

**DRAFT**  
**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MINUTES**

University of Connecticut  
Wilbur Cross Building  
North Reading Room  
233 Glenbrook Road  
Storrs, Connecticut

October 27, 2021

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Board Chair Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees participated in person: Trustees Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Justin Fang, Noah S. Frank, Jeanine A. Gouin, and Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees participated by video or telephone: Trustees Andy Bessette, Mark L. Boxer, Shari G. Cantor, Sanford Cloud, Jr., Marilda Gandara, Bryan P. Hurlburt, Rebecca Lobo, Kevin J. O'Connor, Bryan K. Pollard, Thomas D. Ritter, Philip E. Rubin, Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, and Paul Mounds, Jr., Governor Lamont's designee.

Trustees Charles F. Bunnell and David Lehman were not in attendance.

The following University Senate Representatives attended the meeting in person: Maria-Luz Fernandez, Edward Weingart, Sebastian Wogenstein, and David Yalof.

The following University Senate Representatives participated by video or telephone: Robert Bird, Sandra Chafouleas, Anji Seth, and Jaci Van Heest.

The following University staff attended the meeting in person: Interim President Agwunobi, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Lejuez, Interim Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer Blanchard, Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin, University Chief of Staff and General Counsel Gelston, Vice President for Communications Kendig, Vice President for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Maric, Vice President for Enrollment Planning and Management Fuerst, Vice President and Chief Information Officer Mundrane, Associate Vice President for Communications Kirk, Associate Vice President, and Master Planner and Chief Architect Cruickshank, and Associate Vice President of Facilities Operations Jednak.

**OPEN SESSION**

1. Public Participation

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

2. Chairman's Report

(a) Matters outstanding

Board Chair Toscano remarked about President Biden's visit to UConn to rededicate the Dodd Center for Human Rights in honor of both Senators Thomas and Christopher Dodd.

(b) Minutes of the meeting of September 29, 2021

On a motion by Dr. Rubin, seconded by Dr. Boxer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 29, 2021.

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## (c) Consent Agenda Items:

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

- (1) Contracts and Agreements (Attachment 1)  
(Trustee Ritter abstained from voting on Item 1 of the Consent Agenda. Trustee Bessette abstained from voting on the Spectra Venue Management contract in Item 1.)
- (2) Designation of Authorized Officers for UCONN 2000 General Obligation and Special Obligation Bonds (Attachment 2)
- (3) Project Budget (Design) for Mirror Lake Improvements (Attachment 3)
- (4) Project Budget (Final) for North Eagleville Road and Discovery Drive Intersection Improvements (Attachment 4)
- (5) Project Budget (Revised Final) for Atwater Laboratory Emergency Power Installation (Attachment 5)
- (6) Tenure at Hire (Attachment 6)
- (7) Designation of Emeritus Status (Attachment 7)
- (8) Sabbatical Leave Recommendations (Attachment 8)
- (d) Notification of Proposed Changes to the *By-Laws of the University of Connecticut* (Attachment 9)

## 3. President's Report

Interim President Agwunobi echoed Chairman Toscano's sentiments and expressed his gratitude to President Biden and Senator Christopher Dodd for honoring the rededication of the Dodd Center for Human Rights.

Dr. Agwunobi also acknowledged several Trustees, alums, faculty, and staff who were honored at the recent NAACP Connecticut Chapter's recognition ceremony of the 100 Most Influential Blacks in the State of Connecticut.

- (a) Presentation: UConn Research, Envisioning Tomorrow  
Presenter: Dr. Radenka Maric  
Vice President for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- (b) Presentation: Nuclear Magnetic Resonance @ UConn  
Presenter: Dr. Jeff Hoch  
Professor of Molecular Biology and Biophysics, UConn Health

## 4. Academic Affairs Committee Report

- (a) Report on Committee activities
  - (1) Community Engagement Presentation  
Presenter: Dean Indrajeet Chaubey  
College of Agriculture, Health, and Natural Resources

## 5. Financial Affairs Committee Report

- (a) Report on Committee activities

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6. Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Report
  - (a) Report on Committee activities
7. Committee for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Report
  - (a) Report on Committee activities
8. Other business
9. Executive Session anticipated
10. Adjournment

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

There being no further business appearing, the Board meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dennis-LaVigne  
Secretary