Winooski Valley CESA

Bylaws Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 3, 2026, 3:00 PM

In Person:

Randolph Union High School
15 Forest St, Randolph, VT

Meeting Recording

Agenda

All times are approximate

Attendance: Alice Farrell (Berlin), Matthew Fedders, Lisa Floyd, David Delcore, Eric Lopez

3:00 PM Call to Order, Approval of Agenda and Public Comment - Deborah Clark called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM - Eric Lopez moved that the agenda was approved as written, Lisa seconded it and it was approved unanimously.

3:02 PM Elect Committee Chair -Deb Clark nominated Eric Lopez, there was discussion and Eric expressed support for Deb to be our Committee Chair. He nominated Deb Clark, Lisa Floyd seconded the nomination and it was unanimously approved.

Public Comment: Alice Farrell offered her assistance, based on her historical board membership.

3:05 PM Discussion of Meeting Schedule – Possible Action - we agree to stay relatively ad hoc, so we are not restricted to setting a meeting schedule. Our full board meets October 26. We would like to have a document for that body to consider at our October meeting. We plan to set a meeting time after the AOE provides their recommendations but before our meeting. We are hopeful we can then compile a document that we can move forward for the consideration of the full committee. We agreed to be more fluid for the first draft discussion.

3:15 PM Discussion of Bylaws Development - Possible Action -

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Deb was able to talk with one of the business managers at the Vermont Learning Collaborative and learned that they do not feel it is really doing much for them. They suggested that we really need to look at CESA development from a needs-based perspective rather than an asset-based approach.

We acknowledge the need to have something that can support the ways in which the big board should function, while at the same time feeling as if we need some legal support in this process.

We took comment from Alice, who shared that she is really interested in this public Feedback portion of this. She emphasized the importance of public engagement. She indicated that good bylaws can support that endeavor.

We discussed giving time for the AOE and VSBA to give us a draft of what they are Working on. We agree that their draft will be a good launching pad for us to Work from.

Other Business

4:00 PM Adjourn: Lisa made a motion to adjourn at 3:26 PM

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