

SPECIAL TELEPHONE MEETING**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES****MINUTES**Meeting held by Telephone

June 4, 2021

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m. by Chairman Daniel D. Toscano.

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

Trustees Bryan P. Hurlburt, Kevin J. O'Connor, Thomas D. Ritter, and Charlene M. Russell-Tucker were not in attendance.

University Senate Representatives Carol Polifroni, Janet Pritchard, and David Yalof also attended.

The following University staff attended the meeting: Incoming Interim President Agwunobi, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Lejuez, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer Jordan, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, University Chief of Staff and General Counsel Gelston, Vice President for Communications on Special Assignment Kendig, Acting Vice President for Communications Kirk, Vice President for Enrollment Planning and Management Fuerst, Vice President for Student Affairs Gilbert, Vice President for Global Affairs Weiner, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Daugherty, David B. Banach, MD, UConn Health, and Ms. Carone.

1. Executive Session as needed

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Boxer, seconded by Mr. Werstler, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 12:43 p.m. regarding:

1. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 1-210(b)(1), preliminary drafts and notes whose disclosure does not outweigh the public benefit of withholding them.

The following Trustees were in attendance: Trustees Bessette, Boxer, Bunnell, Cantor, Cloud, Dennis-LaVigne, Fang, Gouin, Lobo, Pollard, Rubin, Toscano, Werstler, and Paul Mounds, Jr., Governor Lamont's designee.

Trustees Gandara and Lehman joined for part of the Executive Session.

The following University staff were in attendance for the Entire Executive Session: Incoming Interim President Agwunobi, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Lejuez, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, University Chief of Staff and General Counsel Gelston, Acting Vice President for Communications Kirk, Vice President for Enrollment Planning and Management Fuerst, Vice President for Student Affairs Gilbert, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Daugherty, David B. Banach, MD, UConn Health, and Ms. Carone.

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The Executive Session ended at 1:27 p.m., and the Board returned to Open Session at 1:28 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

2. Public Participation (limited to agenda items)

Dr. Jody Terranova, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine, and President-elect of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, along with AAUP President Mary Ellen Junda, EdD, spoke in support of the proposed vaccination policy.

3. Vaccination Policy

Chairman Toscano stated that the Board and the administration consider very seriously the safety of the student population and support a vaccination policy that will serve to reduce the risk of coronavirus transmission and minimize campus-wide outbreaks. He also noted that this proposed policy is similar to what many institutions across the region and nation have adopted.

Dr. Agwunobi gave a brief presentation about the proposed vaccination policy that will be mandatory for all incoming students, with some exemptions. Dr. Agwunobi emphasized the need for the University to open safely and successfully in the fall.

Several Trustees expressed the importance of this policy and spoke in support. University Senate Representatives Yalof and Polifroni also expressed their support for the adoption of the proposed policy to ensure the safety of the University community.

On a motion by Mr. Cloud, seconded by Mr. Fang, the Board voted unanimously to approve the vaccination policy proposed by Dr. Agwunobi.

4. Adjournment

Chairman Toscano announced that the Special Financial Affairs-Budget Workshop meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 14, and the next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

On a motion by Dr. Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Mr. Werstler, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dennis-LaVigne
Secretary