

Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission

January 26, 2023

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Only – Microsoft Teams

DRAFT Minutes

Pending Approval March 2023

Commission Participants:

Laura Trieschmann, chair
James Lockridge
Israel Provancha
Susan McClure
Jonah Spivak
Christopher Kaufman Ilstrup (left
meeting at 11:17)
Paul Deslandes

Heather Pelham
John Krueger
Melody Machin
Stephen Perkins
Martin Mahoney
Tom Hughes
Catherine Delneo

Commission Absent:

Jim Brangan, vice chair

Staff Participants:

Cynthia Davis, Administrative Coordinator
Max Krieger, ACCD General Counsel

Guests:

Phil Holland, School and Teacher Outreach Committee

Ms. Trieschmann opened the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

Meeting was not recorded.

I. Welcome

II. Changes to the Agenda

- No changes to agenda

III. Public Comment

- No public comment

IV. Review/Approve December 13, 2022, Minutes

- Mr. Mahoney made a motion to approve the minutes; motion was seconded by Mr. Spivak.
Motion passed 14-0
Rollcall vote:
Ms. Delneo - Yes
Mr. Deslandes - Yes

Mr. Hughes – Yes
Mr. Kaufman Ilstrup – Yes

Mr. Krueger – Yes
Mr. Lockridge – Yes
Ms. Machin - Yes
Ms. McClure – Yes
Mr. Mahoney – Yes

Mr. Perkins – Yes
Ms. Pelham - Yes
Mr. Provoncha – Yes
Mr. Spivak - Yes
Ms. Trieschmann – Yes

V. Review and Approval of minor changes to Committee Governance

- Ms. Trieschmann reviewed the approval of the Committee Governance. Max Krieger, VDHP General Counsel, proposed minor changes to the Committee Governance, as required to comply of public meetings laws. Some of these changes were already noted, and Mr. Krieger had suggested moving those items to the beginning of the document. Mr. Krieger joined the meeting and provided clarification and guidance of the public meeting law with regards to Committees. Ms. Trieschmann amended the document to include that Committees will follow all open meeting laws.
- Ms. McClure made a motion to approve the Committee Governance document as amended. Mr. Kruger seconded the motion.
Motion passed 12-0

Rollcall vote:

Ms. Delneo -Yes
Mr. Deslandes - Yes
Mr. Hughes – Yes
Mr. Kaufman Ilstrup – Absent
Mr. Krueger – Yes
Mr. Lockridge – Absent
Ms. Machin - Yes

Ms. McClure – Yes
Mr. Mahoney – Yes
Mr. Perkins – Yes
Ms. Pelham - Yes
Mr. Provoncha – Yes
Mr. Spivak - Yes
Ms. Trieschmann – Yes

VI. Establishing Chairs/Vice Chairs for Committees

- Ms. Trieschmann provided the names of those Commissioners who volunteered to serve as Committee chairs:
 - Admin and Finance – Jim Brangan, chair; John Kruger, vice chair
 - Research and Historical – Susan McClure, chair; vice chair to be determined.
 - Marketing and Public Outreach – Martin Mahoney, chair; vice chair to be determined.
 - School and Teacher Outreach (Education Committee) – Jonah Spivak, chair; Martha Deiss, Agency of Education, vice chair
 - Arts and Cultural Heritage Organization: Jim Lockridge, chair; vice chair to be determined.
- Mr. Spivak made a motion to accept the Committee chairs as presented. Mr. Deslandes seconded the motion.

Motion passed 13-0

Rollcall vote:

Ms. Delneo -Yes
Mr. Deslandes - Yes
Mr. Hughes – Yes
Mr. Kaufman Ilstrup – Absent
Mr. Krueger – Yes
Mr. Lockridge – Yes
Ms. Machin - Yes

Ms. McClure – Yes
Mr. Mahoney – Yes
Mr. Perkins – Yes
Ms. Pelham - Yes
Mr. Provoncha – Yes
Mr. Spivak - Yes
Ms. Trieschmann – Yes

VII. Committee Updates

- Mr. Spivak provided an update on the Teacher and Student Outreach Committee. The minutes for the last committee meeting were posted and are available for review on the website. Elizabeth Frascoia, Executive Director of the Governor's Institutes of Vermont, will be presenting at the February 13, 2023 meeting.
- The Teacher and Student Outreach Committee continues outreach efforts with Social Studies teachers and is now developing a group of influencers within schools throughout the state. Plans continue to evolve with the creation of a teacher listening session for the purposes of understanding the needs of teachers and how the Committee can better serve them.

VIII. Regional and AASLH Meeting Updates

- Mr. Spivak provided an overview of the quarterly meeting of the regional states. The meeting allows an opportunity to share and learn from what surrounding states are preparing for the 250th Anniversary. Mr. Kruger added the regional meetings are informative and recommended the Commissioners work as much as possible with Fort Ticonderoga.
- The American Association of State and Local History (AASLH) is co-sponsoring a meeting in Virginia in March, which Mr. Perkins and Mr. Spivak will be attending.
- Ms. Trieschmann reported the AASLH meeting brought together states and prompted informative conversations about accomplishments to date. The meeting allowed for connection to share products and ideas.

IX. Financial Update from ACCD

- Ms. Trieschmann reported to the Commissioners the ask of \$117,000 is included in the Governor's budget. The funding will include contracting of a staff person, per diem and travel as well as community outreach travel, and outreach and education reimbursements. The listed items, totaling \$55,000, will be a continuing initiative each year. The additional funding of \$62,000 is for public education outreach. There is currently funding from the initial \$25,000 and outreach funds, so initiatives can be moved on now. Ms. Trieschmann shall provide the details of the funding request and budget details to the Commissioners.

X. Sharing an editing of documents on Teams

- Due to open meeting laws, the Vermont 250th Microsoft Teams site will only host documents for review. Collaboration editing of documents will transpire by sending comments to Commissioners and Committee chairs, who will compile the comments to be presented at meetings.

XI. New Business

- Ms. Trieschmann announced the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation has hired a new Historic Sites Chief, Victoria Anderson. Ms. Anderson will join the team on February 1st in Montpelier and will work remote until her move to Vermont in mid-March.
- Mr. Spivak suggested the Commissioners consider in person meetings and discussed when the next meeting should be scheduled. Ms. Davis and Ms. Trieschmann will schedule a virtual Commission meeting for March and plan an in-person meeting for May. Leadership meetings with the chair and vice chair of the Commission will be set up with Committee chairs and vice chairs.

XII. Adjourn

- Mr. Spivak made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mahoney seconded the motion.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:16 PM