



ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2024 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Middlebury Inn, Middlebury, Vermont

6:10 p.m.

Welcome: Fred Kenney, Executive Director, welcomed the members and recognized partner organizations, membership and staff for their support and work (summarized in ACEDC's Annual Impact Report) and introduced ACEDC Board President Jason Larocque.

Business Meeting:

6:15 p.m. Jason Larocque called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the ACEDC Annual Meeting.

Introduction of Board Members and Recognition: Jason introduced and thanked all Board members for their contributions and presented a gift to outgoing Board Member Bill Townsend for his years of service on the ACEDC Board and Loan Committee.

Approve minutes of 2023 Annual Meeting:

6:20 PM: Jason requested a motion to approve the 2023 Annual Meeting minutes. Gina Larrow moved to approve the minutes and Richard McKerr seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.

Election of Continuing Board Members:

Jason introduced Gina, who presented the following nominated slate of continuing Directors and asked for a motion to approve:

1st Three-Year Term:

- Nicole MacTavish, Patricia A. Hannaford Career Center

Second three-year terms:

- Dave Castle, Mechanical Advantage
- Jason Larocque, Otter Creek Engineering
- Robert Ortmyer, Porter Hospital

6:25 pm: Sue Ritter moved to approve the slate of Directors, which was seconded by Ryan Bartlett. The motion was unanimously APPROVED, with abstentions from the nominees.

Jason announced Fred Kenney's planned June 30, 2025 retirement and that the ACEDC Board has begun a search for a new Executive Director.

Annual Activity Review: Fred Kenney provided an overview of ACEDC activities during FY24 (See [PowerPoint](#) and [Annual Impact Report](#)).

Keynote:

Fred Kenney introduced guest speakers Professor Matt Dickinson and Professor Peter Matthews of Middlebury College who presented insights on the economic and political impacts of the 2024 election. (See [Dickinson Powerpoint](#); [Matthews Powerpoint](#))

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. For a video of the full meeting, visit [here](#).

Respectfully submitted, Fred Kenney, Executive Director
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