

Minutes of the VSCS Board of Trustees Ad Hoc Search Committee meeting held Thursday, August 17, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom - APPROVED

The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees Ad Hoc Search Committee met on Thursday, August 17, 2023.

Committee members present: Lynn Dickinson, David Durfee, Karen Luneau, Shawn Tester, Sue Zeller

Absent: Janette Bombardier

Chancellor's Office staff: Katherine Levasseur, Director of Governmental & External Affairs
Jen Porrier, Administrative Director
Sophie Zdatny, Chancellor

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

From the Public: Amy Ash Nixon, Reporter, Caledonian Record

1. Chair Dickinson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of August 3, 2023 Minutes

Trustee Zeller moved and Trustee Durfee seconded the motion to approve the minutes of August 3, 2023. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Motion/vote on revised "Qualifications and Competencies" for Interim Presidency position

Chancellor Zdatny summarized the feedback from committee members and other stakeholders used to update the current version of the Qualifications and Competencies. This included noting that the search is for an interim, not a permanent president.

Trustee Durfee moved and Trustee Zeller seconded the motion to approve the revised Qualifications and Competencies for Interim Presidency position. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Update from Search Firm

Chancellor Zdatny shared that, at the request of the committee, she had reached out to the search firm and received three resumes, which have been shared with the trustees. Next steps are first round interviews and in preparation for that, the determination of a set of questions to share with

the candidates beforehand. Chancellor Zdatny also reminded the committee about the online Unconscious Bias training sent to all trustees.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Executive Session

At 8:54 a.m. Trustee Durfee moved that the Committee enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3) to discuss the employment of a public officer. Along with the members of the Board present at the meeting, the Committee invited the Chancellor and the General Counsel to attend. Trustee Zeller seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

The committee exited executive session at 9:33 a.m.

Chancellor Zdatny will draft interview questions for candidates and will reach out to candidates to schedule virtual first interviews with the committee in the coming week, with the goal of considering candidates' viability at the Committee's upcoming meeting on August 31st.

Chair Dickinson adjourned the meeting at 9:34 a.m.