

**Minutes of the VSCS Board of Trustees' meeting held Monday August 12, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom - APPROVED**

The VSCS Board of Trustees met on Monday, August 12, 2024 via Zoom.

Committee Members present: Lynn Dickinson (Chair), Betsy Ide Bloomer, Megan Cluver (Vice Chair), David Durfee, Bob Flint (3:08 p.m.), Shirley Jefferson, Karen Luneau (Secretary,) Jim Masland, Marc Mihaly, Jason Musal, Sue Zeller

Absent: Janette Bombardier, David Silverman, Shawn Tester

Chancellor: Elizabeth Mauch

Presidents: David Bergh, VTSU President  
Joyce Judy, CCV President

Other Attendees: Nolan Atkins  
Donny Bazluke  
Kelley Beckwith  
Kellie Campbell  
Kayla Dewey  
Wilson Garland  
Nicole Mace  
Meaghan Meachem  
Billie Neathawk  
Denise Rhodes  
Kathryn Santiago  
Darrin Schmautz  
Sharron Scott  
Sarah Truckle  
Patty Turley  
Drake Turner  
Yasmine Ziesler

1. Call to Order

Chair Dickinson called the meeting to order at 2:29 p.m.

2. Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

3. Approval of June 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes

**Trustee Zeller moved and Trustee Cluver seconded the motion to approve the June 10, 2024. The motion was approved unanimously.**

4. Review proposed 2024-2025 Board Schedule

The Board discussed the proposed board schedule and noted potential conflicts.

**Trustee Mihaly moved and Trustee Zeller seconded the motion to approve the proposed 2024-2025 Board Schedule. The motion was approved unanimously.**

5. Executive Session to receive confidential attorney-client communications.

**At 2:37p.m. Chair Dickinson moved and Trustee Jefferson seconded that the Committee enter executive session, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(F) to receive confidential attorney-client communications because premature general public knowledge of these discussions would place VSC at a substantial disadvantage. Along with the members of the Board present at this meeting, in its discretion, the Board invited VSC Chancellor, VSC General Counsel, and the VSC Associate General Counsel to attend. The motion was approved unanimously.**

The Board exited executive session at 2:50 p.m. and took no action.

6. Report from the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on July 31. During the meeting the committee received a verbal update from Presidents Bergh and Judy regarding the impact of recent floods on their campuses and communities. The committee also received a proposal from management regarding a revised calendar for 2024-2025. Lastly, the committee met in executive session to discuss the regular evaluations of Presidents Bergh and Judy. Chair Dickinson thanked the presidents for their service.

7. Report from EPSL Committee

Trustee Cluver provided a report on the committee's August 12 meeting. Special Assistant to the Chancellor, Yasmine Ziesler reviewed the proposed policy updates for policies 101, 106, and 109, which the committee recommended for approval by the Board.

**Trustee Cluver moved and Trustee Luneau seconded the motion to accept the recommended changes to Policies 101, 106, and 109 as outlined in the board packet. The motion was approved unanimously.**

General Counsel, Patty Turley reviewed the proposed policy updates for policies 301, 311, and 311-A. Associate General Counsel, Kathryn Santiago suggested edits to correct minor errors in the drafts before the Board. The committee recommended the approval of the policy changes.

**Trustee Cluver moved and Trustee Zeller seconded the motion to accept policy changes as outlined in the packet to Policies 301, 311, and 311-A with the minor modifications provided by Kathryn Santiago. The motion was approved unanimously.**

8. Report from the DEI Committee

Trustee Jefferson provided an overview of the July 16 DEI meeting. The committee received progress reports from each institution regarding initiatives and events. These reports described CCV's work to grow employee cultural competency and gathering data, and VTSU's alignment with strategic goals, formation of the DEISJ Advisory committee, and recruitment efforts.

9. Enterprise Resource Planning project update

The Vermont State Colleges is pursuing the replacement of its current computer management system, Colleague. Due to the size and scope of this project, the Board has requested regular updates regarding the project's progress. Chief Information Officer, Kellie Campbell provided a brief update regarding the internal work completed including the development of a request for proposal. Future meeting dates were discussed to keep the Board informed in a timely manner.

10. Report from the Presidents

President Bergh provided a brief report. Enrollment and return rates are trending positively (deposits are up about 5% up year over year). Final retention rates will be known after October 15<sup>th</sup>. VTSU had positive press coverage this summer covering the governance transition, summer programs, and research. VTSU shares these stories internally to celebrate its successes. President Bergh has been joining the Chancellor this summer meeting and building relationships with community leaders. Recent conversations have focused on immediate needs regarding flooding, but they also lead to a thoughtful, long-term view in building these partnerships as well. They are active in academic planning, and are planning for the visit from NECHE, VTSU's accreditor. Leadership is working to revise their strategic plan, which should be available later in the current week. Fall athletes will begin to return to campus later this week and there is enthusiasm to welcome all students back for the Fall semester.

President Judy provided a brief report. The summer session is ending this week. Over 3,000 students enrolled in summer courses this year, which is up 7% from the prior year. Fall registration is tracking strong. CCV will be present at Thunder Road on Sunday, which is a fun, entertaining event where CCV can reach a group which might not be thinking about college. CCV recently received donation funding to create a new position to support adult English-language learners who participate in CCV programs.. This new role will build curricula and bridge the gap from existing resources.

11. Other business

There was no other business.

12. Executive Session to receive confidential attorney-client communications.

**At 3:57p.m. Chair Dickinson moved and Trustee Luneau seconded that the board enter executive session, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(F) to receive confidential attorney-client communications, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(B) to discuss labor relations agreements**

**with employees, and pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3) to consider the employment of a public employee, because premature general public knowledge of these discussions would place VSC at a substantial disadvantage, it is appropriate for the Committee to enter executive session. Along with the members of the Board present at this meeting, in its discretion, the Board invited the VSC Chancellor, the President of Community College of Vermont, the President of Vermont State University, the VSC Chief Financial and Operating Officer, the VSC Director of External and Governmental Affairs, and the VSC Associate General Counsel, to attend.**

The Board exited executive session at 4:30 p.m.

**Trustee Dickinson moved and Trustee Luneau seconded the motion to reappoint Presidents Judy and Bergh. The motion was approved unanimously.**

The next board meeting will take place at Lake Morey Resort and Conference Center on September 16 and 17.

Chair Dickinson adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.