

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE
BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

University of Connecticut
Lewis B. Rome Commons Ballroom
Storrs, CT
June 14, 2017

TRUSTEES: Charles Bunnell (*via Telephone*), Richard Carbray, Andrea Dennis-Lavigne (*via Telephone*), Marilda Gandara (*via Telephone*), Adam Kuegler, Donny Marshall (*via Telephone*), and Thomas Ritter

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Francis Archambault

STAFF PRESENT: Carolle Andrews, David Benedict, Debbie Carone, Cheryl Chiaputti, Robert Corbett, Laura Cruickshank, Elaine Dumas, Melissa Frank, Beth Goetz, Brian Gore, Michael Jednak, Scott Jordan, Matthew Larson, Lynn Lesniak, Rich Miller, Richard Orr, Rachel Rubin, Thomas Trutter, Michelle Williams, Kristen Wirtanen and Reka Wrynn

Committee Chairman Thomas Ritter convened the meeting of the Buildings, Grounds and Environment (BGE) Committee at 10:32 a.m. in the Lewis B. Rome Commons Ballroom on the University of Connecticut campus in Storrs, Connecticut.

On a motion by Trustee Bunnell and seconded by Mr. Archambault agenda *Item #1, Minutes of the Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee meeting of April 13, 2017* were approved.

Robert Corbett, Director of Regional Projects and Development, presented agenda *Item #2, CMOG Task Force Improvement Final Report and Assignment Close-Out*. Trustee Carbray thanked all those who worked on the project. Mr. Ritter also thanked all those who worked so hard on the Task Force and commended Trustees Gandara and Carbray for their leadership in bringing the work of the committee to fruition. On a motion by Trustee Carbray and seconded by Committee Chairman Ritter the item was accepted by the Committee.

David Benedict, Athletic Director, updated the committee on the University's Hockey East commitments including renovation of current facilities including rink location, and competition facility needs. Trustee Ritter reinforced the committee's commitment to campus athletic facilities. A discussion ensued of funds needed for the facilities including fund raising, bonding, etc.

Scott Jordan, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer, provided an update on potential hotel development. A hotel RFEI is posted on the University website.

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, Michael Jednak, Associate Vice President for Facilities Operations and Building Services, provided information on a recent fire in the Landscape Barn, as well as next steps for the location and department and State insurance coverage.

Mr. Jordan reviewed the Draft Capital Budget for the Committee. State budget uncertainty effects the University and impacts the capital budget. The University is programming at the full value of the Next Generation Connecticut program for FY18. It is anticipated that the State may cut funding. \$1.3 billion of bond funds have yet to be authorized for projects that are already under construction or are in planning/design. Funding for FY18 is still uncertain and funding deferrals will slow down the rapid construction progress underway. The State has reduced FY18 capital funding by \$29.6 million, which delays projects to future years. Based upon the current bond bill deferral proposal, the University has delayed critical projects to future years.

Chairman Ritter informed the committee that the ***Quarterly Report on Construction Performance Reported by the Office of Construction Assurance*** would not be presented. He stated that the University will soon be seeking a new Construction Assurance Officer.

Matthew Larson, Director of Procurement Services, updated the committee on agenda ***Item #8, Operational and Organizational Activities, and Improvements*** for Capital Project and Contract Administration (CPCA).

Brian Gore, Director of Project and Program Management, informed the committee of the status of Code Correction Projects as contained in agenda ***Item #9, Construction Management Oversight Committee Quarterly Code Correction Status Report – Code Exception Report*** and the ***Quarterly Construction Status Report, for the Period Ending March 31, 2017***. All code corrections except those at the Stamford Campus are expected to be complete by the end of the summer. Mr. Gore also presented attachment 9, ***Summary of Individual Change Orders Greater than 3% of Project Cost***.

Thomas Trutter, UConn Health, Associate Vice President for Campus Planning, Design and Construction, provided a PowerPoint presentation on BioScience Connecticut and UCH Capital Project Updates.

Laura Cruickshank, Associate Vice President for University Planning, Design and Construction, provided a PowerPoint presentation on construction project updates for Storrs based programs.

There being no additional agenda items the meeting was adjourned 12:06 p.m. on a motion by Chairman Ritter and seconded by Trustee Carbray.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Carone

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Secretary to the Committee