

**Minutes of the VSCS Board of Trustees Executive Committee meeting held Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom - APPROVED**

The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees Executive Committee met on Tuesday, May 23, 2023.

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

Presidents: Joyce Judy

Chancellor's Office staff: Jen Porrier, Administrative Director  
Sophie Zdatny, Chancellor

Shared Services: Danny Bazluke, Network/Security Analyst  
Meg Walz, Director, Project Management

1. Chair Dickinson called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.
2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of May 2, 2023 Minutes

**Trustee Cluver moved and Trustee Silverman seconded the motion to approve the minutes of May 2, 2023. The motion was approved unanimously.**

4. Review/vote on proposed Board Calendar for 2023-2024

Chancellor Zdatny reviewed the proposed calendar for the committee, describing the decision-making process for the timing of the meetings. Trustee Luneau expressed interest in holding more in person Board meetings to increase the human connection between trustees, senior administrators and staff. Trustee Silverman emphasized the importance of having the proper set-up for hybrid meetings and questioned the feasibility of asking trustees to add travel time to their already significant time commitment to serving as trustees. Chancellor Zdatny and Meg Walz highlighted some of the logistical challenges in hosting successful hybrid Board meetings. The Chancellor also flagged a concern that if there is a virtual option for attending meetings, many trustees may opt to participate remotely thereby defeating the goal of building connection.

**Trustee Silverman moved and Trustee Cluver seconded the motion to recommend to the Board the approval of the Board Calendar for 2023-2024. The motion was approved unanimously.**

5. Executive Session

**At 8:47 a.m. Trustee Cluver moved that the Committee enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3) to discuss the appointment and employment of a public officer and succession planning for Vermont State University. Along with the members of the Board present at the meeting, the Committee invited the Chancellor to attend. Trustee Silverman seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.**

The committee exited executive session at 9:52 a.m.

**Trustee Luneau moved that the Executive Committee recommend to the Board that Joyce Judy, President of the Community College of Vermont, Sophie Zdatny, Chancellor of the Vermont State Colleges and Patricia Moulton, Executive Director of Workforce Development, be reappointed to their positions. Trustee Silverman seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.**

**Trustee Silverman moved that the Executive Committee immediately move forward with creating a small search committee to seek a longer-term interim President for Vermont State University, upon the expiration of the current Interim President's term. Trustee Cluver seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.**

It was noted that the newly formed search committee will report to the full Board.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

Chair Dickinson adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.