

VT Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance
Annual Membership Meeting
May 28, 2025 **2:00 pm**
Norwich, VT

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MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: 33 including 24 Alliance individual/organizational members, 3 strategic partners, 3 staff, and guests

Matt Levin, Alliance Executive Director, called the Meeting to order at 2:05p, following his presentation of an update on the status of issues on the '25 Legislative Agenda.

Matt reviewed the Meeting agenda, and staff and Steering Committee members present introduced themselves.

Matt asked for and got consensus on accepting the '24 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes.

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

- **Early Care/Ed – After school:** Beth Wallace of VT AEYC nominated *VT Afterschool* as an Organizational Member, with Nicole Miller as their representative
- **Early Care/Ed – Center Based:** Beth Wallace of VT AEYC nominated *Beth Traver Adolphus* as an individual member
- **Economic Security:** Chloey Learey of the Winston Prouty Center nominated *Cecilia Puleio* as an individual member
- **Family Support:** Claire Kendell of the Parent Child Center Network nominated the *Parent Child Center Network* as an Organizational Member, with Claire Kendall as their representative
- **Food Security:** Keely Agan of Hunger Free Vermont nominated *Hunger Free VT* as an Organizational Member, with Keely Agan as their representative
- **Health:** Chloey Leary of the Winston Prouty Center nominated *Vermont Family Network* as an Organizational Member, with Michelle Kessler as their representative
- **Parents:** Danielle Harris of the Greater Burlington YMCA nominated the *Greater Burlington YMCA* as an Organizational Member, with Danielle Harris as their representative

The slate of nominations was approved unanimously.

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

- **At Large:** Beth Traver Adolphus, individual member, nominated *VT AEYC* as an Organizational Member, with Sharron Harrington as their representative

- **At Large:** Sarah Kenney of Let's Grow Kids Action Network nominated *Let's Grow Kids Action Network* as an Organizational Member, with Sarah Kenney as their representative

The slate of nominations was approved unanimously.

Matt noted that the Alliance's Governance Document was available for review, and any feedback or comments on it should be sent to staff or any member of the Steering Committee.

Matt then welcomed Aly Richards, CEO of Let's Grow Kids, to offer comments on the status of the organization's efforts and their transition plans. A discussion with members followed.

Matt then facilitated a discussion on the Legislature's response to possible federal budget cuts with Amy Shollenberger of Action Circles and Rep. Robin Scheu, Chair of the House Appropriations Committee.

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

Respectfully submitted by Matt Levin (Exec. Dir.)