

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, July 16, 2026

MINUTES

VLCT Board Members Present: Mary Ann Goulette, Karen Barber (via Zoom), Julie Hance (via Zoom), Charlie Hancock, Michael Hogan, Ann Lawless, Emma Mulvaney-Stanak (via Zoom, entered the meeting at approximately 1:05 p.m. during executive session and departed at 2 p.m.), Kyle Rowe, and Scott Tucker.

VLCT Staff Present: Ted Brady, Katie Buckley (via Zoom), Abby Friedman, Seth Abbene, Josh Hanford, and Jessi Hill.

Guests Present: Lynn McNamara of Paladin Consulting, Gary Kupferer, VLCT Legal Counsel

Agenda Item #1: Call to order by the President

President Mary Ann Goulette called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

Agenda Item #2: Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Charlie Hancock moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mike Hogan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #3: Consent Agenda

Charlie Hancock moved to approve the consent agenda including the meeting minutes of June 18, 2026. Ann Lawless seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #4: Executive Session to Discuss VLCT / VLCT PACIF / VERB Administrative Agreements and Addendum and VLCT Lease Negotiations

Scott Tucker moved that the evaluation and discussion of the Board's goals and strategies regarding the anticipated modifications of our administrative contracts with PACIF and VERB are needed. The public disclosure of the discussion of these goals and strategies would clearly place VLCT at a substantial disadvantage. Scott moved that the Board find the public disclosure of the discussion of the Board's goals and strategies would clearly place VLCT at a substantial disadvantage. Kyle Rowe seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thereupon, Scott Tucker moved that in accordance with 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(A) to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the PACIF and VERB administrative contracts and include the Executive Director, CFO, Jessi Hill, Lynn McNamara of Paladin Consulting, and Gary Kupferer to join. Mike Hogan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. At 12:23 p.m., the Board entered executive session. The recording was paused and all other staff left the room.

At 1:49 p.m. the Board exited executive session.

Agenda Item #5: Acrisure Relationship

Charlie Hancock moved that the Executive Director be authorized to extend the Business Alliance Partnership agreement with Acrisure through December 31, 2026, with an increase in value from \$80,000 to \$84,000. Mike Hogan seconded the motion. The motion passed

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unanimously.

Agenda Item #6: Appoint Municipal Policy Committee

Josh Hanford provided an update on the formation of the Municipal Policy Committee. He recommended the board appoint the following municipal officials to the committee:

- Mary Ann Goulette, Town Manager, West Rutland (ex officio)
- Ted Brady, VLCT Executive Director (ex officio)
- Karen Barber, Selectboard Member, Huntington (appointed chair)
- Kyle Rowe, Clerk/Treasurer, Panton
- Richard Baker, Selectboard Member, Marshfield
- Deborah Epler, Finance Director, Chester
- Will Fricke, Assistant Town Manager, Stowe
- Mike Bishop, Town Manager, Fairfax
- Cary Brown, City Councilor, Montpelier
- Vivian Warner, Planning and Zoning Officer Milton and DRB member, St. Albans Town
- John Potter, Town Manager, Brattleboro
- Amanda Vincent, Town Administrator, Starksboro
- Scott Murphy, Town Manager, Manchester
- Bob Champagne-Willis, Treasurer, Lister and Delinquent Tax Collector, Maidstone
- Lisa Gerlach, Chief of Staff, City of Burlington
- Ted Gattino, Selectboard Member, Town of Barton

Julie Hance asked whether the committee had adequate representation from public safety officials. Josh Hanford shared that several members of the committee have fire, police and EMS services, and that Ted Gattino is a retired police officer.

Emma Mulvaney-Stanak stated she felt the group did a nice job balancing rural and urban communities and a variety of positions. She said she would support the slate, but she has to depart for other meetings.

Mary Ann Goulette shared that PACIF declined to appoint a representative to the policy committee.

Charlie Hancock moved to appoint the committee as recommended by Josh Hanford. Ann Lawless seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Charlie Hancock moved to charge the committee to develop the VLCT 2027-2028 Municipal Policy and support related VLCT Advocacy Actions. The Municipal Policy shall include VLCT's 5 key issue areas (Finance, Administration, and Intergovernmental Relations (FAIR); Transportation; Public Safety; Quality of Life and Housing; and Environment) with a particular focus on developing policies related to regional and intermunicipal cooperation, municipal revenue authorities, and state investment for transportation and infrastructure. Mike Hogan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Ted shared that he had presented the 2026 VLCT Municipal Service Scholarship to Vernon lifeguard Elizabeth Brown on Tuesday.

Agenda Item #7: Other Business

There was no other business.

With no further business before the Board, Charlie Hancock moved to adjourn. Mike Hogan seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Brady

VLCT Executive Director

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