

Minutes of the VSCS Board of Trustees Special Meeting held Friday, November 17, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom – APPROVED

The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees met on Friday, November 17, 2023, via Zoom

Board members present: Lynn Dickinson, Janette Bombardier, David Durfee, Bob Flint, Karen Luneau, Jim Masland, David Silverman, Shawn Tester (9:03 a.m.), Sue Zeller

Absent: Betsy Bloomer, Megan Cluver, Shirley Jefferson, Bill Lippert, Perry Ragouzis

Chancellor's Office Staff: Jen Porrier, Administrative Director

Shared Services: Donny Bazluke, Network/Security Analyst
Sharron Scott, Chief Financial & Operating Officer
Patty Turley, General Counsel
Meg Walz, Director, Project Management

From the Colleges: Karry Booska, Director of Career Development, Vermont State University
Rich Clark, Faculty, Vermont State University
Mary Droege, Faculty, Vermont State University
Oscar Paredes, Student, Vermont State University
Denise Rhodes, Student Financial Support Specialist, Vermont State University
Beth Walsh, Co-President, VSCUP, Vermont State University

1. Chair Dickinson called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

2. Public Comment

Rich Clark provided a comment advocating for the Board to leave the Chancellor position unfilled. Mr. Clark went on to reference the most recent Board meeting and the outpouring of public comment heard at that time. He suggested that the Board visit the campuses to meet with the constituents and have dialogues face to face.

Beth Walsh mentioned an OpEd piece in VTDigger that speaks about the State taking on more responsibility for the state colleges.

Mary Droege asked the Board to come to the campuses to meet with the faculty, staff and students as well. She felt the Board is out of touch with what it takes to run a campus.

3. Additional Business

There was no additional business.

4. Executive Session

At 8:42 a.m. Chair Zeller moved that the Board enter executive session, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3), to discuss the appointment of a public officer. Along with the members of the Board present at this meeting, in its discretion, the Board invited the Chief Financial and Operating Officer. Trustee Flint seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The Board exited executive session at 10:02 a.m. and took no action.

Chair Dickinson adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.