

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

University of Connecticut
Lewis B. Rome Commons Ballroom
626 Gilbert Road Ext. – Storrs, Connecticut
November 16, 2017

TRUSTEES: Charles Bunnell (*via Telephone*), Richard Carbray, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne (*via Telephone*), Marilda Gandara (*via Telephone*), Rebecca Lobo (*via Telephone*), Thomas Ritter and Christine Savino

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Francis Archambault

UNIVERSITY SENATE
MEMBER PRESENT: Elizabeth Jockusch

STAFF PRESENT: Carolle Andrews, Debbie Carone, Robert Corbett, Laura Cruickshank, Brian Gore, David Hook, Michael Jednak, Scott Jordan, Matthew Larson, Lynn Lesniak, Redenka Maric, Richard Orr, Rachel Rubin, Robert Sitkowski, Jeremy Teitelbaum, Thomas Trutter, Kristen Wirtanen and Reka Wrynn

Committee Chairman Thomas Ritter convened the meeting of the Buildings, Grounds and Environment (BGE) Committee at 10:30 a.m. in the Lewis B. Rome Commons Ballroom on the University of Connecticut campus in Storrs, Connecticut.

On a motion by Mr. Archambault and seconded by Trustee Carbray agenda *Item #1, Minutes of the Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee meeting of September 13, 2017* were approved as amended to include Elizabeth Jockusch, University Senate Representative.

Robert Sitkowski, University Attorney, detailed agenda *Item #2, Fenton River Road Easements*. On a motion by Trustee Ritter and seconded by Trustee Carbray the item was amended to request that any changes to the easement terms be brought back to the committee for review. The item recommended to the full Board for approval, as amended.

Chairman Ritter stated that the agenda *Item #3, Quarterly Report on Construction Performance Reported by the Office of Construction Assurance* would continue to be deferred until the position of Director of Construction Assurance had been filled. Scott Jordan, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer, stated that recent legislative changes allow for the position to be part time and the University is in the process of posting the position.

Matthew Larson, Director of Procurement Services, updated the committee on agenda *Item #4, 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 #5, Construction Management Oversight Committee Quarterly Code Correction Status Report – Code Exception Report** and the **Quarterly Construction Status Report, for the Period Ending September 30, 2017.**

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 detailing construction project updates for Storrs based programs. She also summarized the **Summary of Individual Change Orders Greater than 3% of Project Cost.**

Mr. Jordan provided a handout detailing the revisions to the University's capital program as a result of the recently approved State budget. These including fund deferrals and an extension of the program through 2027. In addition, the definition of deferred maintenance in the UCONN 2000 legislation has been changed from "Deferred Maintenance/Code Compliance/ADA Compliance/Infrastructure Improvements & Renovation Lump Sum" to "Deferred Maintenance/Code Compliance/ADA Compliance/Infrastructure Improvements & Renovation Lump Sum and Utility, Administrative and Support Facilities".

Mr. Jordan updated the committee on the status of the hotel RFEI and the Foundation's involvement in the project. Mr. Ritter asked that the administration determine what the University is willing to do to make the hotel project work and that this be completed by March.

The 2018 BGE Committee schedule was amended to change the February meeting from February 7, 2018 to February 14, 2018.

Mr. Jordan and Richard Orr, Vice President and General Counsel, updated the committee on the disposition of the former West Hartford campus. The building is now closed. An extension office remains in one of the newer buildings on the campus. The University has had numerous meetings with DEEP to discuss the environmental condition of the property and subsequent remediation efforts. DEEP has requested a more thorough examination of the contamination. Additional testing is planned. The administration continues to work with the Town of West Hartford on property development. The Town has been noticed that their seventh extension to make a decision on the property will not be extended past December 15. Continued discussion with the Town is anticipated. Mr. Ritter requested fencing be installed on the property by December 16.

There being no additional agenda items the meeting was adjourned 11:27 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Archambault and seconded by Trustee Carbray.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie L. Carone

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Secretary to the Committee