

Minutes of the VSCS Board of Trustees Meeting held Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at the Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, Vermont – APPROVED

The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at the Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee, Vermont

Board members present: Churchill Hinds (Chair), Janette Bombardier, Lynn Dickinson (Vice Chair), Peg Flory, Dylan Giambatista, Izzy Gogarty, Adam Grinold, Bill Lippert Karen Luneau (Secretary), Jim Masland, Linda Milne (Treasurer), Mike Pieciak, David Silverman

Absent: Megan Cluver

Presidents: Elaine Collins, Joyce Judy, Pat Moulton, Karen Scolforo

Chancellor's Office Staff: Jeb Spaulding, Chancellor
 Tricia Coates, Director of External and Governmental Affairs
 Todd Daloz, Associate General Counsel
 Jen Porrier, Administrative Director (12:05pm)
 Steve Wisloski, Chief Financial Officer
 Sophie Zdatny, General Counsel
 Yasmine Ziesler, Chief Academic Officer

From the Colleges: Sharron Scott, Dean of Administration, Northern Vermont University

From the Public: Amy Ash Nixon, Reporter, Caledonian Records (12:05pm)

Chair Hinds called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Trustee Dickinson moved the VSC Board of Trustees enter executive session, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(F) for the purpose of receiving confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services, and 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(B), for the purpose of discussion labor relations agreements with employees, because premature general public knowledge of these discussions would place VSC at a substantial disadvantage, it is appropriate for the Board to enter executive session. She further moved that the Board enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(2) to discuss negotiating or securing real estate purchase or lease options, and 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(6) to discuss records exempt from the Vermont Public Records Act. The Board does not anticipate taking any action during executive session. Along with the members of the Board present at this meeting, in its discretion, the Board invited the Chancellor, the President and Dean of Administration of Northern Vermont University, the VSC General Counsel, Chief Academic Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Director of External and Government Affairs and Associate General Counsel to attend portions of this session.

Trustee Pieciak seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Board exited executive session at 12:03pm

Trustee Dickinson read in the resolution 2019-007. Trustee Pieciak seconded the resolution.

Chancellor Spaulding indicated that the discussion in executive session was unable to get to the vast list of suggestions/ideas due to more pressing matters at hand. Those suggestions will be discussed at length at the October 21, 2019 meeting of the Long Range Planning Committee. Chancellor Spaulding fully supports the unification process at NVU. Chair Hinde thanked the Board for the work over the past two days.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

There were no additional comments from the public.

Chair Hinde adjourned the Board meeting at 12:20pm