

**Minutes of the VSC Board of Trustees' meeting held Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
via Zoom UNAPPROVED**

Note: These are unapproved minutes, subject to amendment and/or approval at the subsequent meeting.

The VSC Board of Trustees met on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Trustees present: Lynn Dickinson (Chair), Megan Cluver (Vice Chair), Gwen Bailey-Rowe (signed off at 10:10 a.m.), Betsy Ide Bloomer, Janette Bombardier, David Durfee, Shirley Jefferson, Jim Masland (9:24 a.m.), Marc Mihaly, David Silverman, Amelia Vlahogiannis, Sue Zeller

Absent: Coleen Condon, Bob Flint

Chancellor: Elizabeth Mauch

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

Other Attendees: Sarah Chambers, IT Support
Kayla Dewey, Executive Assistant
Nicole Mace, CCV Dean of Administration
Denise Rhodes, VTSU Student Financial Support Specialist
Kathryn Santiago, Assoc. General Counsel
Sharron Scott, Chief Financial and Operating Officer
Patty Turley, General Counsel
Yasmine Ziesler, Special Assistant to the Chancellor
Meg Walz, IT Support

On-site attendees: A physical meeting location was designated at VTSU Randolph, Conant Building, Room 102. No attendees were present.

1. Call to Order

Chair Dickinson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed new Trustee Amelia Vlahogiannis.

2. Comments from the Public

There was no public comment.

3. Committee Reports

At the request of Trustees Silverman and Cluver, Chair Dickinson moved the agenda order so that Committee Reports would be followed by the Consent Agenda action.

a. Nominating Committee

Trustee Bombardier summarized the committee recommendations for officers of the VSC Board of Trustees including the nomination of Eileen “Lynn” Dickinson as Chair for a two-year team; Megan Cluver as Vice Chair for a one-year team; Marc Mihaly as Secretary for a one-year team; and David Silverman as Treasurer for a one-year team. Additionally, the committee nominated Sue Zeller, David Durfee, Bob Flint, David Silverman, and Gwen Bailey-Rowe to the Audit & Risk Management Committee.

b. Audit & Risk Management Committee

Trustee Zeller reported that at their May meeting the committee reviewed plans for the upcoming single audit and financial statement audit. The field work began in June. The committee plans to review the results at its October meeting.

c. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

Trustee Jefferson reported that the committee met on May 12 and heard reports from the institutions. CCV hosted DEI-supportive events, surveyed the community to measure attitudes and experiences about DEI efforts and hired a Coordinator of Teaching and Learning to support multi-lingual learners by bridging the gap between adult language programs offered in the community and college-level learning. VTSU hired Jenn Harden to serve as the Assistant Director of DEISJ. DEI leaders at both institutions attended conferences to build inspiration and knowledge on fostering DEI-oriented environments.

d. Education, Personnel and Student Life Committee

Trustee Cluver reported that the committee discussed the policies outlined in the consent agenda. One set of changes focused on ensuring the quality of programs align with the policies and operating model of the two institutions and ensuring a focus on student-based outcomes (Policies 102, 108, 111). Another set of changes were made to ensure policies remain compliant with laws (Policies 311, 311A, 313). The committee recommends adoption by the board of all changes reflected in the proposed policies. The committee also forwarded for the board’s approval the Faculty Fellows Nominations for Professor Preston Garcia and Professor Brandon Stroup. The committee also discussed an agriculture program which is in development.

e. Finance & Facilities Committee

Trustee Silverman reported that the committee voted to recommend updates to Policy 408, which was revised to align with federal regulations in grant funding and Policy 419, which was revised to update VSC’s driving policy with insurance requirements and to simplify the process. The committee recommended the annual banking and investment resolution, third-quarter financial results, and an ERP update. CCV and VTSU both requested a modest tuition increase. Tuition has been kept at the same rate for years, but inflationary requirements necessitate an increase. Finally, the committee recommended the FY26 budget as proposed.

4. Consent Agenda

At 9:20 a.m. Trustee Zeller moved and Trustee Bombardier seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was approved unanimously. The following items were thus adopted by the motion:

1. Election of Board Chair (two years): Eileen “Lynn” Dickinson
2. Election of Board Officers (one year):
Megan Cluver, Vice-Chair
David Silverman, Treasurer
Marc Mihaly, Secretary
3. Election of Audit & Risk Management Committee Members (one year): Gwen Bailey-Rowe, David Durfee, Bob Flint, David Silverman, Sue Zeller
4. VTSU Faculty Fellows: Professor Preston Garcia and Professor Brandon Stroup
5. Education, Personnel & Student Life Policy Revisions
 - a. 102 New Program
 - b. 102 New Degrees
 - c. 108 Transfer of Credit
 - d. 111 Academic Data Management
 - e. 311 Prevention of Discrimination
 - f. 311 A Prevention of Sexual Misconduct
 - g. 313 Hazing
6. Annual Banking & Investment Resolution
7. Finance & Facilities Policy Revisions
 - a. 408 Grants and External Funding
 - b. 419 Driver Safety
8. Academic Year 2025-2026 Tuition Increases for CCV and VTSU
9. FY2026 System-Wide Annual Operating Budget
10. Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting on April 14, 2025

1. Executive session

At 9:21 a.m. Trustee Dickinson moved and Trustee Bombardier seconded the motion for the VSC Board of Trustees to enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(2) for discussion of real estate options, 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3) for discussion of public employees, and 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(6) for discussion of records exempt from the Public Records Act. Along with the members of the Board present at this meeting, in its discretion, the Board invited the Chancellor; Presidents of the Community College of Vermont and Vermont State University; the Chief Financial and Operations Officer; and Associate General Counsel to attend. The motion was approved unanimously.

The board exited executive session at 11:15 a.m.

At 11:15 a.m. Trustee Dickinson moved and Trustee Silverman seconded the motion to reappoint Joyce Judy as the President of Community College of Vermont with the standard president appointment terms and Elizabeth Mauch as Chancellor with a three-

year appointment, with additional details to be worked out with the executive committee. The motion was approved unanimously.

Trustee Dickinson recognized President Bergh, who has announced his retirement in June of 2026, and she expressed appreciation for his continued work as VTSU President.

2. Board Meetings Schedule

Chief Financial and Operating Officer, Sharron Scott, provided a summary of the proposed schedule. Trustee Cluver requested that graduation dates be added to the board schedule for planning purposes, to encourage the Trustees to attend graduation ceremonies.

At 11:20 a.m. Trustee Zeller moved and Trustee Masland seconded the motion to approve the recommended 2025-2026 Board Meeting Schedule. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Reports from the Presidents

President Judy reported that announcements from the federal government have been troubling. Particular areas of concern include potential changes to PELL grant eligibility criteria, elimination of TRIO and Gear Up funding, and the proposed movement of The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, to be administered by the Department of Labor instead of the Department of Education – all of which could have a significant impact on CCV.

CCV celebrated graduation the Saturday prior to this meeting. It was an inspiring and moving event, which celebrated the achievements of CCV's diverse learners. Finally, President Judy reported strong enrollment.

President Bergh reported that VTSU continues to monitor federal activities. He expressed appreciation for the support from the Chancellor's office, particularly with General Counsel, Patty Turley, and Associate General Counsel, Kathryn Santiago. VTSU recently celebrated graduations at each of the campuses and at Killington Resort.

VTSU received a positive and affirming letter from NECHE, which President Bergh will distribute to the board. They are preparing their team for their full evaluation in the Spring of 2027. Highlights of the letter include praise for their progress towards eliminating the structural deficit, enrollment recovery, and continuing work on pathways with CCV.

4. Update from the Chancellor

Chancellor Mauch reported that VSC has been doing a lot of work behind the scenes focused on building a stronger, more resilient system to ensure every Vermonter has access to quality higher education. VSC's focuses for the upcoming year will be workforce development, digital transformation, and facilities. Teams have been making real progress by expanding access for learners at every stage of their lives, strengthening VSC's role in workforce development, and laying the groundwork for building the modern facilities and digital systems that reflect the way

people learn today. The Chancellor has been listening, collaborating, and building trust across the state and laying the groundwork for what students and the state needs from VSC.

5. Additional Business

There was no additional business.

Chair Dickinson adjourned the meeting at 11:45 p.m.