

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, August 21, 2025

MINUTES

VLCT Board Members Present (via Zoom): Mary Ann Goulette, Tom Leitz, Ann Lawless, Jesse Baker, Charlie Hancock, Karen Godnick Barber, Delsie Hoyt, Mayor Lott, Georgette Wolf-Ludwig.

VLCT Staff Present (in person): Abby Friedman, Kail Romanoff, Garrett Baxter,

VLCT Staff Present (via Zoom): Jeremy Weiss, Phil Latvis, Ted Brady,

Guests Present (in person):

Agenda Item #1: Call to order by the President

President Mary Ann Goulette called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Agenda Item #2: Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Ann Lawless moved to approve the agenda as presented. Georgette seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #3: Consent Agenda

Charlie Hancock moved to approve the meeting minutes of June 6, 2025. Delsie Hoyt seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #4: Tunbridge Amicus Brief Request

Ted acknowledged the unusual nature of calling a special meeting and thanked members for making time. The purpose of the meeting was to consider whether the Board should authorize the filing of an *amicus* brief in support of Tunbridge, following the town's formal request and the Board's prior involvement via a legal memo during the Superior Court proceedings. Kail Romanoff, staff attorney for VLCT, provided the Board with a summary of the case and explained the case history to date. Jessie Baker moved to direct staff to file an amicus brief in the Vermont supreme court case of John Echeverria and Carin Pratt v. Town of Tunbridge. Karen Barber seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #6: Executive Session

No executive session was needed.

Agenda Item #7: Other Business

Jesse Baker took a moment to acknowledge Mayor Christine Lott's announcement earlier in the week that she will be stepping down from her position as Mayor of Winooski. Jessie recognized her years of dedicated service, noting it had been a privilege to work alongside her and referring to her as a "municipal rock star" who will be missed. Mayor Lott responded to confirming that her last official day as Mayor will be September 15th, and she will continue serving on the board until that date. She is expected to attend the next board meeting. Chair and other members expressed appreciation for her leadership and congratulated her on the exciting developments in her life moving forward.

Ted reminded the Board of that Town Fair will take place on October 8th. All board members are invited—and expected—to participate in the full set of events, including the board meeting on October 7th, the annual meeting on the same day, the board dinner that evening, and the Town Fair itself on October 8th.

