Minutes of the VSC Board of Trustees' Education, Personnel & Student Life Committee meeting held Monday, May 4, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at vsc.edu/botzoom – APPROVED

The VSC Board of Trustees Education, Personnel & Student Life (EPSL) Committee met on Monday, May 4, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at vsc.edu/botzoom.

Committee members present:	Megan Cluver (Chair), Betsy Ide Bloomer (Vice Chair), Janette Bombardier, Shirley Jefferson, John Kascenska
Absent:	Gwen Bailey-Rowe, Amelia Vlahogiannis
Other Trustees:	David Durfee
Liaisons:	Katherine Penberthy (CCV faculty), Erin Wetherell (CCV staff), Joan Richmond-Hall (VTSU faculty), Sebastion Lury (VTSU staff)
Chancellor:	Elizabeth Mauch
Presidents:	David Bergh, VTSU Joyce Judy, CCV
Other Attendees:	Nolan Atkins, VTSU Provost Kelley Beckwith, VTSU Vice President of Student Success Mary Brodsky, Dean of People and Culture Kayla Dewey, Executive Assistant, Board of Trustees Jason Kaiser, IT Support David Kupferman, VTSU Dean Candace Lewis, CCV Dean Maurice Ouimet, VTSU VP for Admissions and Enroll. Services Katie Mobley, CCV Dean of Enrollment and Community Kathryn Santiago, Associate General Counsel Patty Turley, General Counsel Heather Weinstein, CCV Dean of Strategic Initiatives Yasmine Zieler, Special Assistant to the Chancellor

1. Call to Order

Chair Cluver called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of February 16, 2026 minutes

Trustee Jefferson moved and Trustee Bombardier seconded the motion to approve the February 16, 2025 minutes. The motion was approved with four votes to approve and one abstention (Kascenska).

4. Policy 101 Program Review and Continuous Improvement Process

Chair Cluver invited Special Assistant, Yasmine Ziesler, to give an overview of the Policy 101 process and discuss the summary reports. Dr. Ziesler reviewed the focus and process for Policy 101 since the system transformation and launch of Vermont State University. The committee members and faculty liaisons participated in the discussion which followed. Chair Cluver then described that the proposed procedural updates to Policy 101 are meant to reflect the use of evaluative summaries of the program reviews for consideration by EPSL and then the Board.

Trustee Jefferson moved and Trustee Bombardier seconded the motion to recommend approval of the Policy 101 updates to the full Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Recommendation for Faculty Emeritus status

Chair Cluver invited President Bergh to speak to the recommendation of Dr. Helen Mango for Faculty Emeritus status. President Bergh shared that Dr. Mango had served for over three decades as a teacher and in her time secured grants, was widely published, and demonstrated an extensive history of leadership and service at VTSU. He received many letters of support from students, staff, faculty, and community members for Dr. Mango's nomination.

Trustee Jefferson moved and Trustee Kascenska seconded the motion to recommend to the full board awarding Faculty Emeritus status to Dr. Helen Mango per the draft resolution in the packet. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Recommendation for VSC Faculty Fellow

Chair Cluver invited President Bergh to speak to the recommendation of Dr. Alexandre Strokanov for VSC Faculty Fellow. President Bergh shared that Dr. Strokanov was deserving of the recommendation as he has been regularly published, is a well-regarded scholar, has contributed to VTSU, and created well-utilized travel opportunities for students, as further described in the materials.

Trustee Kascenska moved and Trustee Jefferson seconded the motion to recommend to the full board the approval of Dr. Alexandre Strokanov as a VSC Faculty Fellow for the 2026-2027 academic year. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Adjourn

Chair Cluver adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.