

# MINUTES

## Special Telephone Meeting

### University of Connecticut Board of Trustees Committee for Research, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation Thursday, June 29, 2023

Committee Trustees: Philip Rubin, Mark Boxer, Sandy Cloud, Jr., Marilda Gandara

Other Trustees: Board Chair Daniel Toscano

University Senate Representatives: Edward Weingart

University Staff: Radenka Maric, Pamir Alpay, Abhijit Banerjee, Emmanouil Anagnostou, George Kuchel, Gail Bysiewicz, Amy Gorin, Joann Lombardo, David Noble, Daniel Schwartz, Julie Schwager

Vice-Chair Rubin called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

1. Public Participation (limited to agenda items)

No members of the public signed up to address the Committee.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of April 27, 2023

On a motion by Trustee Cloud, seconded by Trustee Gandara, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 27, 2023.

Vice-Chair Rubin attended the Science 1 Ribbon Cutting and Symposium on June 15th and reported that it is UConn's largest and most technologically advanced facility. President Maric led the ceremony and other attendees were Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz, along with representatives from Yale University, the University of Maryland, the National Science Foundation, and the Air Force.

4. Innovating Academic-Industry Collaborations at UConn Tech Park  
Presentation by Emmanouil N. Anagnostou, Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor  
Eversource Energy Endowed Chair in Environmental Engineering  
Interim Associate Dean, School of Engineering  
Interim Executive Director, UConn Tech Park

Dr. Anagnostou gave a presentation on innovating academic-industry collaborations, which include 4 pillars: Energy/Sustainability; Cybersecurity; Systems/Manufacturing; and Defense. Efforts continue to attract new industry partnerships.

5. Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Opportunities in Aging: Some Highlights  
Presentation by George A. Kuchel, M.D.  
Professor of Medicine, Travelers Chair in Geriatrics and Gerontology  
Director, UConn Center on Aging

Dr. Kuchel presented opportunities in aging and the importance of interdisciplinary approaches to issues regarding demographics, health, independence of aging, and health care costs. UConn's Center on Aging is now the home of a prestigious Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Center and is one of 15 "Pepper Centers" of excellence nationwide. The overarching goal of these centers is to restore function and independence in aging by bringing together basic science, human subject research, population data science, and the work of clinicians and educators to form an important collaboration for addressing these issues.

6. Executive Session (as needed)

There was no Executive Session.

7. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Boxer, seconded by Trustee Gandara, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The Committee adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Rockwood  
Secretary to the Committee