

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MINUTES**

University of Connecticut  
Wilbur Cross Building  
North Reading Room  
233 Glenbrook Road  
Storrs, Connecticut

June 26, 2019

**OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was called to order at 9:53 a.m. by Interim Chairman Thomas D. Ritter. Trustees Andy Bessette, Mark L. Boxer, Charles F. Bunnell, Shari G. Cantor, Richard T. Carbray, Jr., Sanford Cloud, Jr., Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Marilda L. Gandara, Jeanine A. Gouin, Bryan P. Hurlburt, David Lehman, Denis J. Nayden, Kevin J. O'Connor, Thomas D. Ritter, Philip E. Rubin, Samuel Surowitz, and Paul Mounds, Jr., Governor Lamont's designee, were in attendance.

Trustees Rebecca Lobo, Renukanandan Tumu, and Dianna R. Wentzell participated by telephone.

The following University staff were present: President Herbst, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Elliott, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer Jordan, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Agwunobi, Vice President for Communications Kendig, Vice President for Enrollment Planning and Management Fuerst, Vice President for Research Maric, Vice President for Student Affairs Gilbert, UConn Health Chief Financial Officer Geoghegan, Athletic Director Benedict, Assistant Director of Athletics for Compliance Schneider, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, General Counsel Gelston, and Deputy Chief of Staff Kirk.

University Senate Representatives Rajeev Bansal, Sandra Chafouleas, Debra Kendall, and Jaci Van Heest were in attendance.

Also in attendance were the following staff from the Connecticut Office of the Attorney General: Attorney General William Tong, Associate Attorney General for Legal Counsel Erik T. Lohr, General Counsel to the Attorney General and Director of Legislative Affairs Nicole Lake, and Mr. Peter M. Brown.

On a motion by Dr. Rubin, seconded by Mr. Carbray, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda and change the order to hold an Executive Session at the beginning of the Board meeting.

1. Public Participation

Mr. Michael Bailey, Executive Director, University of Connecticut Chapter of the American Association of University Professors, raised concerns about the status of the State's unfunded pension liability.

Mr. Thomas McDougall, Class of 2015, noted his concerns about UConn joining the Big East Conference.

2. Chairman's Report

(a) Matters outstanding

Interim Chairman Ritter acknowledged outgoing University Senate Representatives Sulin Ba, Eleni Coundouriotis, and Debra Kendall effective June 30. Their replacements will be recognized at the next Board meeting.

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Interim Chairman Ritter noted that while he is serving in his current capacity on the Board, Trustee Marilda Gandara will serve as Vice-Chair of the Buildings, Grounds and Environment and Construction Management Oversight Committees in addition to her oversight of the Institutional Advancement Committee.

He also announced that Trustee Surowitz informed him that he will resign from the Board effective August 1. He accepted a position as Director of Veteran Services at the University of Dayton in Ohio. On behalf of the Board, Interim Chairman Ritter wished him well in all his future endeavors. His resignation letter is attached to the minutes.

Interim Chairman Ritter thanked Trustee Nayden for his financial oversight and guidance throughout his tenure, but more importantly as he served as Vice-Chair of both the Financial Affairs and Joint Audit and Compliance Committees.

He also acknowledged that this meeting was President Herbst's last Board meeting. Interim Chairman Ritter remarked on her many important accomplishments and contributions as she served as UConn's 15th President.

(b) Minutes of the meeting of April 24, 2019

On a motion by Dr. Rubin, seconded by Ms. Gandara, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 24, 2019.

(c) Consent Agenda Items:

On a motion by Mr. Surowitz, seconded by Dr. Dennis-LaVigne, the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda items.

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| (1)  | Contracts and Agreements for the Storrs-based Programs and UConn Health<br><br>(Trustee Ritter abstained from voting on Attachment 1.)              | (Attachment 1)  |
| (2)  | Tenure at Hire  | (Attachment 2)  |
| (3)  | Designation of Emeritus Status  | (Attachment 3)  |
| (4)  | Sabbatical Leave Recommendations  | (Attachment 4)  |
| (5)  | Reappointment of Professor Marie A. Smith to the Dr. Henry A. Palmer Endowed Professorship in Community Pharmacy Practice in the School of Pharmacy | (Attachment 5)  |
| (6)  | Appointment of Associate Professor Avinoam Patt to the Doris and Simon Konover Chair in Judaic Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  | (Attachment 6)  |
| (7)  | Appointment of Professor Sergio Luzzatto to the Emiliana Pasca Noether Chair in Modern Italian History in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  | (Attachment 7)  |
| (8)  | Appointment of Professor Daniele Fabris to the Harold S. Schwenk, Sr. Distinguished Chair in Chemistry in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  | (Attachment 8)  |
| (9)  | Naming Recommendation for the Deloitte Foundation Professorship in Accounting in the School of Business   | (Attachment 9)  |
| (10) | Naming Recommendation for the Krenicki Arts and Engineering Institute   | (Attachment 10) |

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- (11) Naming Recommendation for the Ross Mayer Assessment Rooms in the Student Recreation Center (Attachment 11)
- (12) Naming Recommendation for the Heather and Mark McDonald Family Conference Room in the Student Recreation Center (Attachment 12)
- (13) Adult Learning Sixth-Year Diploma in Educational Leadership in the Neag School of Education (Attachment 13)
- (14) Certificate in Clinical Genetics and Genomics in the Institute for Systems Genomics (Attachment 14)
- (15) Certificate in Health Care Innovation in the School of Nursing (Attachment 15)
- (16) Certificate in Power Grid Modernization in the Eversource Energy Center (Attachment 16)
- (17) Modification of the Master of Science Program, Family Nurse Practitioner Track in the School of Nursing (Attachment 17)
- (18) Policy on Consulting for Faculty and Members of the Faculty Bargaining Unit (Attachment 18)
- (19) Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment, and Related Interpersonal Violence (Attachment 19)

## 3. President's Report

## 4. Academic Affairs Committee Report

- (a) Report on Committee activities
- (b) Informational Items:
  - (1) Elimination of the Certificate in Information Technology Audit in the School of Business (Attachment 20)
  - (2) Elimination of the Master of Arts in Judaic Studies in the Center for Judaic Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Attachment 21)
  - (3) Academic Program Inventory (Attachment 22)

## 5. Financial Affairs Committee Report

- (a) Report on Committee activities
- (b) Presentation: FY20 Budget (Attachment 23)  
Presenters: Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer Jordan  
Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Agwunobi
- (c) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:

- Project Budget (Final) for Exigent Repair/Replacement of Steam and Condensate Piping from Vault A5 to Vault A5A – Infirmary Tunnel

On a motion by Mr. Surowitz, seconded by Ms. Cantor, the Board voted unanimously to add to the agenda a Project Budget for Exigent Repair/Replacement of Steam and Condensate Piping from Vault A5 to Vault A5A – Infirmary Tunnel.

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On a motion by Mr. Cloud, seconded by Ms. Cantor, the Board voted unanimously to approve the project budget.

- Amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement Between the State of Connecticut Acting by and through the University of Connecticut, and Seven Starts Cloud Group (now known as Edeanomics, Inc.)

On a motion by Dr. Rubin, seconded by Mr. Bunnell, the Board voted to add to the agenda a resolution for an Amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement Between the State of Connecticut Acting by and through the University of Connecticut, and Seven Starts Cloud Group (now known as Edeanomics, Inc.).

(Trustee Cantor abstained from voting on this item.)

During the Board discussion, Commissioner Lehman commented about the importance of this project to the State in terms of economic development efforts.

General Counsel Gelston clarified that the Board was voting to allow the University to negotiate an amendment which had not been finalized.

On a motion by Mr. Carbray motioned, seconded by Mr. Bunnell, the Board voted to approve the administration to negotiate an amendment to the purchase and sale agreement.

(Trustee Cantor abstained from voting on this item.)

On a motion by Dr. Rubin, seconded by Mr. Bunnell, the Board voted to approve Attachments 24 and 25, and Attachments 29 – 42.

- (1) Proposed Statement of Work for the UConn Foundation for Fiscal Year 2020 (Attachment 24)
- (2) Purchase of 88 Gurleyville Road, Mansfield, CT (Attachment 25)

On a motion by Dr. Rubin, seconded by Ms. Cantor, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following spending plans and capital budget in Attachments 26 – 28.

Budget Items (Storrs-based and UConn Health):

- (3) Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 2020 for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses (Attachment 26)
- (4) Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 2020 for UConn Health (Attachment 27)
- (5) Fiscal Year 2020 Capital Budget for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses (Attachment 28)

Bond Allocations:

- (6) Twenty-Sixth Supplemental Indenture Authorizing University of Connecticut General Obligation Bonds (Attachment 29)
- (7) Revised Allocation of Bond Authorizations as set forth in the Twentieth Supplemental Indenture (University of Connecticut General Obligation Bonds) (Attachment 30)
- (8) Revised Allocation of Bond Authorizations as set forth in the Twenty-First Supplemental Indenture (University of Connecticut General Obligation Bonds) (Attachment 31)
- (9) Revised Allocation of Bond Authorizations as set forth in the Twenty-Second Supplemental Indenture (University of Connecticut General Obligation Bonds) (Attachment 32)

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- (10) Revised Allocation of Bond Authorizations as set forth in the Twenty-Fifth Supplemental Indenture (University of Connecticut General Obligation Bonds) (Attachment 33)

Project Budgets (Storrs-based):

- (11) Project Budget (Design) for Academic and Research Facilities – STEM Research Center Science I (Attachment 34)
- (12) Project Budget (Design) for Supplemental Utility Plant Project (Phase 1) (Attachment 35)
- (13) Project Budget (Final) for School of Fine Arts at Wadsworth Atheneum (Attachment 36)
- (14) Project Budget (Final) for Gampel Pavilion Wireless Infrastructure Expansion (Attachment 37)
- (15) Project Budget (Revised Final) for Gampel Pavilion Dome Ceiling and Roof Repair (Attachment 38)
- (16) Project Budget (Revised Final) for Academic and Research Facilities – Gant Building Renovations – STEM (Attachment 39)
- (17) Project Budget (Revised Final) for Horsebarn Hill Sewage Pump Station Upgrade (Attachment 40)
- (Trustee Gouin abstained from voting on this item.)

Project Budgets (UConn Health):

- (18) Project Budget (Final) for the UConn Health Operating Room #1 (TG514) Fit-Out (Attachment 41)
- (19) Project Budget (Final) for the UConn Health Pharmacy Area USP-800 Regulation Compliance (Attachment 42)

6. UConn Health Report

- (a) Report on UConn Health activities

7. Joint Audit and Compliance Committee Report

- (a) Report on Committee activities

8. Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Report

- (a) Report on Committee activities
- (b) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:

On a motion by Mr. Carbray, seconded by Mr. Bessette, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following items:

- (1) Utility Easement to Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation (Attachment 43)
- (2) Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Record of Decision for the Northwest Science Quad (Attachment 44)

9. Construction Management Oversight Committee Report

- (a) Report on Committee activities

There was no Report on Committee activities.

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10. Student Life Committee Report
  - (a) Report of Committee activities
11. Institutional Advancement Committee Report
  - (a) Report on Committee activities
12. Committee on Compensation Report
  - (a) Report on Committee activities
 

There was no Report on Committee activities.
13. Other business
14. Executive Session anticipated

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Carbray, seconded by Mr. Cloud, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. to discuss:

1. Preliminary drafts and notes whose disclosure does not outweigh the public benefit of withholding them pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-210(b)(1); and
2. Discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health or dismissal of a public officer or employee, provided that such individual may require that discussion be held at an open meeting pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-200(6)(A); and
3. Records, reports and statements of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-210(b)(9); and
4. Commercial or financial information given in confidence, not required by statute pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-210(b)(5)(B); and
5. Records pertaining to strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or pending litigation to which the public agency is a party until such litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or otherwise settled pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-210(b)(4).

Trustees Bessette, Boxer, Bunnell, Cantor, Carbray, Cloud, Dennis-LaVigne, Gandara, Gouin, Hurlburt, Lehman, Nayden, O'Connor, Ritter, Rubin, Surowitz, and Paul Mounds, Jr., Governor Lamont's designee, were in attendance.

Trustees Lobo, Tumu, and Wentzell participated by telephone.

The following University staff were present for part of the Executive Session: President Herbst, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Elliott, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer Jordan, Vice President for Communications Kendig, Athletic Director Benedict, Assistant Director of Athletics for Compliance Schneider, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, General Counsel Gelston, and Deputy Chief of Staff Kirk.

Also in attendance for part of the Executive Session were: Attorney General William Tong, Associate Attorney General for Legal Counsel Erik T. Lohr, General Counsel to the Attorney General and Director of Legislative Affairs Nicole Lake, and Mr. Peter M. Brown.

The Executive Session ended at 12:50 p.m.

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**OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to Open Session at 12:57 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Nayden, seconded by Mr. Lehman, the Board voted unanimously to add to the agenda a resolution authorizing the University administration to accept an invitation for the University to join as a member of the Big East Conference.

Mr. Nayden made a motion to approve the resolution and read the following excerpt:

In furtherance of the foregoing, the University recommends the Board of Trustees of the University approve the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the University's President is authorized to execute and deliver an agreement with the Big East that accepts the Big East's invitation to join as a member of the Big East on the terms described above and such other terms as may be deemed advisable and in the best interest of the University by the University's President and administration; and

RESOLVED, that the University's President is authorized to take steps and other actions necessary for the University to withdraw from the AAC in accordance with the AAC's governing documents; and

RESOLVED, that the University's President is hereby further authorized to execute, deliver and perform, in the name of and on behalf of the University, such certificates, instruments, documents and agreements as each of them may deem necessary, useful or required in furtherance of the foregoing resolutions.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Carbray to approve the resolution.

After discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

15. Adjournment

Interim Chairman Ritter announced that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14, 2019.

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dennis-LaVigne  
Secretary

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UConn Board of Trustees  
Attn: Tom Ritter  
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Storrs, CT 06269-1048

Subject: Letter of Resignation – Effective Aug 1, 2019

Dear University of Connecticut Board of Trustees,

Since 2014, it has been with great pride that I have called UConn and Connecticut my home. I bought my first home here, became engaged to my wife Kristen here, and our two daughters Carmella and Sabrina were born here. For the past year it has been my pleasure to serve as the elected graduate student on the Board of Trustees. I have learned much from my fellow board members, the administration, faculty members, and students.

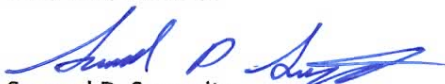
In my tenure at UConn I have benefited from my experiences as an undergraduate and graduate student, where I had the opportunity to serve in Undergraduate Student Government and Graduate Student Senate representing commuters, veterans, and students at large. Academically the History Department and the Public Policy Departments have been my home, where countless role models and mentors have helped me along the way. I've also learned so much professionally from the office of Veterans Affairs and Military Programs, where I have worked since 2014 – first on federal work study, then student employment, and finally special payroll.

Today I am submitting my resignation from the Board of Trustees on a positive note. I have accepted a position as the inaugural Director of Veteran Services at the University of Dayton in Ohio. UD is a nationally ranked, private non-profit, Marianist university. In this new position I feel I can do the most good, helping to spearhead veteran programming, recruiting & retention, and benefits initiatives. I will sincerely miss UConn, and all my friends, professional colleagues, and constituents. Having recently completed my Masters in Public Administration, I will soon withdraw from the graduate program in History at UConn.

UConn does so much good for so many people. Our faculty research is beyond reproach, our athletics are strong, and our students are outstanding. My outgoing requests to the university are to always put our students first. Strengthen our teaching along with our research. Be fiscally conservative with salaries, infrastructure projects, and even athletics. Bring even more value back to CT tax payers. We are a flagship research university, but we are also a state school – so balance that wisely. Fear the impacts of raising tuition and exercise great restraint in temptations to do so. Support student research and student journalism. Assist international students in their efforts to gain work visas after graduation. Keep our veteran and military programs strong, and push them to be even better. Establish even better programming for non-traditional students. Support the Graduate Student Senate. Continue to support public safety. Be innovative in finding new streams of revenue. Be transparent, and finally - please, work on improving student parking.

Thank you to my family, friends, colleagues, and constituents for providing me with this great opportunity to serve on the board. I hope I have served UConn, the state, and students well. Go Huskies!

Very Respectfully,



Samuel D. Surowitz  
Graduate Student Trustee