

## Minutes ∞ VFDA Executive Board Meeting ∞ July 11, 2023

Meeting held via Zoom

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Present:** Manny Fletcher, Judy Taranovich, Scott Moore, Matt Cota, Stephanie Austin, Rob Korrow, Kevin McIntyre, Peter Bourne, Kinson Craft, Casey Cota, Beth Jackman, Cameron Chase, Dan Boyd, Greg Nido

**Absent:** Bob Young, Chris Keyser, Mallory Corse, Jeff Farbaniec, Patrick Sage, Dan Jarvis

VFDA Executive Director Stephanie Austin called the meeting to order at 11:00am. Austin asked the Executive Board to review the anti-trust statement. Matt Cota asked those present to review the minutes from the Executive Board meeting held on May 31, 2023. Judy Taranovich made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Peter Bourne, approved unanimously.

Matt Cota discussed the vacancies on the board and reviewed the nominations for Cameron Chase with Mirabito as a new board member as well as Kevin McIntyre replacing Dan Boyd with Suburban at the end of his term. It was also noted that Jeff Farbaniec has given his resignation from the board. Peter Bourne made a motion to approve the nominations, seconded by Scott Moore, approved unanimously.

Austin gave a quick review of the VFDA's Administrative and Financial status and will give a more in depth report once July Financials are completed.

Matt Cota asked the board to give any updates on what they are seeing from the recent flood events in Vermont and asked if any assistance was needed.

M. Cota requested the board's vote on a Resolution to appoint Meadow Hill Consulting to the Equity Advisory Group and the Technical Advisory Group as a representative for Act 18. Manny Fletcher made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Judy Taranovich, approved unanimously.

Matt Cota reviewed legislative and regulatory issues facing VFDA members and discussed the legal expenses we are likely to see for 2023 in response to Act 18. Austin reported VFDA has spent roughly \$15k in legal expenses already to date. Judy Taranovich made a motion to allow VFDA to spend up to \$50k for legal matters in response to Act 18 and allow supplemental funds as donated by members. Scott Moore seconded, approved unanimously.

Austin/Cota will follow up with the Board once VFDA nears the \$50k mark for legal fees and will schedule a fall meeting for further review of what we expect in 2024.

Peter Bourne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:50am, seconded by Judy Taranovich approved unanimously.