

MINUTES

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

University of Connecticut

Teleconference

June 14, 2022

COMMITTEE TRUSTEES: Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Justin Fang, Marilda Gandara, and Jeanine Gouin

UConn HEALTH BOD

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Francis Archambault, Jr. and Richard Carbray, Jr.

UNIVERSITY STAFF: Lloyd Blanchard, Debbie Carone, Robert Corbett, Laura Cruickshank, Anne D’Alleva, Nicole Gelston, Jonathan Heinlein, David Hook, Michael Jednak, George Karsanow, Kazem Kazerounian, Michael Kirk, Eric Kruger, Nathan LaVallee, Lynn Lesniak, Joann Lombardo, Radenka Maric, Stanley Nolan, Kylene Perras, Angelo Quaresima, Rachel Rubin, Robert Sitkowski, Joseph Thompson, Sean Vasington, Kristen Wirtanen, and Reka Wrynn

Vice-Chair Marilda Gandara convened a meeting of the Buildings, Grounds and Environment (BGE) Committee at 10:01 a.m. via teleconference. There being no requests for Public Comment, Trustee Gandara directed the Committee to agenda ***Item #2, Approval of the Minutes of the Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Meeting of April 12, 2022.*** On a motion by Mr. Archambault and seconded by Trustee Gouin, the item was approved.

The Committee was directed to agenda ***Item #3, Office of Construction Assurance.*** David Hook, Construction Auditor, presented the 7th Biennial Report of the Construction Management Oversight Committee. Mr. Hook noted they are on track to present the 8th Biennial Report to the Committee in November, and he anticipates being caught up on the prior projects.

Joseph Thompson, Associate Vice President of University Business Services and Chief Procurement Officer, reviewed agenda ***Item #6, University Business Services – Capital Projects and Facilities Procurement Operational Activities and Organizational Improvements.*** Mr. Thompson provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding a Review of Recent Construction Procurement Supplier Diversity Data. Trustee Gandara thanked Joe for the presentation and stated the Committee looks forward to future updates.

George Karsanow, Interim Associate Vice President for UConn Health Campus Planning, Design & Construction, briefed the Committee on agenda ***Item #5, UConn Health Updates.*** The presentation included Covid 19 updates, project funding updates, Capital Projects Metrics as well as detailing projects to be presented for approval by the Board of Trustees on June 29.

Reka Wrynn, Interim Associate Vice President of Budget Planning and Institutional Research reviewed agenda ***Item #6 Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Budget for the University of Connecticut.***

Laura Cruickshank, Associate Vice President for University Planning, Design and Construction, detailed agenda **Item #7, Project Update ~ Storrs Based Programs**. The presentation highlighted the following projects: Public Safety Building Renovation, B4 Steam Vault and Line exigent repair, Jones Annex Renovation, Gilbert Road Site Development, South Campus Infrastructure, Mansfield Apartments Redevelopment, Field House – Old Recreation Center Renovation, and Mirror Lake Improvements.

The Committee was directed to review the information items on the agenda at their convenience.

On a motion by Trustee Gouin and seconded by Mr. Archambault, the Committee voted to go into Executive Session at 11:02 a.m. for a discussion concerning preliminary drafts or notes provided the public agency has determined that the public interest in withholding such documents clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure; per Connecticut General Statutes, Section 210(b)(1); and a discussion of the selection of a site or the lease, sale or purchase of real estate by the State or a political subdivision of the State when publicity regarding such site, lease, sale, purchase or construction would adversely impact the price of such site, lease, sale, purchase or construction until such time as all of the property has been acquired or all proceedings or transactions concerning same have been terminated or abandoned; per Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-200(6)(D).

Trustees participating in the entire Executive Session included: Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Justin Fang, Marilda Gandara, and Jeanine Gouin.

UConn Health Board of Directors Committee members participating in the entire Executive Session included: Francis Archambault, Jr. and Richard Carbray, Jr.

University staff participating in the entire Executive Session included: Interim President Maric, Rachel Rubin, Lloyd Blanchard, Anne D’Alleva, Nicole Gelston, Mike Kirk, Laura Cruickshank, Joann Lombardo, Robert Corbett, Robert Sitkowski, Reka Wrynn, Jonathan Heinlein, Nathan LaVallee, Kristin Wirtanen, and Debbie Carone.

Guests participating in a portion of the Executive Session included: Kazem Kazerounian and Kylene Perras.

The Executive Session ended at 11:47 a.m., and the Committee returned to Open Session at 11:48 a.m.

On a motion by Trustee Gandara and seconded by Mr. Archambault, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business appearing, the Committee adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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