

**Minutes of the VSCS Board of Trustees Meeting held Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM – APPROVED**

The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, via ZOOM.

Board members present: Lynn Dickinson (Chair), Janette Bombardier, Megan Cluver, Ryan Cooney, Dylan Giambatista, Shirley Jefferson, Bill Lippert, Karen Luneau, Jim Masland, David Silverman, Shawn Tester, Sue Zeller

Absent: Adam Grinold, Mary Moran

Presidents: Joyce Judy, Pat Moulton, Nolan Atkins (acting President of Northern Vermont University)

Chancellor's Office Staff: Donny Bazluke, Network/Security Analyst  
Kellie Campbell, Chief Information Officer  
Wilson Garland, Director of Transformation Projects  
Katherine Levasseur, Director of External & Governmental Affairs  
Jen Porrier, Administrative Director  
Sharron Scott, Chief Financial/Operations Officer  
Patty Turley, General Counsel  
Meg Walz, Director, Program Manager  
Sophie Zdatny, Chancellor  
Yasmine Ziesler, Chief Academic Officer

From the Colleges: Jae Basiliere, Director, Center for Teaching & Learning, Northern Vermont University  
Solil Devyn Borthwick, Student, Community College of Vermont  
Sarah Chambers, Coordinator of Instructional Technology, Castleton University  
Rich Clark, Faculty, Castleton University  
Martha Coulter, Director of Wellness Center, Castleton University  
Matthew Couture, Financial Aid Officer, Castleton University  
Katy Culp, Faculty, Castleton University  
Tobias Duke, Student, Castleton University  
Andre Fleche, Faculty, Castleton University  
Ana Gaillat, Dean of Academic Affairs, Vermont Technical College  
Alexandra Huff, Student, Northern Vermont University  
John Kidder, Faculty, Vermont Technical College  
Billie Langlois, Acquisitions Coordinator, Castleton University  
Marybeth Lennox-Levins, Faculty, Castleton University  
Meagan Meachem, Faculty, Northern Vermont University

David Mook, PT Faculty, Castleton University  
Lori Phillips, Director of Conference & Events, Castleton University  
Lisa Pleban, Faculty, Castleton University  
Ari Preston, Faculty, Northern Vermont University  
Patrick Rogers, Director of Admissions, Northern Vermont University  
Tyrone Shaw, Faculty, Northern Vermont University  
Gabe Simpson, Student, Northern Vermont University  
Elizabeth Sousa, Assistant to the Dean of Students, Northern Vermont University  
Beth Walsh, President, VSCUP, Northern Vermont University  
Heidi Welch, Director of Music Education, Castleton University  
Gabriel Wilkinson, Student, Vermont Technical College

From the Public:

Shavonna Bent, Alum, Northern Vermont University  
Keith Chamberlin, Alum, Northern Vermont University  
Brian Collamore, Senator, Rutland  
Larry Courcelle, Rutland  
Steve Cormier, Alum, Northern Vermont University  
Felicia Darling, Former Faculty, Northern Vermont University  
Beth Foy, Johnson  
Chery Hooker, Senator, Rutland  
Courtney Kramer, Reporter, Local 22/44 News  
Bill McGrath, Randolph  
Amy Ash Nixon, Reporter, Caledonian Record  
Gabrielle Tamasi, Alum, Castleton  
Melissa Weinstein, Former Staff, Northern Vermont University

1. Chair Dickinson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Chancellor Zdatny provided a summary of the work that has gone into the naming recommendation, where the VSCS currently stands in the process, and what further work remains to be done. That summary can be found [here](#).

2. Listening Session on the recommended name for the new combined entity (Vermont State University)

The Board listened to comments from the public for approximately eighty minutes.

3. Board discussion and vote on the recommended name

The Trustees discussed the recommended name and the feedback received from the community, through both written and oral comments. Each trustee explained the rationale for their decision on the name.

**Trustee Giambatista moved and Trustee Luneau seconded the motion to approve adoption of the recommended name, Vermont State University, for the new institution. The motion was approved unanimously.**

Chair Dickinson adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.