

**TELEPHONE MEETING  
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MINUTES**

Meeting held by Telephone

September 30, 2020

The telephone meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chairman Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees participated: Governor Ned Lamont, Andy Bessette, Mark L. Boxer, Charles F. Bunnell, Shari G. Cantor, Miguel A. Cardona, Sanford Cloud, Jr., Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Justin Fang, Marilda Gandara, Jeanine A. Gouin, Bryan K. Hurlburt, David Lehman, Rebecca Lobo, Kevin J. O'Connor, Bryan K. Pollard, Thomas D. Ritter, Philip E. Rubin, Daniel D. Toscano, Ethan Werstler, and Paul Mounds, Jr., Governor Lamont's designee.

The following University staff participated in the meeting: President Katsouleas, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Lejuez, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer Jordan, UConn Health Executive Vice President for Health Affairs and Chief Executive Officer Agwunobi, Vice President for Communications Kendig, Vice President for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Maric, Vice President for Enrollment Planning and Management Fuerst, Vice President for Student Affairs Gilbert, Athletic Director Benedict, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, Chief of Staff and General Counsel Gelston, Senior Advisor to the President/Assistant Vice President for Communications Kirk, Senior Associate University Counsel Salafia, Associate Vice President for Budget and Planning Blanchard, UConn Health Chief Financial Officer Geoghegan, Associate Vice President for Human Resources Delello, and Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Daugherty.

University Senate Representatives Rajeev Bansal, Robert Bird, Sandra Chafouleas, Carol Polifroni, Anji Seth, and Jaci Van Heest also participated.

1. Naming Recommendation for the Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. Building at the Avery Point Campus (Attachment 1)

Governor Lamont introduced a recommendation to rename the Marine Sciences Building at the Avery Point Campus in honor of former Governor Lowell P. Weicker, Jr.

After Board discussion, Dr. Rubin motioned, seconded by Mr. Bunnell, to authorize the naming recommendation for the Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. Building at the Avery Point Campus. The Board voted unanimously in support.

There were no members of the public who wished to speak on this agenda item.

Governor Lamont and Trustee Hurlburt left the meeting at this time.

2. Public Participation

Professor Mary Ellen Junda, President of the UConn Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), commented on the upcoming negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement between AAUP and the University.

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## 3. Chairman's Report

(a) Matters outstanding

(b) Minutes of the meetings of June 24, July 15, and August 19, 2020

On a motion by Dr. Rubin, seconded by Dr. Dennis-LaVigne, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meetings of June 24, July 15, and August 19, 2020.

(c) Consent Agenda Items:

On a motion by Mr. Bessette, seconded by Dr. Rubin, the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda items:

(Trustee Ritter abstained from voting on Item 1 of the Consent Agenda.)

(1) Contracts and Agreements (Attachment 2)

(Correction: There was a typographical error for the term end date of the Vault Medical Services contract (Item #3), which was noted as July 31, 2020 instead of July 31, 2021. The Financial Affairs Committee approved the correction at their September 30 meeting.)

(2) Annual Report of the Endowed Chair Program Entitled "Aetna English Chair of Writing" (Attachment 3)

(3) Tenure at Hire (Attachment 4)

(4) Designation of Emeritus Status (Attachment 5)

(5) Sabbatical Leave Recommendations (Attachment 6)

(6) Appointment of Board Representative to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station Board of Control (Attachment 7)

(7) Reports of Endowed Chairs for the Period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 (UConn Health) (Attachment 8)

(c) Election of Board Secretary and Committee Vice-Chairs

Upon the nomination by Ms. Gouin, seconded by Ms. Gandara, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Dr. Dennis-LaVigne as Secretary to the Board. Chairman Toscano also recommended that Dr. Dennis-LaVigne continue as the Vice-Chair who shall act as the Chair of the Board in case of the absence or incapacity of the Chair.

For clarification, Chairman Toscano noted that the minutes of the meeting of August 14, 2019, did not make it clear that the Committee on Athletics was an ad hoc Committee and was one of the Committees the Board disbanded. However, it was decided that Trustee O'Connor would continue to serve as the liaison to the Board on Athletics and would provide reports to the Board, as necessary, as part of the regular meeting agenda.

Chairman Toscano confirmed the continuation of the current Vice-Chairs as noted below:

Academic Affairs – Jeanine A. Gouin

Buildings, Grounds &amp; Environment and

Construction Management Oversight – Marilda L. Gandara

Diversity, Equity &amp; Inclusion and Institutional Advancement – Andrea Dennis-LaVigne

Compensation – Charles F. Bunnell

Financial Affairs – Andy F. Bessette

Joint Audit &amp; Compliance – Mark L. Boxer

UConn Health Board of Directors – Sanford Cloud, Jr.

Research, Entrepreneurship &amp; Innovation – Philip Rubin

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## Student Life – Shari G. Cantor

On a motion by Mr. Boxer, seconded by Ms. Cantor, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint all the current Vice-Chairs to standing Board Committees and Trustee O'Connor as the liaison to the Division of Athletics.

## 4. President's Report

## (a) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:

On a motion by Dr. Rubin, seconded by Mr. Cloud, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Honorary Degree recipients for the 2021 Commencement ceremonies.

- (1) Honorary Degrees (Attachment 9)

## 5. Academic Affairs Committee Report

## (a) Report on Committee activities

## (b) Informational Items:

- (1) Academic Program Inventory (Attachment 10)

## 6. Financial Affairs Committee Report

## (a) Report on Committee activities

- (b) Presentation: Operating Budget Update (Attachment 11)  
 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:

On a motion by Dr. Rubin, seconded by Mr. O'Connor, the Board voted to add to the agenda the following resolution. Trustees Cardona and Lehman abstained from voting on this item.

- Deficiency Request for Fiscal Year 2021 and Biennium State Appropriation Request for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses

On a motion by Mr. Bunnell, seconded by Dr. Dennis-LaVigne, the Board voted to approve the resolution. Trustees Cardona and Lehman abstained from voting on this item.

On a motion by Dr. Rubin, seconded by Dr. Dennis-LaVigne, the Board voted to add to the agenda the following resolution for UConn Health. Trustees Cardona and Lehman abstained from voting on this item.

- Deficiency Request for Fiscal Years 2020, 2021 and State Appropriation Request for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 for UConn Health

On a motion by Mr. Boxer, seconded by Dr. Rubin, the Board voted to approve the resolution. Trustees Cardona and Lehman abstained from voting on this item.

On a motion by Dr. Rubin, seconded by Mr. Bunnell, the Board voted unanimously to approve Attachments 12 – 18.

- (1) FY 20 Capital Expenditures (Attachment 12)  
 (2) Project Budget (Final) for Agricultural Biotechnology (Attachment 13)  
 Laboratory Phoenix Controls Upgrade

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| (3) | Project Budget (Final) for Chemistry Building Roof Snow Guards                                  | (Attachment 14) |
| (4) | Project Budget (Final) for Y & Z Parking Lots, Repaving and Electrical Restoration, Phase 1 & 2 | (Attachment 15) |
| (5) | Project Budget (Final) for Andover Infrastructure and Software Upgrade Phase I                  | (Attachment 16) |
| (6) | Project Budget (Design) for North Eagleville Road and Discovery Drive Intersection Improvements | (Attachment 17) |
| (7) | Project Budget (Revised Design) for UConn Hockey Arena  | (Attachment 18) |
7. UConn Health Report
    - (a) Report on UConn Health activities
  8. Joint Audit and Compliance Committee Report
    - (a) Report on Committee activities
  9. Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Report
    - (a) Report on Committee activities
  10. Construction Management Oversight Committee Report
    - (a) Report on Committee activities

There was no Report on Committee activities.
  11. Student Life Committee Report
    - (a) Report on Committee activities
  12. Institutional Advancement Committee Report
    - (a) Report on Committee activities
  13. Committee on Compensation Report
    - (a) Report on Committee activities
  14. Committee for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Report
    - (a) Report on Committee activities
  15. Committee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report
    - (a) Report on Committee activities

There was no Report on Committee activities.
  16. Other business
  17. Executive Session anticipated

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Dr. Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Mr. Ritter, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 12:05 p.m. regarding:

1. Preliminary drafts and notes whose disclosure does not outweigh the public benefit of withholding them pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-210(b)(1); and

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2. Records, reports and statement of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-210 (b)(9).

The following Trustees were in attendance: Trustees Bessette, Boxer, Bunnell, Cantor, Cardona, Cloud, Dennis-LaVigne, Fang, Gandara, Gouin, Lehman, Lobo, O'Connor, Pollard, Ritter, Rubin, Toscano, and Werstler.

The following University staff were in attendance for the entire Executive Session: President Katsouleas, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Lejuez, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer Jordan, UConn Health Executive Vice President for Health Affairs and Chief Executive Officer Agwunobi, Vice President for Communications Kendig, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, University Chief of Staff and General Counsel Gelston, Senior Advisor to the President/Assistant Vice President for Communications Kirk, and Senior Associate University Counsel Salafia.

The Executive Session ended at 12:14 p.m.

### **OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to Open Session at 12:14 p.m.

18. Adjournment

Chairman Toscano announced that the next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for Wednesday, October 28.

On a motion by Dr. Rubin, seconded by Mr. Bessette, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dennis-LaVigne  
Secretary