

Minutes of the VSCS Board of Trustees Executive Committee meeting held Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom - APPROVED

The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees Executive Committee met on Thursday, June 8, 2023.

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

Other Trustees Present: David Durfee

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

Shared Services: Danny Bazluke, Network/Security Analyst
Sarah Chambers, Director, Learning Technologies
Meg Walz, Director, Project Management

From the Colleges: Beth Walsh, Co-President, VSCUP, Vermont State University

1. Chair Dickinson called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.
2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of June 8, 2023 and June 12, 2023 Minutes

It was noted that the June 8, 2023 minutes were accidentally left out of the packet for approval. Their approval will be deferred to the next meeting.

Trustee Silverman moved and Trustee Luneau seconded the motion to approve the minutes of June 12, 2023 minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Board self-evaluation and development

Chair Dickinson shared that Ron Lumbra met with the trustees for a Board development activity on succession planning. He provided education and ideas for the Board to take forward in their work. Trustee Silverman reflected on the diversity of the board members at UVM, and the fund-raising capabilities of those trustees. Chair Dickinson shared her interest in the UVM Board's practice of starting every meeting by asking each trustee to share what was on their mind and their concerns. She expressed interest in the VSC Board adopting this practice for Board and Committee meetings.

5. VSC Board of Trustees' Annual Retreat

The Chancellor provided an overview of the planned agenda for the Board's annual retreat in September. Chair Dickinson advised that Jim Page would be invited to the annual retreat for a facilitated conversation with trustees. Chair Dickinson also requested that trustees be provided with hard copies of the demographic maps from the DumontJanks presentation at the Finance and Facilities committee on August 21st. Chancellor Zdatny mentioned that the plans include scheduling in person interviews of finalists for the Interim President position. The committee discussed other possible additions to the agenda for the retreat.

6. Updating Trustee Handbook

Chancellor Zdatny shared that the Trustee Handbook needs to be updated with the transition of the system from four institutions to two.

7. Executive Session

At 9:09 a.m. Trustee Cluver moved that the Committee enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3) to discuss the employment of a public official. 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 10:16 a.m. No action was taken.

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

Chair Dickinson adjourned the meeting at 10:16 a.m.