

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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Meeting held by Telephone

April 16, 2020

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(Note that the meeting will be recorded.)

The University's Board of Trustees held a special meeting to discuss a Sublease from the University to the City of Stamford. Both the University's By-Laws and state law permit the Board to hold special meetings, and to do so on an emergent basis. Governor Lamont has issued declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, proclaiming a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States and confirmed spread in Connecticut. Due to the critical need identified by the City for alternative housing for certain of its residents impacted by the coronavirus, and the requirement that the Board approve all leases of University property, the special meeting was necessary on an emergency basis to permit the City's immediate use of the building.

The Emergency Special Telephone meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Chairman Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees participated by telephone: Trustees Andy Bessette, Mark L. Boxer, Charles F. Bunnell, Shari G. Cantor, Sanford Cloud, Jr., Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Justin Fang, Marilda Gandara, Jeanine A. Gouin, Thomas D. Ritter, Philip E. Rubin, Daniel D. Toscano, and Renukanandan Tumu.

Trustees Miguel A. Cardona, Bryan P. Hurlburt, David Lehman, Rebecca Lobo, Kevin J. O'Connor, Bryan K. Pollard, and Paul Mounds, Jr., Governor Lamont's designee, were not in attendance.

The following University staff participated by telephone: President Katsouleas, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Elliott, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer Jordan, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, General Counsel Gelston, Senior Advisor/Assistant Vice President for Communications Kirk, Vice President for Communications Kendig, Vice President for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Maric, Vice President for Enrollment Planning and Management Fuerst, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Daugherty, Associate Vice President for Budget and Planning Blanchard, Associate Vice President, Master Planner and Chief Architect Cruickshank, Associate Vice President for Facilities Operations Jednak, and Stamford Campus Director Cheng.

University Senate Representatives Robert Bird, Mark Boyer, Carol Polifroni, Maria-Luz Fernandez, and Jaci Van Heest also participated by telephone.

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1. Sublease between the University of Connecticut and the City of Stamford (Attachment 1)

Chairman Toscano asked General Counsel Gelston to review the details of the Sublease with the University and the City of Stamford.

General Counsel Gelston stated that the term of this Sublease shall begin tomorrow, April 17, and expire on June 30, and may be extended at the University's discretion if there is a continued state of emergency. The City will assume all responsibility for the administration and operation of the space while occupied. She noted that Exhibits A and B were referenced by cover pages in the meeting materials, but were available for review upon request.

Stamford Campus Director Cheng discussed the controlled parameters regarding the use of the student residential space. He stated that non-critical COVID-19 patients currently residing in local area hospitals would transition to this space before returning home in order to mitigate the spread of the virus. No medical staff would be on the premises and patients would be instructed to remain in their rooms.

Several Trustees raised concerns about ongoing cleaning and sanitizing while patients were in residence and after they have been discharged. General Counsel Gelston confirmed that the City would be responsible for the cost of completely disinfecting the entire property.

On a motion by Mr. Boxer, seconded by Mr. Bunnell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Sublease between the University of Connecticut and the City of Stamford.

2. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Fang, seconded by Ms. Cantor, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dennis-LaVigne
Secretary