

VT Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance
Annual Membership Meeting
June 4, 2026 **2:00 pm**
Via Zoom

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MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: 33 including 26 Alliance individual/organizational members, 3 staff, and guests

Matt Levin, Alliance Executive Director, called the Meeting to order at 12:45p. The group then moved to break-out rooms for workshops.

At 130p Matt called the meeting back to order and reviewed the Meeting agenda. Steering Committee members present introduced themselves.

Matt asked for and got consensus on accepting the '25 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:

- **Business:** Ellen Drolette nominated *Ellen Drolette* as an individual member
- **Early Care/Early Ed. Home Based:** Sharron Harrington of VT AEYC nominated *Tammie Hazlett* as an individual member
- **Early Care/Ed – K-3:** Carrie Stahler of the VT Foodbank nominated *Diane Nichols-Fleming* as an individual member
- **Economic Security:** Kachi Akalonu of Voices of Vermont's Children nominated *Voices for VT's Children* as an organizational member, with Kate Bailey as their representative
- **Family Support:** Claire Kendall of the Parent Child Center Network nominated *VT Head Start Assoc.* as an organizational member, with Deb Gass as their representative
- **Food Security:** Carrie Stahler of the VT Foodbank nominated *Vermont Foodbank* as an organizational member, with Carrie Stahler as their representative.
- **Health:** Tabitha McGlynn nominated *Tabitha McGlynn*, individual member
- **Parents:** Betsy Avery nominated *Betsy Avery*, individual member

Beth Traver Adolphus made a motion to accept the slate of nominations, which was agreed to 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:** Carrie Stahler of the VT Foodbank nominated *Winston Prouty Center* as an Organizational Member, with Chloe Learey as their representative

The nomination 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 noted that all four major party candidates for Lt. Governor had been invited to join the meeting and welcomed the two that were able to attend – Ryan McLaren and Molly Gray. Each candidate was given a chance to address the meeting, responding to questions provided in advance as well as a follow up question posed by Matt.

Matt then introduced Morgan Nichols, Community Liaison and Constituent Services Representative for Rep. Becca Balint, who provided an update on work by Congress to develop federal appropriations bills and other actions that might impact the funding Vermont receives from the federal government.

With thanks to all, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Levin (Exec. Dir.)