Governing Board Meeting Minutes - (approved Oct 24, 2026)

August 13, 2026 5:30pm
Zoom Meeting - Instructions for login provided in Agenda and on Calendar Invitation
In-Person Location: None - see note re ACT 78 below.

Attendees: See listed at bottom

5:39pm - Meeting was called to order with quorum.

Consent Agenda - including May 14, 2026 GB Meeting Minutes

It was noted, by Peter Carbee, that there was an error in the Finance Committee meeting minutes from June 29, 2026 that were included in the Consent Agenda. As such, these minutes were removed from the Consent Agenda.

Motioned: Jeremy Matt **Seconded: Peter Carbee**	**For / Against / Abstain**
Motion: to remove the minutes from June 29, 2026 Finance Committee meeting from the Consent Agenda for tonight's meeting.	Passed with no objections or abstentions

Motioned: Jeremy Matt **Seconded: Tom Fisher**	**For / Against / Abstain**
Motion: to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended.	Passed with no objections or abstentions

Additionally, with the change to the June 29th Finance Committee meeting minutes noted (in YTD Customer Revenues, the actual number should have read $1.095M, not $1M) the motion was made to approve those minutes separately, with noted changes made.

Motioned: Peter Carbee **Seconded: Jeremy Matt**	**For / Against / Abstain**

Motion: to approve the minutes from June 29, 2026 Finance Committee meeting, as amended.	Passed with no objections or abstentions

Public Comment: None

Executive Committee Action Report

Motioned: Jeremy Matt **Seconded: Tom Fisher**	**For / Against / Abstain**
Motion: to approve the Executive Committee Action Report (May 15, 2026 - Aug 13, 2026) including modification to the EC and FC regular schedule.	Passed with no objections or abstentions

Purchasing Policy -

Discussion Summary: Nick mentioned that hopefully everyone had a chance to review the Purchasing Policy provided beforehand. Chris then briefly went over what has changed, indicating that the changes move NEKCV in line with the changes made for federal grants, to the different tiers for purchasing. He advised that the dollar benchmarks have all risen in recent years and the changes to the Procurement Policy moves us to be in line to be compliant with federal grant revenues.

Motioned: Peter Carbee **Seconded: Jeremy Matt**	**For / Against / Abstain**
Motion: to approve the Purchasing Policy.	Passed with no objections or abstentions

Mid-Year Operational Update

Motioned: Peter Carbee **Seconded: Jeremy Matt**	**For / Against / Abstain**
Motion: to go into Executive Session under the provisions of 1 VSA §313 with staff, consultants and Board Members, to discuss the operational update, finding that premature disclosure could substantially disadvantage the CUD if it were to be made public at this time.	Passed with no objections or abstentions

Executive session was entered at 5:39pm and ended at 6:36pm. No action was taken in executive session and nothing discussed in the session was suitable to put on the record, except the motion to exit executive session, that was moved by Jeremy Matt and seconded by Chuck Burt.

Discussion Summary: Staff presented the highlights from the operational update that were suitable to be presented publicly. Chris went over the construction updates, indicating OLT's in progress in Barnet, Canaan, Bloomfield, Charleston and Coventry and construction in progress in an extensive list of towns, shown in the slides presented. Service expansion is currently underway in Derby, Holland, Concord, Victory and Granby, many through the ReConnect grant. He then touched on some of the recent product updates, including the 50/50 for $59, $30 monthly discount available through Equity Connect Program and that we are still accepting Ziip applications. Additionally, he shared company milestones of surpassing 2,500+ customers and the Groton HUB being open and active. Chris continued by sharing some of the recent Community Outreach events and engagement. Lastly, Chris briefly shared some of the current open positions at NEKCV and encouraged the board members to send any qualified candidates our way. The positions that have been recently filled were also shown.

Additionally, Nick encouraged board members to check out VT Speed Check, briefly describing the purpose and encouraging board members to use it and report back on their experience using it. A link to a related documentary film was also provided.

Framework for Non-subscription Revenues

Tom briefly went over the thought process behind the document to be reviewed and discussed in the Breakout Group Sessions, Framework for Non-subscription Revenues.

This came about after discussion at the last Governing Board meeting surrounding non-customer driven revenue opportunities and how the board could evaluate that type of opportunity in the future. The framework put forth provides some points to consider, as well as a way of considering and evaluating different aspects of potential non-subscriber business ventures and revenue streams. Nick added that he appreciates that this is pretty high-level and would provide questions that should be asked when considering ventures in the future, without being too prescriptive.

The board then broke out into six breakout groups to discuss and provide feedback within a provided link to document feedback and notes from the discussions. The breakout rooms were closed at 7pm and board members brought back to the meeting. Nick advised that we would put together the notes and discuss at a future Executive Committee meeting and invited board members to attend.

Nick also mentioned that we have a resignation on the Executive Committee and encouraged anyone that may be interested in filling that slot to email him to discuss.

Kitty then spoke up to remind everyone that the next Governing Board meeting will be the once-a-year, in-person meeting on Saturday, October 24th in the Moore Community Room on the Lyndon Campus of Vermont State University.

Adjourn Meeting

Motioned: Peter Carbee **Seconded: Jock Gill**	**For**	**Against**	**Abstain**
Motion: To adjourn Governing Board Meeting	Passed with no objections		

Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Drafted by Elizabth Fitzpatrick

Attendance Summary

Voting Members: (quorum is 37): 42

Other board members present: Lawrence Daugherty, Wendy Matthews and Ray Lanier

Staff: Chris Fortuna, Erik Townsend, Matt Hubbard, Kitty Ufford-Chase, Julia Vallera, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick and Larry Hosford

Attendance Details

Rob Dewees	Albany	Primary	v
Kristen Fountain	Albany	Alternate	
Neil Glassman	Barnet	Primary	v
Sean Warner	Barre City	Primary	
Donald Koch	Barre Town	Primary	regrets
David Furlong	Barton	Primary	
Shawn Covill	Bloomfield	Primary	
Ray Bowen	Bloomfield	Alternate	regrets
Michael Strait	Brighton	Primary	v
James Ozone	Brighton	Alternate	
William Davis	Brownington	Primary	v
Armand Brunelle	Brownington	Alternate	
David Caron	Brunswick	Primary	
Theresa Caron	Brunswick	Alternate	v
Patricia Vanderhoop	Burke	Alternate	
Brian Pilcher	Burke	Primary	
R.D. Eno	Cabot	Primary	
Seth O'Brien	Cabot	Alternate	
Jared Thomas	Calais	Primary	
David Healy	Calais	Alternate	v
Ann Morgan Wade	Canaan	Primary	v



Zachary Brown	Canaan	Alternate	
Peggy Stevens	Charleston	Primary	v
Anne Settergren	Concord	Primary	
Normandie Lee	Concord	Alternate	v
Charles Conn	Coventry	Primary	v
Phil Marquette	Coventry	Alternate	
Rudy Chase	Craftsbury	Primary	v
Brian Machesney	Craftsbury	Alternate	
Lindsay Brainard	Derby	Alternate	
David Barlow	Derby	Primary	v
Dan Ouellette	Danville	Primary	v
Lawrence Daugherty	Danville	Alternate	p
Henry Amistadi	Duxbury	Primary	v
Pat Zachary	Duxbury	Alternate	
Tom Fisher	East Monpelier	Primary	v
Noah Armstrong	Glover	Primary	v
Hadley Piper	Glover	Alternate	
Mark Fulton	Granby	Primary	v
Sonia Peters	Granby	Alternate	
Mary Metcalf	Greensboro	Primary	v
John Stone	Greensboro	Alternate	
Mike Gaiss	Groton	Primary	
Martin Klein	Groton	Alternate	v
Richard Schiller	Guildhall	Primary	v
Paul Fixx	Hardwick	Primary	
Linda Markin	Hardwick	Alternate	v
Ed Brady	Holland	Primary	v
Paul Posenjak	Holland	Alternate	
Lynnette Deaette	Jay	Primary	v
Le-Ann Tetrault	Jay	Alternate	
Tara Morse	Jay	Alternate	
Dana Caspersen	Kirby	Primary	v
Malcolm Doak	Kirby	Alternate	

William Gilbert	Lemington	Primary	
Beth Ellingwood	Lemington	Alternate	
Marjorie Kramer	Lowell	Primary	
Faye Starr	Lowell	Alternate	
Harry Williams	Lunenburg	Primary	
Gary Briggs	Lunenburg	Alternate	regrets
Marty Feltus	Lyndon	Alternate	
Andy Mosedale	Lyndon	Primary	v
John Morris	Marshfield	Primary	v
Stan Hook	Marshfield	Alternate	
David Lawrence	Middlesex	Primary	v
Everett McGinley	Montgomery	Primary	regrets
Eric Pope	Morgan	Primary	v
Larry Labor	Morgan	Alternate	
Chuck Burt	Moretown	Primary	v
Sybil Schlesinger	Moretown	Alternate	
Mark Whitworth	Newark	Alternate	v
Woodman Page	Newport City	Primary	regrets
David Ghelli	Newport Town	Primary	v
Wendy Matthews	Newport Town	Alternate	p
Thomas Davis	Northfield	Primary	
Sally Vallat	Norton	Primary	
Siobhan Perricone	Orange	Primary	
Jock Gill	Peacham	Primary	v
Karen Lewis	Peacham	Alternate	
Jeremy Matt	Plainfield	Primary	v
Jon Hosford	Plainfield	Alternate	
Tim Sullivan	Roxbury	Primary	regrets
Shawn Burroughs	Ryegate	Primary	
Tyler Pokines	Ryegate	Alternate	
Nicolas Anzalone	St Johnsbury	Primary	v
Colleen Morris	St Johnsbury	Alternate	
Steve Pikard	Stannard	Primary	
Evan Carlson	Sutton	Primary	v

Robert Simms	Sutton	Alternate	
Gaston Bathalon	Troy	Primary	v
Robert Langlands	Troy	Alternate	
Bobbi Magoon	UTGs	Primary	
Anthony Soldo	UTGs	Alternate	
Mark Fulton	Victory	Primary	v
Seth O'Brien	Walden	Primary	
Peter Carbee	Washington	Primary	v
Christopher Shenk	Waterbury	Primary	
Bill Piper	Waterford	Alternate	
Mike Barrett	Waterford	Primary	
Carrie Glessner	Westfield	Primary	
Laura Emery	Westfield	Alternate	v
Ray Lanier	Westmore	Alternate	p
Donna Dzugas	Westmore	Primary	v
Linda Michniewicz	Westmore	Alternate	
Eileen Boland	Wheelock	Primary	v
David Stahler Jr.	Wheelock	Alternate	
Ted Barnett	Williamstown	Primary	
Bruce Wheeler	Wolcott	Primary	
John Reid	Woodbury	Primary	v
Michael Gray	Woodbury	Alternate	
Cyriac Joseph	Worcester	Primary	
Christa Shute	NEKCV		
Kitty Ufford-Chase	NEKCV		s
Erik Townsend	NEKCV		s
Tonya Ozone	NEKCV		
Matt Hubbard	NEKCV		s
Chris Fortuna	NEKCV		s
Jared Clark	NEKCV		
Elizabeth Fitzpatrick	NEKCV		s

Julia Vallera	NEKCV		
Allison Ingerson	NEKCV		
Elizabeth Fitzpatrick	NEKCV		
Josh Commo	NEKCV		
Larry Hosford	NEKCV		s
Richard Chabot	NEKCV		
Tim Gould	NEKCV		
Larry Hosford			
Julia Vallera			s