


MEMORANDUM

TO: VSCS Board of Trustees Executive Committee
Lynn Dickinson, Chair
Megan Cluver, Vice-Chair
David Silverman, Treasurer
Karen Luneau, Secretary

FROM: Sophie Zdatny, Chancellor 

DATE: June 5, 2023

SUBJECT: Board of Trustees Executive Committee Meeting – June 8, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Trustees:

Attached, please find the meeting agenda and materials.

Following public comment and approval of the May 2, 2023 minutes, the Executive Committee will enter executive session to discuss the upcoming evaluation of the President Joyce Judy, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3). No formal or binding action shall be taken in executive session and any final decision on a public officer or employee shall be made in an open meeting, with an explanation for the decision. Following Other Business, the meeting will adjourn.

cc: Presidents

Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees – Executive Committee
Zoom Meeting/YouTube Stream
Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

AGENDA

Executive Committee Meeting

1. Call to order
 1. Public Comment – sign up here: www.vsc.edu/signup
 2. Approval of Minutes – May 23, 2023
 3. Executive Session – action may be taken following the executive session
 4. Other Business
 5. Adjourn
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- Contact Jen Porrier at jen.porrier@vsc.edu for information on how to attend the Zoom meeting
 - This will also be livestreamed on YouTube at www.vsc.edu/live

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

Note: These are unapproved minutes, subject to amendment and/or approval at a subsequent meeting.

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.