

VLCT Board of Directors Nomination Form

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is the statewide association of cities and towns, and it proudly counts every city and town in Vermont among its members. VLCT supports providing authority, autonomy, and resources to cities and towns so that local elected and appointed officials have the tools they need to discharge important responsibilities.

Each year, the VLCT Board of Directors seeks the names of qualified candidates for its Board of Directors. The term of office is two years, and each member is limited to three consecutive two-year terms, unless elected to an officer position. Officers are limited to two one-year terms as Vice President and two one-year terms as President. Among the criteria for Board membership are geographic distribution, balance among qualified offices, and representation from different sized municipalities.

The [list of current VLCT Board members](#) is in the About section of our website. Please use the form embedded below or linked in the side menu to nominate yourself or a candidate.

According to the VLCT Bylaws, members of the Board of Directors shall be “qualified” officials of full member cities or towns – that is, selectpersons, mayors, municipal managers, clerks, treasurers, or persons in positions established in municipal charters with responsibilities comparable to one of the above. Persons elected to the Board of Directors must be able to attend monthly Board meetings — at the VLCT office in downtown Montpelier, on a virtual platform, or by telephone — usually starting at noon and lasting three to four hours.

VLCT encourages any “qualified official” who is interested in serving on the Board to submit an application. Vacancies can occur throughout the year, and it is important to have a list of qualified officials who are willing to step in to a vacant position. We also encourage applicants from geographical regions not currently represented on the Board. In addition, VLCT is committed to being more visible, vocal, and supportive in our efforts to help members build diverse, welcoming, and inclusive communities, and to directly address overt and systemic racism and implicit bias. As one element of this, VLCT and all its boards and committees

welcome nominations of and by Black, Indigenous, and People of Color as well as other historically underrepresented populations.

When elected to the Board, you will be asked to do the following:

- provide overall governance of the organization;
- assist in formulating VLCT's legislative municipal policy for membership approval;
- provide direction to VLCT's long-range strategic goals and objectives;
- support VLCT's implementation of its mission to serve and strengthen local government; and
- give direction to staff during the legislative session in the context of the adopted Municipal Policy, including occasionally testifying before legislative committees or executive branch agencies.

Being a Board member also requires attending Town Fair and the Annual Meeting in late September or early October each year. It may involve membership on VLCT policy committees or legislatively established study committees. Many members of the Board are asked on occasion to act as an "ambassador" for the League by visiting neighboring towns and cities to explain our programs and policies, and to seek input from other local officials. VLCT provides reimbursement for travel expenses plus a small per diem for attendance at Board meetings.

If you or a qualified individual you know wants to make a difference in Vermont municipal government as a member of VLCT's Board of Directors, please fill out and submit the online form below. To be considered in time for the 2023 VLCT Annual Meeting, the form must be submitted **no later than August 25, 2023**.

Questions? Contact Jeremy Weiss at jweiss@vlct.org or 802-229-9111

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