

Minutes of the VSCS Board of Trustees Nominating Committee meeting held Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom - APPROVED

The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees Nominating Committee conducted a meeting Tuesday, February 9, 2021.

Committee members present: Adam Grinold (Chair), Janette Bombardier, Lynn Dickinson

Absent: Bill Lippert

Other Trustees: Mary Moran

From the Chancellor's Office: Donny Bazluke, Network/Security Analyst
Jen Porrier, Administrative Director
Kathryn Santiago, Assistant General Counsel
Meg Walz, Director, Program Manager
Sophie Zdatny, Chancellor

1. Chair Dickinson called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. January 26, 2020

Trustee Grinold moved and Trustee Bombardier seconded the approval of the January 26, 2020 minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Election of Chair of Nominating Committee

Chair Dickinson called for nominations for a new Chair of the Nominating committee.

Trustee Grinold accepted the nomination for Chair of Nominating Committee and Trustee Bombardier seconded the nomination. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Discussion of possible nominees to serve as trustees

At 4:06 p.m. Trustee Dickinson moved that the VSC Board of Trustees Nominating Committee enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3) to discuss the appointment of a public officer. 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 Chancellor and the Assistant General

Counsel, to attend portions of the executive session. Trustee Bombardier seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Committee exited Executive session at 4:30 p.m.

Trustee Dickinson moved and Trustee Moran seconded the motion to recommend to the Board the election of Karen Luneau and Janette Bombardier to fill the Board-elected seats on the Board of Trustees. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Grinold explained that there has been a gradual transition over the past few years, reducing the number of gubernatorially-appointed trustees and increasing the number of Board-elected trustees. Consequently, of the five positions that expire at the end of February, two of these will be filled by election of the Board and three will be appointed by the Governor. Chair Grinold added that the Board will continue to communicate with the Governor's office with regard to the gubernatorial appointees and provide an update at the next meeting.

5. Other Business:

Chancellor Zdatny discussed the possibility of an additional meeting needed prior to the February 22nd Board meeting and it was agreed that would be explored.

6. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Chair Grinold adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.