

Minutes of the VSCS Board of Trustees Meeting held Wednesday, November 29, 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 (Chair), Betsy Bloomer, Megan Cluver, David Durfee, Bob Flint, Shirley Jefferson, Bill Lippert, Karen Luneau, Jim Masland (9:01 a.m.), Perry Ragouzis, David Silverman, Shawn Tester, Sue Zeller

Absent: Janette Bombardier

Presidents: David Bergh, Joyce Judy

Chancellor's Office Staff: Jen Porrier, Administrative Director
Sophie Zdatny, Chancellor
Yasmine Ziesler, Special Assistant to the Chancellor

Shared Services: Donny Bazluke, Network/Security Analyst
Wilson Garland, Director of Transformation Projects
Katherine Levasseur, Director of Governmental & External Affairs
Katheryn Santiago, Associate General Counsel
Sharron Scott, Chief Financial & Operating Officer
Patty Turley, General Counsel
Meg Walz, Director, Project Management

From the Colleges: Nolan Atkins, Provost, Vermont State University
Karry Booska, Director of Career Development, Vermont State University
Beth Camp, Student Success, Vermont State University
Mary Cooper, Student Success, Vermont State University
Shelby Day, Advising, Vermont State University
Mary Droege, Faculty, Vermont State University
Charlotte Gerstein, Reference & Instruction Librarian, Vermont State University
Patrick Jeffries, Student Success, Vermont State University
Kathleen Mason, Director of International Studies & Global Affairs, Vermont State University
Amy Miller, Co-President, VSCUP, Vermont State University
Ashley Stackowitz, Health & Wellness, Vermont State University

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

The Board of Trustees heard public comment from Patrick Jeffries, Kathleen Mason, Ashley Stackowitz, Charlotte Gerstein, and Mary Droege.

3. Additional Business

There was no additional business.

4. Executive Session

At 8:51 a.m. Trustee 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 the meeting, in its discretion, the Board invited the Associate General Counsel and Dr. Elizabeth Mauch to attend. Trustee Jefferson seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The Board exited executive session at 9:41 a.m.

Trustee Masland moved and Trustee Ragouzis seconded the motion that the Board of Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges System appoint Dr. Elizabeth Mauch as Chancellor of the Vermont State Colleges beginning January 1, 2024. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Dickinson noted that in this role, Dr. Mauch will exercise broad fiduciary responsibility for the system including the strategic leadership of the corporation, lead system-wide transformation, be responsible for state and federal government relations, implement board policies and procedures, and will be broadly responsible for the academic financial, and business affairs of the system. Building on the foundational work of the outgoing chancellor, a critical goal for Dr. Mauch's tenure as chancellor will be the completion of the ongoing transformation and modernization effort and financial stabilization of the system.

Chair Dickinson adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.