

Minutes of the VSCS Board of Trustees Executive Committee meeting held Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom - APPROVED

The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees Executive Committee met on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 via Zoom.

Committee members present: Lynn Dickinson (Chair), Megan Cluver (Vice Chair), Karen Luneau, David Silverman

Presidents: Elaine Collins, Joyce Judy (3:00 p.m.), Pat Moulton, Jonathan Spiro

Chancellor's Office staff: Jen Porrier, Administrative Director
Sharron Scott, Chief Financial and Operations Officer
Patty Turley, General Counsel
Meg Walz, Director, Project Management
Sophie Zdatny, Chancellor

From the Colleges: Sarah Chambers, Coordinator of Instructional Technology,
Castleton University

1. Chair Dickinson called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.
2. Approval of March 4, 2021 Minutes

Trustee Silverman moved and Trustee Cluver seconded the motion to approve the minutes of March 4, 2021. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Planning for 2021 Annual Retreat at Lake Morey

Chair Dickinson stated that due to the positive progress with COVID-19 vaccines, the lifting of safety precautions, and the decline in infection rates, it has been decided that the Board will hold its Annual Retreat in person at Lake Morey in Fairlee, VT, on September 20-21, 2021.

4. Upcoming search for President of the New Combined Entity

Chief Financial and Operating Officer Sharron Scott reported that four responses have been received to the RFP issued for the Executive Search Firm Services. Prices for their services are widely variable as are the experiences of the firms with higher education. Chair Dickinson, Vice-Chair Megan Cluver, Board consultant Jim Page, CFOO Scott, and the Chancellor will meet to discuss the proposals on June 10, 2021. Further investigation and reference checking will be completed prior to final selection.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Executive Session

At 2:25 p.m. Trustee Cluver moved that the VSCS Executive Committee enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3) to discuss the evaluation of a public officer. The motion stated that any final decisions, and the reasons for them, shall be made in open session. Along with the members of the Board present at the meeting, the Committee invited the Chancellor and the Presidents to join the Committee one at a time, commencing with President Moulton. Trustee Silverman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Committee exited executive session at 5:23 p.m.

Trustee Dickinson moved that the Executive Committee recommend to the full Board that the Chancellor be reappointed for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and receive the agreed-upon salary increase for non-bargaining unit employees, subject to and in accordance with the terms of her letter of reappointment, to be signed by the Chair of the Board. Based on the Chancellor's performance during the past year, the Executive Committee's evaluation, and for the reasons discussed during the executive session, the Board believes that the Chancellor remains the best candidate to lead the Vermont State Colleges system. Trustee Dickinson further moved that the Executive Committee recommend to the full Board that President Joyce Judy, President Patricia Moulton and Interim President Jonathan Spiro be reappointed for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, subject to and in accordance with the terms of letters of reappointment, to be signed by the Chancellor. Based on each president's performance during the past year, the Chancellor's evaluation of each president, and for the reasons discussed during the executive session, the Board believes each president remains the best candidate to lead her or his Institution. Trustee Silverman seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

Chair Dickinson adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.