

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

**MINUTES**

Meeting held by Telephone

January 26, 2022

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 9:13 a.m. by Board Chair Daniel D. Toscano.

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

Trustees Bryan P. Hurlburt, David Lehman, Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, and Paul Mounds, Jr., Governor Lamont's designee were not in attendance.

The following University Staff participated: Interim President Andrew Agwunobi, Executive Secretary to the Board Rachel Rubin, University Chief of Staff and General Counsel Nicole Gelston, Athletic Director David Benedict, Vice President for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Radenka Maric, Associate Vice President for Communications Michael Kirk, Executive Director of Employee Relations Karen Buffkin, and Associate Director of Labor and Employment Kelly Bannister.

Attorney Gabriel Jiran was also in attendance.

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

1. Public Participation

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

2. Minutes of the meetings of December 8, 2021, and January 7, 2022

On a motion by Mr. Cloud, seconded by Mr. Frank, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meetings of December 8, 2021, and January 7, 2022.

3. Appointment of Interim President (Attachment 1)

On a motion by Dr. Rubin, seconded by Dr. Boxer, to appoint Dr. Radenka Maric to serve as Interim President of the University of Connecticut until a successor president is appointed.

Board Chair Toscano expressed his gratitude to Dr. Agwunobi for his service as Interim President for the last seven months and for also continuing to serve as Executive Vice President for Health Affairs and CEO of UConn Health.

After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Radenka Maric as Interim President.

Dr. Maric thanked the Board for its support and confidence during this transitional period, and confirmed her support for UConn and its mission.

4. Information Item re Proposed Changes to the *By-Laws of the University of Connecticut* (Attachment 2)

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5. Executive Session (as needed)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Dr. Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Ms. Gouin, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 9:40 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 Statute 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; and
3. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-210 (b)(9), records, reports and statement of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining.

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

Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin and University Chief of Staff and General Counsel Gelston were also in attendance.

The following University Staff were in attendance for part of the Executive Session: Interim President Agwunobi, Athletic Director Benedict, Vice President for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Maric, Associate Vice President for Communications Kirk, Executive Director of Employee Relations Buffkin, and Associate Director of Labor and Employment Bannister.

Attorney Jiran also attended part of the Executive Session.

The Executive Session ended at 11:02 a.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to Open Session at 11:03 a.m.

6. Adjournment

Board Chair Toscano announced that the next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for February 23, 2022.

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

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dennis-LaVigne  
Secretary