

**MINUTES OF THE VLCT JOINT INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026**  
**10:00 AM**  
**VLCT OFFICES, MONTPELIER, VT and VIA ZOOM**

Committee Members Present (all attended remotely): Bryan Young (PACIF/VERB), Rob Gaiotti (PACIF), Bruce Urie (PACIF/VERB), Todd Odit (PACIF/VERB), Karen Barber (PACIF/VLCT), Mary Ann Goulette (VLCT) and Charlie Hancock (VLCT)

Staff Present: Ted Brady, Seth Abbene, Phil Latvis, Heather Hood (remote) and Kelley Avery

Others Present: Lucy Rimsky (Strategic Assets Alliance - SAA); Jim Kaniclides (remote) and Jason Bilodeau (Insight)

The meeting was called to order at 10:01a.m.

**Upon motion (Goulette/Gaiotti) duly adopted, the committee voted unanimously to approve the agenda.**

**Upon motion (Gaiotti/Urie), the committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2025 committee meeting.**

Jim Kaniclides of Insight spoke on behalf of Emin Hajiyev, who was unavailable to attend this meeting. Mr. Kaniclides provided the committee with a broad overview of the current economic and market environment as well as the potential future impacts influenced by the current conflict in the Middle East, potential supply chain interruptions, inflation, unemployment, oil and energy cost increases and other various factors.

Jason Bilodeau from Insight reviewed the fixed income portfolio performance through March 2026. Overall, both the PACIF and VERB portfolios slightly outperformed the benchmarks through year-end 2025 with PACIF up 4.63% and VERB up 4.4%. However, due to recent economic and geopolitical market influences, fixed income returns through March are down with both PACIF and VERB at -.09% through the first quarter with PACIF slightly underperforming the benchmark and VERB slightly beating the benchmark. Despite recent market volatility, the portfolio has proven to be very stable and has performed well under the current unpredictable economic environment.

Lucy Rimsky from Strategic Asset Alliance (SAA) reviewed the trusts' investment performance through March 2026. PACIF's consolidated 1 year return, net of fees through March was 6.62%, slightly outperforming the benchmark, while VERB's was 7.03%, also outperforming the benchmark. However, due to market volatility in the first quarter, returns though March for PACIF came in at 0.12%, slightly outperforming the benchmark, and VERB's came in at 0.06%, slightly underperforming the benchmark. Ms. Rimsky also reiterated the wide range of factors that are currently impacting the markets and that contributed to the consolidated portfolio results to date.

Ms. Rimsky reviewed SAA's Risk Pool Client Peer Group Analysis. Portfolio metrics were comparable to the peer group median and average for both PACIF and VERB. The peer comparison for VERB included health trusts as SAA does not have other unemployment insurance clients. PACIF's portfolio showed longer duration compared to peers and Ms. Rimsky noted this was a result of its longer tail worker's compensation lines relative to the peer groups' P&C concentration. Ms. Rimsky noted PACIF could consider a shorter duration.

Addressing the question of portfolio duration, Mr. Bilodeau provided a brief overview to the committee of a risk modeling analysis conducted by Insight based on PACIF's current allocation. The analysis showed the trade-off between lower interest income and reduced portfolio duration risk

Seth Abbene presented an update on local investments with the Vermont Community Loan Fund and referenced his memo dated April 10, 2026 provided for this meeting. Currently PACIF holds \$500,000, VERB \$300,000 and VLCT \$250,000 in loans to VCLF, which earn 3.5% annually and are set to mature on July 15 of this year. These one-year promissory notes provide low cost capital for affordable housing initiatives in Vermont. Mr. Abbene requested direction from the committee regarding their recommendation to the trust boards at their June meetings to either continue this investment venture with VLCF or make a change. Committee chair Bryan Young recommended Mr. Abbene provide this same memo to the boards to solicit a decision from the boards directly.

There was no other business.

**Upon motion (Odit/Barber), duly adopted, the committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting (11:55 a.m.).**

Respectfully submitted,

Kelley Avery  
Assistant Secretary

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