

Vermont Innovation and Research Alliance (VIRA)

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July 23, 2026

Officers

Chair: **Otto Funke** (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028)

Vice Chair: vacant

Treasurer: **Ryan McDevitt** (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028)

Secretary: **Darcy Brouillette** (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2028)

Members

Zeke Bernstein (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029)

Dean of the College, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives
Bennington College

Darcy Brouillette (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029)

Former Vermont educator and Vermont workforce-development professional
Retired from Vermont State University 2025

Joseph Chase (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029)

Executive Director
FIRST in Vermont

Bernard F. Cole (ex officio)

Director, Vermont EPSCoR
University of Vermont

Nicholas Day (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029)

Engineering Manager
Chroma Technology Corp.

Sarah DeShaw (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029)

Team Member
BETA Technologies

Kirk Dombrowski (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029)

Vice President for Research
University of Vermont

Otto Funke (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029)

Workforce and Outreach Lead
GlobalFoundries

Philip Gervais (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029)

Consultant
Franklin County Industrial Development Corporation

Neil Goldberg (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029)
Business Growth & Analytics Manager
Brattleboro Development and Credit Corporation

Nick Grimley (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029)
Director of Entrepreneurship & Tech Commercialization
State of Vermont

Tara Kulkarni (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029)
Associate Provost for Research
Norwich University

Adam Lalor (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029)
Vice President of Neurodiversity Research and Innovation
Landmark College

Lauren Lavallee (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029)
Vice President of Human Resources
OnLogic

Mark Lubkowitz (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029)
Professor
Saint Michael's College

Ryan McDevitt (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029)
CFO & Co-Founder
Benchmark Space Systems

Julie Moore (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029)
Secretary
Vermont Agency of Natural Resources

Tiffany Walker (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029)
Senior Executive Director of Workforce
Vermont State Colleges

Carla Wuthrich (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029)
Director of Field Operations and Advisor
Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center

Science and Technology Plan Committee

Bernard F. Cole (ex officio)
Neil Goldberg
Nick Grimley
Tara Kulkarni
Lauren Lavallee

Nominating Committee

Vacant (to be appointed)

Vermont EPSCoR Support Staff

Ellen K.W. Brennan

Assistant Director of Vermont EPSCoR
University of Vermont

Lillian Gamache

Assistant to the Directors of Vermont EPSCoR
University of Vermont