VTGFOA Board Meeting
March 18, 2026
Minutes

Members Present: Amy Monahan, Angela Aldieri, Betty Jean Bogue, Cheryl Lindberg, Elizabeth King, Jess Morris, Laurie Roser, Marguerite Ladd, Martha Machar, Shirley Goodell-Lackey

Members Absent: none

Others Present: none

1. Call to Order/Review of Agenda
   - Angela Aldieri, President, called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

2. Minutes
   a. Approval of February 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes
   - Cheryl Lindberg motioned to approve the February 18, 2026 meeting minutes, seconded by Amy Monahan. The board approved the motion.

3. Treasurer's Update
   a. Financials
   - Shirley Goodell-Lackey referred members to the information emailed and shared the following highlights:
     - A schedule of receivable balances was created and attached to financial report
     - List of all amounts outstanding for workshops and memberships is also included
     - A few payments have come in since reports were produced
     - We budgeted dues at 75 members, we are above that now; we budgeted 10 non-government members and are currently at 8, don't expect this to change
     - Winter workshop budgeted at $25 registration fee but billed at $20 - we should still collect more than budgeted based on number of participants
     - NESGFOA check has been cashed
     - CD for $7500 was opened last week at Mascoma
   - There was discussion about writing off the allowance at year end.
   - Amy Monahan offered to help with getting to PO Box to collect mail.
   - Elizabeth King asked if board members with outstanding dues payments have been received and asked if we will keep list of those who we don't want to accept registration from in the future.
   - Shirley Goodell-Lackey stated that she's not seeing consistent pattern of non-payments.
   - Angela Aldieri stated there is one who is repeat.
   - Angela Aldieri stated that there are February workshop fees outstanding for members, but no dues amounts.
   - Amy Monahan motioned to approve the January financials, seconded by Cheryl Lindberg. The board approved the motion.

4. Education Committee

a. 2026 Annual Meeting & Summer Workshop

i. Date – June 10th or June 24th

- Angela Aldieri stated the committee met last week.

ii. Location

- Shirley Goodell-Lackey stated she has not heard back from the college on insurance requirements. She will reach out to Jenna's Place, but will need to figure out catering. She will check with NEMRC to see who they used in that area previously.

iii. Topics

- Angela Aldieri stated she reached out to the State about the follow-up grant presentation. The State is not ready yet but will be for the fall workshop. She suggested doing something a little more basic for all new finance directors coming in.
- Shirley Goodell-Lackey suggested having Lisa Parker present in the morning with another session on something else and do session on the basics in the afternoon.
- Angela Aldieri stated the committee suggested reaching out to Sarah Macy or Suzanne at UVM to present on government finance basics.
- Angela Aldieri suggested looking for someone who could present on the internal control checklist. She offered to reach out the State Treasurer's Office.
- Marguerite Ladd stated she can also check with the VLCT team to see if they could possibly present.
- Angela Aldieri stated she will work on the preliminary presentations for annual meeting. If you are not interested in continuing to serve on the board, please let her know.
- Laurie Roser stated she is leaving her current position but would like to continue on the board.
- There was discussion about bylaws and who is able to serve on the board.
- Angela Aldieri will reach out to Martha Machar on membership committee slide for presentation and will bring a draft to the board at the next meeting.

5. Membership Committee
   - Martha Machar had no updates to share but asked if there is anyone who has reached out about joining but not completed the process.
   - Angela Aldieri stated she has invoiced anyone who reached out but we do have folks who haven't paid for membership yet.
   - Martha Machar mentioned the annual outreach process conducted last year and will try to conduct similar outreach this year.
   - Angela Aldieri confirmed that we have 93 paid memberships now, and 9 who have not yet paid.
   - There was some discussion about cutoff for membership renewals and charging the non-member workshop fee after a certain date. The board agreed to circle back to develop a policy and put out clearer communication in the future.

6. Scholarship Committee
   a. NESGFOA Scholarship
   - Angela Aldieri stated that the committee met to review 4 requests; 2 have attended before and 2 are first time attendees. The committee recommends that the 2 previous attendees each receive the $300 minimum award for registration fees, and the first time attendees be awarded for up to $500 to allow some additional amount for lodging if needed.
   - Angela Aldieri stated she discussed with Abby Sherman and Sarah Macy the late notice of the event and will be bringing this up as well as asking NESGFOA why there isn't a reduced rate for those attending virtually.
   - Cheryl Lindberg described some of the reasoning as to why the price was the same in prior years.
   - Angela Aldieri stated that we can update the form in future to indicate in-person vs Zoom attendance.
   - Betty Jean Bogue motioned to award scholarships as proposed by the committee, seconded by Elizabeth King. The board approved the motion.

7. Other Business

a. CPE Credits

- Angela Aldieri reached out to state licensing board and was informed that we need to submit presentations to board to review, which takes approximately 5 business days, to certify for credit. This required more legwork on our part.
- Laurie Roser asked what our liability is to offer CPE credit.
- Angela Aldieri stated that as long as the curriculum is approved, we just have to maintain record of attendance.
- There was discussion about desire to offer CPE credits.
- Elizabeth King questioned if Lisa Parker could give CPE credit through GFOA for her presentation.
- Cheryl Lindberg stated that she has been invited to present at a clerk/treasurer workshop in April.
- There was follow up discussion on the status of the minimum wage law as it applies to appointed and elected officials. It appears the language that is currently proposed would make these officials exempt from the minimum wage law.
- Cheryl Lindberg suggested bringing these types of changes up at our annual meeting.

8. Adjourn
    - Elizabeth King motioned to adjourn, seconded by Betty Jean Bogue. The board approved the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:42pm.

Minutes Respectfully submitted by:
Jess Morris, Secretary