

**MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MINUTES**

UConn Hartford Campus  
Executive Conference Room 216  
10 Prospect Street  
Hartford, Connecticut

January 29, 2020

**OPEN SESSION**

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Chairman Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees participated in person: Trustees Andy Bessette, Marilda L. Gandara, Bryan K. Pollard, and Thomas D. Ritter.

The following Trustees participated by telephone: Trustees Mark L. Boxer, Charles F. Bunnell, Shari G. Cantor, Scott S. Cowen, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Justin Fang, Jeanine A. Gouin, Bryan K. Hurlburt, David Lehman, Rebecca Lobo, Philip E. Rubin, Daniel D. Toscano, Renukanandan Tumu, and Paul Mounds, Jr., Governor Lamont's designee.

Trustees Miguel A. Cardona, Sanford Cloud, Jr., and Kevin J. O'Connor were not in attendance.

The following University staff were present: President Katsouleas, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer Jordan, Vice President for Communications Kendig, Associate Vice President of Budget, Management and Institutional Research Blanchard, Athletic Director Benedict, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, Senior Advisor/Assistant Vice President for Communications Kirk, Senior Governmental Relations Director Lombardo, Associate Vice President, Master Planner and Chief Architect Cruickshank, Executive Director and Director of Real Estate and Regional Projects Corbett, and Storrs Campus Architect and Director of Design and STEM Projects Schrier.

The following University staff participated by telephone: Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Elliott, Associate Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer Delello, Executive Director of Employee Relations Buffkin, Labor Relations Associate Brierley, and Capital Projects and Facilities Procurement Director Lesniak.

University Senate Representative Mark Boyer also participated by telephone.

1. Public Participation

There were no members of the public who wished to address the Board.

2. Executive Session

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Mr. Bessette, seconded by Dr. Rubin, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 9:20 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. Records, reports and statements of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-210(b)(9); and

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3. 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 pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Sec. 1-200(6)(D).

Trustees Bessette, Gandara, Pollard, and Ritter participated in person.

Trustees Boxer, Bunnell, Cantor, Cowen, Dennis-LaVigne, Fang, Gouin, Hurlburt, Lehman, Lobo, Rubin, Toscano, Tumu, and Paul Mounds, Jr., Governor Lamont's designee, participated by telephone.

The following University staff were present for the entire Executive Session: President Katsouleas, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer Jordan, Vice President for Communications Kendig, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, and Senior Advisor/Assistant Vice President for Communications Kirk.

Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Elliott participated by telephone for the entire Executive Session:

The following University staff were present for part of the Executive Session: Associate Vice President of Budget, Management and Institutional Research Blanchard, Athletic Director Benedict, Associate Vice President, Master Planner and Chief Architect Cruickshank, Senior Governmental Relations Director Lombardo, Executive Director and Director of Real Estate and Regional Projects Corbett, and Storrs Campus Architect and Director of Design and STEM Projects Schrier.

The following University staff participated by telephone for part of the Executive Session: Associate Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer Delello, Executive Director of Employee Relations Buffkin, Labor Relations Associate Brierley, and Capital Projects and Facilities Procurement Director Lesniak.

The Executive Session ended at 10:13 a.m.

### **OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:13 a.m.

Trustee Ritter left the meeting prior to the discussion of Agenda Item #3, but expressed support of the resolution.

On a motion by Mr. Bessette, seconded by Ms. Gandara, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Project Budget (Design) for UConn Hockey Arena in Attachment 1.

3. Project Budget (Design) for UConn Hockey Arena (Attachment 1)
4. Adjournment

Chairman Toscano announced that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, 2020.

On a motion by Mr. Tumu, seconded by Ms. Gandara, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dennis-LaVigne  
Secretary