

**TELEPHONE MEETING
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

MINUTES

Meeting held by Telephone

October 28, 2020

The telephone meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chairman Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees participated: Andy Bessette, Mark L. Boxer, Charles F. Bunnell, Shari G. Cantor, Sanford Cloud, Jr., Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Justin Fang, Marilda Gandara, Jeanine A. Gouin, Rebecca Lobo, Kevin J. O'Connor, Bryan K. Pollard, Thomas D. Ritter, Philip E. Rubin, Daniel D. Toscano, and Ethan Werstler.

Trustees Miguel A. Cardona, Bryan P. Hurlburt, David Lehman, and Paul Mounds, Jr., Governor Lamont's designee, were not in attendance.

The following University staff participated in the meeting: President Katsouleas, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Lejuez, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer Jordan, UConn Health Executive Vice President for Health Affairs and Chief Executive Officer Agwunobi, Vice President for Communications Kendig, Vice President for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Maric, Vice President for Enrollment Planning and Management Fuerst, Vice President for Student Affairs Gilbert, Vice President for Global Affairs Weiner, Athletic Director Benedict, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, Chief of Staff and General Counsel Gelston, Senior Advisor to the President/Assistant Vice President for Communications Kirk, Associate Vice President for Budget and Planning Blanchard, UConn Health Chief Financial Officer Geoghegan, Associate Vice President for Human Resources Delello, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Daugherty, and Executive Director of Employee Relations Buffkin.

University Senate Representatives Rajeev Bansal, Sandra Chafouleas, Carol Polifroni, and Anji Seth also participated.

1. Public Participation

There were no members of the public who wished to address the Board.

2. Chairman's Report

(a) Matters outstanding

(b) Minutes of the meeting of September 30, 2020

On a motion by Mr. Bessette, seconded by Ms. Cantor, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 30, 2020.

(c) Consent Agenda Items:

On a motion by Mr. Bessette, seconded by Mr. Boxer, the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda items:

(Trustee Ritter abstained from voting on Item 1 of the Consent Agenda.)

(1) Contracts and Agreements

(Attachment 1)

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- (2) Sabbatical Leave Recommendations (Attachment 2)
 - (3) Appointment of Ali Gokirmak, PhD, as the Charles H. Knapp Associate Professor in Electrical Engineering in the School of Engineering (Attachment 3)
- 3. President's Report

President Katsouleas gave an update on the status of the Connecticut Commitment program and announced that the program would be temporarily suspended. He will provide periodic reports to the Board.
- 4. Academic Affairs Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
 - (b) Informational Item:
 - (1) Update to the Procedures on Consulting for Faculty and Members of the Faculty Bargaining Unit (Attachment 4)
- 5. Financial Affairs Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
 - (b) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:

On a motion by Dr. Rubin, seconded by Ms. Cantor, the Board voted unanimously to approve the project budgets listed below in Attachments 5 and 6.

 - (1) Project Budget (Final) for North and South Parking Garages Restoration, Phase 1 (Attachment 5)
 - (2) Project Budget (Final) for Tasker Admissions Building Roof Restoration (Attachment 6)
- 6. UConn Health Report
 - (a) Report on UConn Health activities

There was no Report on Committee activities.
- 7. Joint Audit and Compliance Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities

There was no Report on Committee activities.
- 8. Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities

There was no Report on Committee activities.
- 9. Construction Management Oversight Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities

There was no Report on Committee activities.
- 10. Student Life Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities

There was no Report on Committee activities.

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11. Institutional Advancement Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
12. Committee on Compensation Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
There was no Report on Committee activities.
13. Committee for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
There was no Report on Committee activities.
14. Committee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
There was no Report on Committee activities.
15. Other business
16. Executive Session anticipated

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Bunnell, seconded by Mr. Pollard, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 10:57 a.m. regarding:

1. Preliminary drafts and notes whose disclosure does not outweigh the public benefit of withholding them pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-210(b)(1); and
2. Records, reports and statement of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-210 (b)(9); and
3. Records pertaining to strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or pending litigation to which the public agency is a party until such litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or otherwise settled pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-210 (b)(4); and
4. Discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health or dismissal of a public officer or employee, provided that such individual may require that discussion be held at an open meeting pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-200 (6)(A).

The following Trustees were in attendance: Trustees Bessette, Boxer, Bunnell, Cantor, Cloud, Dennis-LaVigne, Fang, Gandara, Gouin, Lobo, O'Connor, Pollard, Ritter, Rubin, Toscano, and Werstler.

The following University staff were in attendance for the part of the Executive Session: President Katsouleas, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Lejuez, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer Jordan, UConn Health Executive Vice President for Health Affairs and Chief Executive Officer Agwunobi, Vice President for Communications Kendig, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, University Chief of Staff and General Counsel Gelston, Senior Advisor to the President/Assistant Vice President for Communications Kirk, Associate Vice President for Human Resources Delello, and Executive Director of Employee Relations Buffkin.

Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin was in attendance for the entire Executive Session.

The Executive Session ended at 12:20 p.m.

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OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 12:20 p.m.

17. Adjournment

Chairman Toscano asked Trustees to hold the November 18 reserve date on their calendars. He announced that the next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for Wednesday, December 9.

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

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dennis-LaVigne
Secretary