

Minutes of the VSCS Board of Trustees hybrid Meeting held Monday, October 25 2021, at 1:00 p.m. via ZOOM and at the Office of the Chancellor, 575 Stone Cutters Way, Montpelier– APPROVED

The Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees met on Monday, October 25 2021, via ZOOM

Board members present: Lynn Dickinson (Chair), Janette Bombardier, Megan Cluett, Ryan Cooney, Dylan Giambatista, Adam Grinold, Shirley Jefferson, Bill Lippert, Karen Luneau, Mary Moran, David Silverman, Shawn Tester, Sue Zeller

Absent: Jim Masland

Presidents: Joyce Judy, John Mills, Pat Moulton, Jonathan Spiro

Chancellor's Office Staff: Donny Bazluk, Network/Security Analyst
Kellie Campbell, Chief Information Officer
Wilson Garland, Director of Transformation Projects
Katrina Meigs, System Director of HR & Benefits Administration
Jen Porrier, Administrative Director
Kathryn N. Santiago, Associate General Counsel & System Investigator
Sharron Scott, Chief Financial/Operations Officer
Toby Stewart, System Controller
Patty Turley, General Counsel
Meg Walz, Director, Program Manager
Sophie Zdatny, Chancellor
Yasmine Ziesler, Chief Academic Officer

From the Colleges: Nolan Atkins, Provost, Northern Vermont University
Mary Brodsky, Executive Director, Human Resources, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Community College of Vermont
Tajae Edwards, Student, Castleton University
Elaine Harvey, Director of Student Engagement & Persistence, Northern Vermont University
Laura Jakubowski, Chief Budget & Finance Officer, Castleton University
Tom Mauhs Pugh, Provost, Castleton University
Kevin McGreal, Student, Community College of Vermont
Andy Pallito, Dean of Administration, Community College of Vermont
Sabra Anne Snyder, Office Assistant, Northern Vermont University
Devyn Thompson, Student, Northern Vermont University

Littleton Tyler, Dean of Administration, Vermont Technical College
Beth Walsh, President, VSCUP, Northern Vermont University
Cyncere Watkins, Student, Vermont Technical College

From the Public: Matt Bunting, Managing Associate, Storbeck Search
Steve Leo, Managing Director, Storbeck Search

1. Chair Dickinson called the meeting to order at 12 p.m.
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. September 20, 2021 Board Retreat
 - b. September 21, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
 - c. September 29, 2021 Special Board Meeting and Listening Session

Trustee Giambattista moved and Trustee Jefferson seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2021 Board Retreat. The motion was approved.

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Northern Vermont University Provost Nolan Atkins presented the proposed mission and vision statements for the new university, which can be found [on page 29](#).

Trustee Luneau moved and Trustee Grinold seconded the motion to approve the Mission and Vision Statements for Vermont State University. The motion was approved unanimously.

9. Transformation Update

Director of Transformation Projects Wilson Garland presented an update and summary of progress which can be found [here](#)

10. Additional Business

There was no additional business.

11. Comments from the Public

Beth Walsh made a brief comment thanking everyone for their work on transformation and adding a reminder to pay attention to bargaining agreements with respect to hiring contractors and part-time employees.

12. Executive Session

At 3:03 p.m. Trustee Tester moved that the VSCS Board of Trustees enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313a(3) to discuss the appointment and employment of a public officer. The motion stated that no formal or binding action would be taken in executive session. Along with the members of the Board present at the meeting, the Board invited Steve Leo and Matt Bunting of Storbeck Search, the Chancellor, and the Chief Financial & Operating Officer to attend. Trustee Moran seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The Board exited executive session at 4:18 p.m. and took no action.

Chair Dickinson adjourned the meeting at 4:19 p.m.