

Minutes of the VSCS Board of Trustees Meeting held Monday, July 6, 2020, at 4:00pm via ZOOM – APPROVED

The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees met on Monday, July 6, 2020, via ZOOM.

Board members present: Churchill Hindes (Chair), Ryan Cooney, Lynn Dickinson, Dylan Giambatista, Adam Grinold (4:11 p.m.), Jim Masland, Linda Milne, Mike Pieciak, David Silverman

Absent: Janette Bombardier, Megan Cluver, Bill Lippert, Karen Luneau

Presidents: Joyce Judy, Pat Moulton, Jonathan Spiro (Interim)

Chancellor's Office Staff: Donny Bazluke, Network/Security Analyst
Shannon Billings, Business Services Assistant
Kevin Conroy, Chief Information Officer
Todd Daloz, Interim General Counsel
Brenda Flint, Associate Controller
Wayne Hamilton, Interim Controller
Richard Lee, Lead Systems Analyst
Tom Maguire, Director of Network Services
Jen Porrier, Administrative Director
Meg Walz, Director, Program Manager
Sophie Zdatny, Interim Chancellor
Juan Zhang, Institutional Research Analyst
Yasmine Ziesler, Chief Academic Officer

From the Colleges: Lori Arner, Director of Registrar Services, Castleton University
Sarah Chambers, Coordinator of Instructional Technology, Castleton University
Alison Lathrop, President, VSC Faculty Federation, Northern Vermont University
Linda Olson, VP Education AFT-VT, Castleton University
Maurice Ouimet, Dean of Enrollment, Castleton University
Andy Pallito, Dean of Administration, Community College of Vermont
Sharron Scott, Dean of Administration, Northern Vermont University
Beth Walsh, President, VSCUP, Northern Vermont University

From the Public: Lola Duffort, Reporter, VT Digger
Amy Nixon, Reporter, Caledonian Record

Chair Hindes called the meeting to order at 4:09 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes of June 29, 2020 Board Meeting

Trustee Dickinson moved and Trustee Masland seconded the approval of the minutes of June 29, 2020. The minutes were approved unanimously.

1. Public Comment

There was no public comment

2. Other Business

There was no other business.

Executive Session

At 4:13 p.m. Trustee Dickinson moved that the VSC Board of Trustees enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3) to discuss the employment of a public employee. The motion stated that the Board would make any final decision regarding any such public officer in an open meeting and would explain the reasons for this final decision during the open meeting. Along with the members of the Board present at the meeting, the Board invited the Interim Chancellor, to attend portions of the executive session. Trustee Pieciak seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board exited Executive session at 4:55 p.m.

After considering the recommendation of the Search Committee, with input from the broader VSC community, including feedback from the Presidents, the union partners, the Chancellor's Office senior staff, and based on her exemplary performance as Interim Chancellor over the past two months, Trustee Dickinson moved that the Vermont State Colleges System Board of Trustees appoint Sophie Elizabeth Zdatny, Esq. as the next Chancellor of the Vermont State Colleges System, under terms and conditions agreed upon between the Board Chair and Ms. Zdatny. Trustee Silverman seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Trustees voiced their gratitude and appreciation for Chancellor Zdatny's hard work, thus far, and all wish her luck in the year to come.

Chair Hindes adjourned the meeting at 5:09 pm.