

Minutes

VSAC Finance Committee Meeting

September 19, 2022
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Boardroom, VSAC Offices
10 East Allen Street
Winooski, Vermont 05404

Attendance:

Committee Members Present: Michael Smith (Chair), John McSoley, Clarence Davis

Committee Members Absent: Beth Pearce, Caleb Elder

Other Board Members Present: Dodie Mitchell

Staff: Scott Giles, Mike Stuart, Marilyn Cargill, Tom Little, Patrick Leduc, Bruce Hicken, Laurie Oliver, and Jodie Ducharme

Chair Michael Smith called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. and noted a slight change in the agenda to have the executive session occur after the public comment period. With a quorum established, the Committee proceeded with the first order of business.

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion made by John McSoley and seconded by Clarence Davis, the Committee voted to approve the Committee meeting minutes of May 23, 2022, as presented.

Public Comment

There were no public comments given during the public comment period.

Executive Session

Upon a motion made by Michael Smith and seconded by John McSoley, the Committee voted to enter executive session at 2:05 p.m. in order to consider pending, sensitive contractual negotiations, premature general public knowledge of which would clearly place VSAC at a substantial disadvantage, and for the Committee to receive confidential and privileged advice from legal counsel. The following were requested to remain in the meeting, as they have information needed for the executive session: Scott Giles, Marilyn Cargill, Patrick Leduc, Mike Stuart, and Tom Little. 1 V.S.A. sec. 313(a)(1).

The Committee exited the session at 2:37 p.m.

FY22 Financial Statements

Mike Stuart walked the Committee through the previously distributed FY22 year-end financials, covering the Income Statement and Balance Sheet, Variance Analysis, Operating Budget and VSF Endowment Report and responded to Committee member questions.

FY23 Financial Statements

The Committee transitioned to the FY23 Income Statement and Balance Sheet, Variance Analysis, Operating Budget, and VSF Endowment Report covering July 1, 2022, through August 31, 2022. Mike Stuart noted the state grant line item is temporarily causing a significant increase in Net position, due to timing, explaining that initial disbursement expenses typically occur in September and October.

Private Loan Volume Update

Mike Stuart directed the Committee's attention to the New Loan Volume Reports, previously distributed, noting that the current volume of approved applications is below target volume, but is consistent with the volume of approved applications from last year at this time. Mike commented that the increase in programs and money made available to students during the pandemic continue to impact private loan volume. Mike also provided an update on the new In-School Refinance loan product, explaining that increasing interest rates, the federal loan payment pause, and expectations for federal loan cancellation have impacted the volume of applications received so far.

Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Stuart, Assistant Secretary