

Minutes of the VSCS Board of Trustees Executive Committee meeting held Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom - APPROVED

The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees Executive Committee met on Tuesday, September 26, 2023.

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

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

Shared Services: Donny Bazluke, Network/Security Analyst
Sarah Chambers, Director, Learning Technologies
Sharron Scott, Chief Financial/Operating Officer
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 8:30 a.m.
2. Public Comment

Beth Walsh provided a comment regarding the difficulty in filling open positions at VTSU and being able to offer salaries that will attract good applicants, particularly in the areas of public safety and athletics trainers. This is resulting in current staff in those areas being unable to take days off, and events needing to be canceled due to inadequate staff. Ms. Walsh reiterated her position that the Chancellor's position should not be filled in lieu of staffing and funding these other needed positions.

Chancellor Zdatny replied that the administration is aware of the situation with public safety and the athletic trainers as this has been an ongoing issue since before the pandemic. These are issues that are currently being addressed.

Trustee Silverman added that these are also concerns being felt in other industries across the board.

3. Approval of September 14, 2023 Minutes

Trustee Silverman moved and Trustee Luneau seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the September 14, 2023 meetings. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Discussion about scheduling regular meetings of the Committee through the upcoming period of transition

The committee members and Chancellor discussed an upcoming meeting schedule for the committee and agreed on some dates.

5. Executive Session

At 8:45 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 and the Chief Financial and Operating Officer to attend. Trustee Luneau seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The committee exited executive session at 9:37 a.m. and took no action.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

Chair Dickinson adjourned the meeting at 9:38 a.m.