

**MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THURSDAY, January 7, 2016**

Members Present: President Cadwell, Vice President Louras, and Members Shepeluk, Beckett, Janssen, Monette, Pinsonault, Richard, Safford, Simmons, Weinberger and Whittaker.

Others Present: Representative Alyson Eastman of Orwell was present as an invited guest of Member Janssen and Member Simmons; Richard Haesler, Assistant City Attorney and Legislative Liaison for the City of Burlington; VLCT staff members including Karen Horn, Gwynn Zakov, Jessica Hill and Abigail Friedman.

Agenda Item #1: Call to order by the President.

President Cadwell called the meeting to order at 12:25 pm.

Agenda Item #2: Additions and Deletions to the Agenda.

No items were added to the agenda but on motion duly made by Vice President Louras and seconded by Member Simmons, the Board unanimously adopted the existing agenda and switched the order of Items 6 and 7.

Agenda Item #3: Consent Agenda Items.

On motion duly made by Member Simmons and seconded by Member Pinsonault, the Board took the following actions on consent agenda items:

Unanimously approved the minutes of the December 17, 2015 Board meeting, and unanimously accepted the Personnel Report.

Agenda Item #4: Review of Legislative Priorities.

Karen Horn and Gwynn Zakov provided an update of the first days of the session and discussed bills that have been introduced, discussions held in various committees and other information gathered about the direction of the 2016 legislative session. Issues included repeal of allowable growth limits in Act 46, siting of energy facilities, councils of government, marijuana legalization, solid waste, the appointment of municipal clerks and treasurers, open meeting, privacy protection and drones, ethics and clean water. Discussion ensued.

Vice President Louras and Members Monette and Weinberger left the meeting at 1:30 p.m. to attend Governor Shumlin's State of the State address at the State House.

Agenda Item #5: Staff Project – Review and Research Funding Sources.

Maura Carroll discussed staff's continuing work on the development of non-dues revenues. She reported that staff is reviewing current non-dues revenues, such as sponsorships, levels of

membership and advertising revenue. Staff is also conducting research about NLC and other state leagues' corporate partnership programs, and is holding meetings with businesses and non-profits to develop and continue mutually beneficial relationships. Grant opportunities and available foundation funds are also being considered as is sharing revenues from the annual golf outing event. Staff sought input from Board members and there was discussion about additional advertising opportunities and the pursuit of group purchasing programs that will benefit members and VLCT organizationally.

Agenda Item #7: Other Business.

No issues were raised concerning other business.

On motion duly made by Member Whittaker and seconded by Member Safford, the Board unanimously adopted the motion to **adjourn** at 2:00 p.m. in order to observe **Agenda Item #6:** the State of the State Address.

Respectfully submitted,

Maura Carroll
Executive Director