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### VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, February 7, 2019

#### Minutes

**Members Present:** President Dominic Cloud, Vice President Miro Weinberger and Members Jessie Baker, Deb Beckett, Peter Elwell, Bill Fraser, Mary Ann Goulette, Ken Linsley, Sandy Pinsonault, George Putnam, Charles Safford, and Lucrecia Wonsor.

**Others Present:** VLCT staff: Karen Horn, Gwynn Zakov, Jessica Hill, Abigail Friedman, Mike Gilbar, Dean Mudgett, Jim Burke, Joe Damiata and Maura Carroll.

**Agenda Item #1: Call to order by the President.** President Cloud called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m. and welcomed all to the meeting.

**Agenda Item #2: Additions and Deletions to the Agenda.** On motion duly made by Member Pinsonault and seconded by Member Elwell, the Board unanimously voted to approve the agenda. Without objection, the Board agreed to move up Agenda Item #5 to be addressed prior to Agenda Item

#4.

**Agenda Item #3: Consent Agenda Items.** On motion duly made by Member Elwell and seconded by Member Beckett, the Board unanimously voted to approve the consent agenda.

**Agenda Item #4: Organizational Update.** Members of the Leadership Team provided additional detail to the Board about the Program Priorities established for 2019. They discussed the specific priorities for which they are responsible and responded to questions from the Board.

**Agenda Item #5: Tax Department RFP for Grand List Software and Other Related Items.** Maura Carroll provided an overview of the pros and cons of the options for involvement in the State's RFP process. On motion duly made by Member Pinsonault and seconded by Member Beckett, the Board unanimously voted to approve having VLCT pursue a partnership with the State to assist during the RFP process, in lieu of responding to the state grand list RFP and, further, to approve consideration of additional alternatives to current software programs that would benefit VLCT members well into the future. Recognizing that funds may be needed during this time, on motion duly made by Member Safford and seconded by President Cloud, the Board unanimously voted to authorize staff to spend funds within currently available resources and according to organizational policy, as well as to provide a formal update at the next Board meeting about what has been accomplished with this project and explicitly what was needed from VLCT and what may be needed in the months ahead.

**Agenda Item #6: Legislative Update.** Karen Horn and Gwynn Zakov provided the Board with an update of legislative activities. Their report included self-governance, paid family leave, broadband, the gas tax, the general fee bill, housing, medical monitoring as a result of the PFOA issue in Bennington and dispatch services. There was lengthy discussion about the current state of dispatch services in Vermont and the Board suggested that staff convene a group that could discuss a plan for eliminating the dysfunction and creating a working dispatch system for all of Vermont.

**Agenda Item #7: Other Business.** No other business was brought forward.

On motion duly made by Member Beckett and seconded by Member Pinsonault, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maura Carroll

Executive Director

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