

**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE**  
**BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
University of Connecticut  
Teleconference  
April 15, 2020

TRUSTEES PARTICIPATING: Charles Bunnell, Justin Fang, Marilda Gandara, Jeanine Gouin, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Rebecca Lobo, Brian Pollard, Thomas Ritter, Philip Rubin, Daniel Toscano

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PARTICIPATING:  
Francis Archambault, Richard Carbray

STAFF PARTICIPATING: David Benedict, Lloyd Blanchard, James Bradley, Debbie Carone, Robert Corbett, Laura Cruickshank, Greg Daniels, John Elliott, Nicole Gelston, Michael Gilbert, Brian Gore, Michael Jednak, Scott Jordan, Thomas Katsouleas, Michael Kirk, Lynn Lesniak, Joann Lombardo, Redenka Maric, Rachel Rubin, Michael Schrier, Thomas Trutter, Kristen Wirtanen, and Reka Wrynn

SENATE REPRESENTATIVES PARTICIPATING:  
Anji Seth

Vice-Chair Marilda Gandara convened a meeting of the Buildings, Grounds and Environment (BGE) Committee at 10:02 a.m. via teleconference and asked for a roll call of those on the telephone, and asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to speak. Trustee Gandara directed the Committee to agenda ***Item #1, Approval of the Minutes of the Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Meetings of December 4, 2019 and February 25, 2020.*** On a motion by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne and seconded by Trustee Bunnell, the items were approved as circulated.

Trustee Gandara asked for a motion and a second to change the order of the agenda, to begin the meeting with agenda ***Item #5, Project Update ~ Storrs Based Programs ~ Program Modifications due to COVID 19.*** On a motion by Mr. Archambault and seconded by Trustee Gouin the order of the agenda was altered.

Laura Cruickshank, Associate Vice President for University Planning, Design and Construction, presented agenda ***Item #5, Project Update ~ Storrs Based Programs ~ Program Modifications due to COVID 19.*** She detailed the effects of the Coronavirus on the capital building program for projects in construction, bidding and design. She also provided an update of the Northwest Science Quad project and associated projects. Projects in construction were recommended to continue; projects in bidding or not awarded were recommended to be delayed or deferred and projects in design were recommended to continue. The Committee discussed funding, approval and schedule for the various projects.

The Committee agreed to allow the projects to move forward with the caveat that the administration continue to update the Committee on changes in the situation with a 30 day review. Robert Corbett, Executive Director & Director of Real Estate and Regional Projects, provided an update on the student housing master plan and the housing RFEI.

Thomas Trutter, UConn Health, Associate Vice President for Campus Planning, Design and Construction, briefed the Committee on agenda ***Item #4, Update on Hospital Space Modification due to COVID 19.***

James Bradley, Director of Construction Assurance, reviewed his findings and recommendations contained in agenda ***Item #3, Office of Construction Assurance Quarterly Report – March 2020.***

Brian Gore, Director of Project and Program Management, briefed the Committee on agenda ***Item #6, Status of Code Correction Projects.*** Laura Cruickshank informed the committee that Brian is retiring as of June 1. The Committee thanked Brian for his many years of service to the Committee and the University.

On a motion by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne and seconded by Trustee Fang, the committee voted to go into Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. for a discussion concerning preliminary drafts or notes provided the public agency has determined that the public interest in withholding such documents clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure; per Connecticut General Statutes, Section 210(b)1(1).

Trustees participating in the session included: Charles Bunnell, Justin Fang, Marilda Gandara, Jeanine Gouin, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Rebecca Lobo, Brian Pollard, Thomas Ritter, Philip Rubin, and Daniel Toscano.

University staff participating in the session included: President Katsouleas, Rachel Rubin, Scott Jordan, John Elliott, Nicole Gelston, Mike Kirk, David Benedict, Laura Cruickshank, Robert Corbett, Michael Schrier and Debbie Carone

The Committee returned to open session at 12:27 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Archambault and seconded by Trustee Gouin.

Respectfully submitted,

*Debbie L. Carone*

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Secretary to the Committee