

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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University of Connecticut
Wilbur Cross Building
North Reading Room
233 Glenbrook Road
Storrs, Connecticut

September 29, 2021

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 10:27 a.m. by Board Chair Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees participated in person: Trustees Shari G. Cantor, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Justin Fang, Noah S. Frank, Marilda L. Gandara, Jeanine A. Gouin, Bryan K. Pollard, Thomas D. Ritter, Daniel D. Toscano, and Paul Mounds, Jr., Governor Lamont's designee.

The following Trustees participated by video or telephone: Trustees Andy Bessette, Mark L. Boxer, Charles F. Bunnell, Sanford Cloud, Jr., David Lehman, Kevin J. O'Connor, and Philip E. Rubin.

Trustees Bryan P. Hurlburt, Rebecca Lobo, and Charlene M. Russell-Tucker were not in attendance.

The following University Senate Representatives attended the meeting: Robert Bird, Sandra Chafouleas, Maria-Luz Fernandez, Carol Polifroni, Anji Seth, Jaci Van Heest, Edward Weingart, Sebastian Wogenstein, and David Yalof.

The following University staff attended the meeting: Interim President Agwunobi, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Lejuez, Interim Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer Blanchard, Athletic Director Benedict, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, University Chief of Staff and General Counsel Gelston, Vice President for Communications Kendig, Senior Governmental Relations Director Lombardo, Governmental Relations Director Garber, Associate Vice President for Communications Kirk, Vice President for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Maric, Vice President for Enrollment Planning and Management Fuerst, Vice President for Student Affairs Gilbert, Vice President for Global Affairs Weiner, Associate Vice President, Master Planner and Chief Architect Cruickshank, Executive Director & Director of Real Estate and Regional Projects Corbett, UConn Health Chief Financial Officer Geoghegan, and Ms. Carone.

OPEN SESSION

1. Public Participation

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

2. Chairman's Report

(a) Matters outstanding

Board Chair Toscano acknowledged incoming University Senate Representatives Edward Weingart and Sebastian Wogenstein. Professor Weingart replaces Professor Janet Pritchard on the Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Committee and Professor Wogenstein replaces Professor Mark Boyer on the Academic Affairs Committee.

(b) Minutes of the meeting of August 4, 2021

On a motion by Mr. Bessette, seconded by Ms. Gouin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 4, 2021.

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(c) Consent Agenda Items:

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

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| (1) | Contracts and Agreements
(Trustee Ritter abstained from voting on Item 1 of the Consent Agenda.) | (Attachment 1) |
| (2) | Annual Report of the Endowed Chair Program Entitled
“Aetna English Chair of Writing” | (Attachment 2) |
| (3) | Tenure at Hire | (Attachment 3) |
| (4) | Designation of Emeritus Status | (Attachment 4) |
| (5) | Sabbatical Leave Recommendations | (Attachment 5) |
| (6) | Naming of the Rhoda Shivers Chair in the School of Fine Arts | (Attachment 6) |
| (7) | Naming of the Carole and Ray Neag Professorship in the
School of Medicine | (Attachment 7) |
| (8) | Reports of Endowed Chairs for the Period July 1, 2020
to June 30, 2021 (UConn Health) | (Attachment 8) |

(d) Election of Board Secretary and Committee Vice-Chairs

Upon the nomination by Ms. Gouin, seconded by Mr. Pollard, the Board voted to reappoint Dr. Dennis-LaVigne as Secretary to the Board. Chairman Toscano also recommended that Dr. Dennis-LaVigne continue as the Vice-Chair who shall act as the Chair of the Board in case of the absence or incapacity of the Chair.

(Dr. Dennis-LaVigne abstained from voting.)

Chairman Toscano confirmed the continuation of the current Vice-Chairs as noted below:

Academic Affairs – Jeanine A. Gouin
 Buildings, Grounds & Environment and Construction Management Oversight – Marilda L. Gandara
 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and Institutional Advancement – Andrea Dennis-LaVigne
 Compensation – Charles F. Bunnell
 Financial Affairs – Andy F. Bessette
 Joint Audit & Compliance – Mark L. Boxer
 UConn Health Board of Directors – Sanford Cloud, Jr.
 Research, Entrepreneurship & Innovation – Philip Rubin
 Student Life – Shari G. Cantor

On a motion by Mr. Ritter, seconded by Dr. Dennis-LaVigne, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint all the current Vice-Chairs to standing Board Committees and Trustee O’Connor as the liaison to the Division of Athletics.

3. President’s Report

4. Academic Affairs Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

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| (1) | Community Engagement Presentation
School of Pharmacy, Dean Philip Hritcko |
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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 Mr. Frank, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY 21 Capital Expenditures in Attachment 9.

(1) FY 21 Capital Expenditures (Attachment 9)

On a motion by Ms. Gandara, seconded by Ms. Cantor, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following project budgets in Attachments 10 –15.

(2) Project Budget (Revised Final) for Public Safety Building Improvements (Attachment 10)

(3) Project Budget (Final) for University Planning, Design and Construction (UPDC) Relocation (Attachment 11)

(4) Project Budget (Final) for Facilities Operations Building Merger of Parking Services (Attachment 12)

(5) Project Budget (Final) for Wired Access Layer Infrastructure Refresh – Phase III (Attachment 13)

(6) Project Budget (Planning) for Residential Life Facilities: Mansfield Apartments Redevelopment (Attachment 14)

(7) Project Budget (Planning) for the UConn Health 836 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury Clinical Practice Relocation (Attachment 15)

6. UConn Health Report

(a) Report on UConn Health activities

7. Joint Audit and Compliance Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

8. Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

(b) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:

On a motion by Ms. Guoin, seconded by Mr. Fang, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following easements.

(1) Reciprocal No-Build Easement with RMS Washington Boulevard, LLC at UConn Stamford (Attachment 16)

(2) Amendment to Access and Utility Easement with 402 Farmington Avenue LLC at UConn Health (Attachment 17)

9. Construction Management Oversight Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

There was no Report on Committee activities.

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10. Student Life Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
There was no Report on Committee activities.
11. Institutional Advancement Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
12. Committee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
There was no Report on Committee activities.
13. Committee on Compensation Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
There was no Report on Committee activities.
14. Committee for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation 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 Dr. Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Mr. Ritter, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 11:50 a.m. regarding:

1. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-210(b)(1), preliminary drafts and notes whose disclosure does not outweigh the public benefit of withholding them; and
2. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-200(6)(B), strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or pending litigation to which the public agency or a member thereof, because of the member's conduct as a member of such agency, is a party until such litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or otherwise settled.

The following Trustees were in attendance: Trustees Bessette, Boxer, Bunnell, Cantor, Cloud, Dennis-LaVigne, Fang, Frank, Gandara, Gouin, Lehman, O'Connor, Pollard, Ritter, Rubin, Toscano, and Paul Mounds, Jr., Governor Lamont's designee.

The following University staff were in attendance for the entire Executive Session: Interim President Agwunobi, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Lejuez, Interim Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer Blanchard, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, University Chief of Staff and General Counsel Gelston, Vice President for Communications Kendig, Senior Governmental Relations Director Lombardo, Governmental Relations Director Garber, Associate Vice President for Communications Kirk, Associate Vice President, Master Planner and Chief Architect Cruickshank, Executive Director & Director of Real Estate and Regional Projects Corbett, and Ms. Carone.

Athletic Director Benedict was in attendance for part of the Executive Session.

The Executive Session ended at 1:34 p.m., and the Board returned to Open Session at 1:34 p.m.

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6. Adjournment

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

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dennis-LaVigne
Secretary