

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE  
BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

University of Connecticut  
Teleconference  
June 15, 2021

TRUSTEES PARTICIPATING: Justin Fang, Marilda Gandara, Jeanine Gouin,  
Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Thomas Ritter, and  
Daniel Toscano

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PARTICIPATING:  
Francis Archambault, Richard Carbray

STAFF PARTICIPATING: Andy Agwunobi, David Benedict, Lloyd Blanchard,  
Patricia Casey, Debbie Carone, Robert Corbett,  
Laura Cruickshank, Greg Daniels, Nicole Gelston,  
Michael Jednak, Scott Jordan, Frank LaRosa,  
Nathan LaVallee, Carl Lejuez, Lynn Lesniak,  
Radenka Maric, Rachel Rubin, Thomas Trutter,  
Kristen Wirtanen and Reka Wrynn

Vice-Chair Marilda Gandara convened a meeting of the Buildings, Grounds and Environment (BGE) Committee at 10:01 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. The following student spoke about issues related to LGBTQ residential housing needs and increased gender inclusive housing and bathroom facilities on campus: Cal Benitex. Ms. Gandara recommended that the needs of all members of the community be taken into account as campus facilities are built and renovated.

Trustee Gandara directed the Committee to agenda *Item #2, Approval of the Minutes of the Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Meeting of April 13, 2021*. *Trustee Gandara noted that the minutes need to be amended to add Frank LaRosa who was not included on the minutes*. On a motion by Trustee Gouin and seconded by Trustee Fang, the item was approved, as amended.

The Committee was directed to agenda *Item #3, Office of Construction Assurance*. Frank LaRosa, Associate Vice President and Chief Audit Executive, reported that he is working to finalize a number of statutorily named projects closed in the past four fiscal years in order to prepare summary reports required for CMOC; while also finalizing procedures to be tested against the three manuals available and the related statutes.

Scott Jordan, Executive Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer, reviewed agenda *Item #4, Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Budget*. He provided a PowerPoint presentation on the FY22 Capital Budget for both Storrs and Regional campuses along with UConn Health. Mr. Jordan noted that the budget is dependent on the Legislature and Governor's final approval. Thomas Trutter, UConn Health, Associate Vice President for Campus Planning,

Design and Construction, briefed the Committee on the many capital improvements that have occurred on the UConn Health campus.

Laura Cruickshank, Associate Vice President for University Planning, Design and Construction, detailed agenda **Item #5, Project Update ~ Storrs Based Programs**. Her presentation highlighted the following projects: Fieldhouse – Old Recreation Center Backfill; South Campus Residence Hall; UCONN 2000 Code Remediation – Stamford; UConn Hockey Arena and I-Lot Improvements; Northwest Science Quad – Site Plan and 5 Projects; Public Safety Building; Bergin Correctional Institute; Connected and Automated Vehicle (CAV) Test Track; and the Living Building Challenge.

Thomas Trutter, briefed the Committee on agenda **Item #8, UConn Health Updates, Facilities Development and Operations**. The report included an update on COVID 19 response; and Main Building Lab (L) Area Renovations – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor; and the Musculoskeletal Institute Building (MSI) Roof Top Unit Replacement.

Michael Jednak, Associate Vice President for Facilities Operations, reviewed the draft project budgets to be presented to the Financial Affairs Committee and the Board of Trustees for review and approval on June 30, 2021.

Trustee Gandara thanked the staff for their hard work and assistance throughout the past year. She also stated that this was Scott Jordan's last BGE Committee meeting and thanked him for years of service to the University. Trustee Ritter also stated his appreciation and recognition of Scott's work for the University. Dr. Agwunobi echoed the comments about Scott and assured the committee that Lloyd Blanchard will step into the finance portion of the role and Dr. Andy will manage the operations side of the division as he determines the best structure moving forward to serve the University. Mr. Jordan thanked the Committee, administrators and staff for their support and dedication to the University.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Archambault and seconded by Trustee Fang.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary to the Committee