

**Minutes of the VSCS Board of Trustees Executive Special Committee meeting held
Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom - APPROVED**

The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees Executive Special Committee met on Thursday, March 23, 2023.

Committee members present: Lynn Dickinson (Chair) (10:42 a.m.), Megan Cluver (Vice Chair), Karen Luneau, David Silverman

Chancellor's Office staff: Danny Bazluke, Network/Security Analyst
Katherine Levasseur, Director of Governmental & External Affairs
Jen Porrier, Administrative Director
Patty Turley, General Counsel
Meg Walz, Director, Project Management
Sophie Zdatny, Chancellor

From the Colleges: Angie Albeck, Associate Dean of Students, Community College of Vermont
Sarah Chambers, Coordinator of Instructional Technology, Castleton University
Jonathan Davis, Dean of Students, Northern Vermont University
Beth Walsh, VSCUP President, Northern Vermont University

From the Public Matt Holderman, Reporter, Channel 22
Martha Molnar, Resident, Castleton

1. Vice Chair Cluver called the meeting to order at 10:39 a.m.
2. Approval of December 19, 2022 Minutes

Trustee Silverman moved and Trustee Luneau seconded the motion to approve the minutes of December 19, 2022. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Public Comment

Beth Walsh requested a list of the sources referenced in the VTSU's proposed COVID-19 Policy. Ms. Walsh also expressed gratitude to the Board for moving public comment to the beginning of the agenda but proposed adding a second public comment section at the end of the agenda for the public to reflect on what they had just heard. Ms. Walsh expressed her disappointment with the decision to reduce the library footprints and athletics at two campuses. Martha Molnar shared comments, as a resident of Castleton, expressing opposition to VTSU libraries and athletics plan.

4. COVID-19 vaccination policy and Executive Committee Resolution 2021-018

Northern Vermont University Dean of Students Jonathan Davis proposed that VTSU downgrade the COVID-19 vaccine requirement to a *recommendation*, which is in line with the CDC prevention guidance. Further information can be found [here](#) on pages 9-10. Angie Albeck shared that Community College of Vermont will cease to require proof of vaccination for their students taking in person classes as of March 30, 2023.

Trustee Cluver moved and Trustee Silverman seconded the motion to recommend to the Board that Resolution 2021-018 expire on May 11, 2023. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Succession planning and Board Committees

Executive Session

At 10:58 a.m. Trustee Cluver moved that the VSCS Board of Trustees enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3) to discuss the appointment and employment of a public officer. Along with the members of the Board present at the meeting, the Board invited the Chancellor to attend. Trustee Silverman seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The committee exited executive session at 11:49 a.m. and took no action.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

Chair Dickinson adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.