, Luneau, and O'Connor will end as of February 28th, 2017. Chair Diamond informed the Committee that he has spoken to each trustee, and they have each expressed an interest in being reappointed to the Board.

Chair Diamond also informed the Committee that he has spoken to Rachel Feldman in Governor-Elect Scott's office to learn his intentions for the single gubernatorial appointment to be made to the Board in 2017. Ms. Feldman will get back to Chair Diamond with that information.

Chair Diamond suggested that the changes to the Board appointment process approved by the legislature in 2015 could allow legislative Board members to continue serving after the end of their legislative terms, and could broaden the skill set of the Board. Trustee Dickinson stated she believes another important purpose of the change is to allow opportunities to bring philanthropists onto the Board.

Trustee Jerman stated that if the Governor-Elect reappoints one of the current trustees whose term is ending, then the Committee should nominate the other two trustees with expiring terms to be reappointed. Chair Diamond agreed, but emphasized that the reappointment of these trustees does not set a precedent, and Board members should not assume that they will automatically be reappointed when their terms expire.

The Committee did not approve a slate of nominees at this time, and will instead wait until they receive further direction based on Governor-Elect Scott's decision. They will reconvene at that point. Chair Diamond will contact Ms. Feldman again to inform her of this plan.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.