

VERMONT STATE COLLEGES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION No. 2026 – 003

Authorization for Initiation of Online Acceleration Project

- WHEREAS, Vermont State Colleges (“VSC”) has been engaged in Transformation for the past five years, as described by Board Resolution 2021-007; and
- WHEREAS, As part of this effort, Chancellor Mauch recognized the need to create a future-ready learning ecosystem that ensures all Vermont learners can access education that fits their needs, that improved online accessibility for lifelong learning opportunities is vital in a rural state, and that such an initiative would require investment beyond traditional location-based systems; and
- WHEREAS, The Chancellor sponsored a review of market and operations which determined that a scalable, financially sustainable system could be developed to enhance the offerings already provided by VTSU Online, designed to recruit, enroll, and support adult learners; and
- WHEREAS, The Chancellor requests approval for preliminary investments to advance VTSU Online initiatives, including hiring leadership positions in FY26 to initiate timely program development; and
- WHEREAS, The Chancellor proposes to fund the initial expenses using the Chancellor’s strategic reserves;
- WHEREAS, The Chancellor is seeking and will continue to gather feedback from students, faculty, and staff during this preliminary period for effective implementation; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Chancellor is authorized to initiate the Online Acceleration Project including hiring dedicated personnel in FY26 to build out the new model, and timely program development to support enrollment for summer and fall 2026, utilizing the Chancellor’s strategic reserves; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Chancellor will present a FY27 budget with five-year pro forma at the June 2026 annual meeting of the Board of Trustees for final review and consideration; and be it further
- RESOLVED, Given the size and scope of the project, management shall provide regular status reports to the EPSL and F&F Committees and will report to the

Board of Trustees with a plan and budget at the 2026 annual meeting and at the fall Board Retreat, and thereafter as requested by the Board; and be it further

RESOLVED,

That the Chancellor or Chief Financial and Operating Officer of the Vermont State Colleges is hereby authorized to execute and deliver all documents, agreements, and instruments required to perform such related acts as may be deemed necessary, and to take all other actions necessary to initiate the Project

Approved: March 9, 2026

Eileen M Dickinson

Eileen "Lynn" Dickinson, Chair of the Board of Trustees