

VT Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance
Annual Membership Meeting
May 24, 2022 **2:00 pm**
Via Zoom

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MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: 35, including 24 Alliance individual/organizational members, 2 strategic partners, 6 guests, and 3 staff

Faye Mack, Alliance Steering Committee Chair, called the virtual Meeting to order at 2:00 pm and welcomed participants, offering a reflection on the Alliance's work during the past year. The Meeting then adjourned to workshops on the '22 Legislative Agenda and an introduction to membership in the Alliance.

Matt Levin, Alliance Executive Director, called the Meeting back to order after the workshops and facilitated the business items on the agenda. He confirmed that a quorum was present, and offered his reflections on the Alliance's work of the past year and the current context of our collective work. Rather than a formal land acknowledgement, he asked members to reflect on the history of land displacement and consider taking actions on an ongoing basis, in response to and in acknowledgement of the ongoing impacts.

Links to the 2021 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes were posted virtually, and the Minutes were accepted by consensus. Current Steering Committee members were then introduced.

Matt then conducted elections for seats on the Steering Committee. He asked for nominations, and the following members in good standing were nominated:

- **Business** – Faye Mack of Hunger Free Vermont nominated *Main St. Alliance-Vermont*, as an Organizational Member, with Morgan Nichols as their representative
- **Early Care/Early Ed. – Home Based** – Ann Dillenbeck, Individual Member, nominated *Ellen Drollette* as an Individual Member
- **Early Care/Early Ed. – Public K-3** – *Diane Nichols-Fleming*, Individual Member, nominated herself
- **Economic Security** – Carrie Stahler of Vermont Foodbank nominated *Voices for Vermont's Children* as an Organizational Member, with Sarah Teel as their representative
- **Family Support** – Margaret Atkinson, Individual Member, nominated the *Vermont Head Start Association* as an Organizational Member, with Deb Gass as their representative
- **Food Security** – Faye Mack of Hunger Free Vermont nominated *Vermont Foodbank* as an Organizational Member, with Carrie Stahler as their representative
- **Health** – *Tabitha McGlynn*, Individual Member, nominated herself
- **Parent** – Carrie Stahler of Vermont Foodbank nominated the *Junior League of Champlain Valley* as an Organizational Member, with Amanda Herzberger as their representative

Faye Mack of Hunger Free Vermont moved to elect the slate as presented, and Janet McLaughlin of VTAEYC seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Matt then asked for nominations for the **At-Large** seat, and the following members in good standing were nominated:

- **At Large** – Chloe Learey of the Winston Prouty Center nominated the *Winston Prouty Center*, Organizational Member, with Chloe Learey as their representative

There being no other nominations, Matt asked for a vote approving the nomination. The vote was unanimous.

Taylor Hughey, Alliance Outreach Manager, then noted that attendees would be receiving an email with a meeting evaluation, and to gather any feedback on the Alliance's Governance Document.

Morgan Nichols of Main Street Alliance Vermont introduced Rep. Emilie Kornheiser, who offered remarks reflecting on the '22 Legislative session, advocacy efforts in Vermont, and the challenges of moving multiple issues through the Legislature at the same time. A question and answer period followed.

With thanks for all, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 3:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Levin (Exec. Dir.)