

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

MINUTES

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

June 28, 2023

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Board Chair Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees participated in person: Trustees Andy F. Bessette, Mark L. Boxer, Sanford Cloud, Jr., Joshua Crow, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Marilda L. Gandara, Aanya Mehta, Bryan K. Pollard, Thomas D. Ritter, Philip E. Rubin, and Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees participated by video or telephone: Trustees Charles F. Bunnell, Shari G. Cantor, Jeanine A. Gouin, and Kevin J. O'Connor.

Trustees Alexandra Daum, Bryan P. Hurlburt, Rebecca Lobo, Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, and Jonathan Dach, Governor Lamont's designee, were not in attendance.

The following University Senate Representatives attended the meeting in person: Karen Bresciano, Joanne Conover, Jeffrey McCutcheon, Angela Rola, and Michael White.

The following University Senate Representatives participated by video or telephone: Alexander Agrios, Joseph MacDougald, and Edward Weingart.

The following University staff attended the meeting in person: President Radenka Maric, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Anne D'Alleva, Executive Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer for UConn and UConn Health Jeffrey Geoghegan, UConn Health Interim Executive Vice President for Health Affairs and Chief Executive Officer Bruce Liang, Executive Secretary to the Board Rachel Rubin, Chief of Staff Michelle Williams, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Planning and Chief Strategy Officer for UConn and UConn Health Lloyd Blanchard, Vice President for Enrollment Planning and Management Nathan Fuerst, Vice President for Communications Tysen Kendig, Vice President and Chief Information Officer Michael Mundrane, Vice President for Global Affairs Daniel Weiner, Interim Vice President for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship S. Pamir Alpay, Associate Vice President for Communications Michael Kirk, Deputy General Counsel Jonathan Heinlein, and President Emerita and University Professor Susan Herbst.

General Counsel Nicole Gelston participated by video for part of the meeting.

OPEN SESSION

1. Public Participation

There were no members of the public who addressed the Board.

2. President's Report

President Maric highlighted the careers of the three nominees for this year's designation of Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor, Douglas J. Casa (Kinesiology), Lewis R. Gordon (Philosophy), and Bandana Purkayastha (Sociology).

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President Maric acknowledged President Susan Herbst's significant contributions and strong leadership with the proposed renaming of Oak Hall as "Susan V. Herbst Hall."

President Maric also welcomed to the UConn community Husky mascot-in-training Jonathan XV, who was introduced alongside current mascot Jonathan XIV.

3. Chairman's Report

(a) Matters outstanding

(b) Minutes of the meeting of May 17, 2023

On a motion by Trustee Cloud, seconded by Trustee Boxer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 17, 2023.

(c) Consent Agenda Items:

Trustee Dennis-LaVigne requested that Item #3, the Proposed Statement of Work for the UConn Foundation for Fiscal Year 2024, be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Crow, the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda items, except Item #3.

(1) Contracts and Agreements (Attachment 1)

(Trustee Ritter abstained from voting on Attachment 1. Trustee Bessette abstained from voting on Item #5 under the University as Lessee – Lease Amendments in Attachment 1.)

(3) Proposed Statement of Work for the UConn Foundation for Fiscal Year 2024 (Attachment 3)

(2) Proposed New Lease for 36 North Main Street, Waterbury, CT (Attachment 2)

(4) Project Budget (Planning) for the School of Nursing Building (Attachment 4)

(5) Project Budget (Design) for Field House – Old Rec Center Renovation (Attachment 5)

(6) Project Budget (Revised Final) for Boiler Plant Equipment Replacement and Utility Tunnel Connection (Attachment 6)

(7) Project Budget (Revised Final) for South Campus Infrastructure (Attachment 7)

(8) Project Budget (Revised Final) for Andover Infrastructure and Software Upgrade Phases I, II, & III (Attachment 8)

(9) Program Budget (Final) for Wired Access Layer Cabling – Phase V (Attachment 9)

(10) Project Budget (Planning) for the UConn Health Cryo Electron Microscope Installation (Attachment 10)

(11) Project Budget (Planning) for the UConn Health Connecticut Tower (CT) 7th Floor Med-Surg/Observation Unit Renovation (Attachment 11)

(12) Project Budget (Planning) for the UConn Health Hybrid OR#2 Fit-Out (Attachment 12)

(13) Project Budget (Planning) for UConn Health Interventional Radiology Equipment Replacement and Renovation (Attachment 13)

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- (14) Project Budget (Planning) for the UConn Health Musculoskeletal Institute Rehabilitation Expansion (Attachment 14)
- (15) Project Budget (Planning) for the UConn Health Outpatient Pavilion 3rd Floor Backfill (Attachment 15)
- (16) Project Budget (Planning) for the UConn Health Outpatient Pavilion X-Ray and Blood Draw Relocation (Attachment 16)
- (17) Project Budget (Design) for the UConn Health Cadaver Lab Renovation and Air Handling Unit Replacement (Attachment 17)
- (18) Project Budget (Design) for the UConn Health Cell and Genome Sciences Building Data Center Cooling System Upgrades (Attachment 18)
- (19) Project Budget (Design) for the UConn Health Central Sterile Washer and Sterilizer Replacement (Attachment 19)
- (20) Project Budget (Design) for the UConn Health New England Sickle Cell Institute Renovation (Attachment 20)
- (21) Project Budget (Final) for the UConn Health TB-121 Blood Bank Relocation (Attachment 21)
- (22) Project Budget (Final) for the UConn Health Building D and Building N Roof Replacement (Attachment 22)
- (23) Project Budget (Final) for the UConn Health Building E and Building K Roof Replacement (Attachment 23)
- (24) Project Budget (Final) for the UConn Health Canzonetti (F) Building Wound Care Center Renovation (Attachment 24)
- (25) Project Budget (Final) for the UConn Health Transitional Nursery Renovation (Attachment 25)
- (26) Recommendations for Designation as Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors, Academic Year 2022-2023 (Attachment 26)
- (27) Tenure at Hire (Attachment 27)
- (28) Designation of Emeritus Status (Attachment 28)
- (29) Sabbatical Leave Recommendations (Attachment 29)
- (30) Appointment of Professor Robert Day to the Robert Cizik Professorship in Manufacturing and Technology Management in the School of Business (Attachment 30)
- (31) Appointment of Professor John Mathieu to the GE Capital Professor in Business in the School of Business (Attachment 31)
- (32) Reappointment of Professor Timothy B. Folta to the Thomas John and Bette Wolff Family Chair in Strategic Entrepreneurship in the School of Business (Attachment 32)
- (33) Appointment of Professor James Waller to the Christopher J. Dodd Chair in Human Rights Practice in the Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute (Attachment 33)

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- (34) Appointment of Associate Professor Jessica Rouge to the Paul Krenicki Professorship of Chemistry in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Attachment 34)
- (35) Naming Recommendation for Susan V. Herbst Hall (Attachment 35)
- (36) Modification of the Carole and Ray Neag Innovation Professorship (Attachment 36)

Trustee Dennis-LaVigne introduced an amendment to Section 3.c.3 of the Proposed Statement of Work for the UConn Foundation for Fiscal Year 2024 (Attachment 3). The Board engaged in discussion on the proposed amendment.

On a motion by Trustee Ritter, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Board voted unanimously to amend Section 3.c.3 of the Proposed Statement of Work for the UConn Foundation. The full text of the amendment to Section 3.c.3:

Involve the Provost, regional campus directors and community engagement team in identifying their key initiatives that impact and enhance student success both on their regional campus and in the surrounding community. Dedicate appropriate Foundation resources to work with the regional campus directors and the Provost to support fundraising and alumni engagement for the needs and development of those campuses, included but not limited to investigating the need for housing and education opportunities for the regional campuses.

On a motion by Trustee Ritter, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Proposed Statement of Work for the UConn Foundation, as amended.

4. Academic Affairs Committee Report

- (a) Report on Committee activities

5. Financial Affairs Committee Report

- (a) Report on Committee activities
- (b) Presentation: FY24 Budget Presentation (Attachment 37)
Presenter: Executive Vice President for Finance and
Chief Financial Officer for UConn and
UConn Health Jeffrey Geoghegan
- (b) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:

On a motion by Trustee Crow, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Board voted to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Spending Plan for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses.

- (1) Fiscal Year 2024 Spending Plan for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses (Attachment 38)

On a motion by Trustee Ritter, seconded by Trustee Bessette, the Board voted to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Budget for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses.

- (2) Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Budget for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses (Attachment 39)

On a motion by Trustee Mehta, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Board voted to approve the three Bond Indentures in Attachments 40 – 42.

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- (3) Revised Allocation of Bond Authorizations as set forth in the Twenty-Ninth Supplemental Indenture (University of Connecticut General Obligation Bonds) (Attachment 40)
- (4) Thirtieth Supplemental Indenture Authorizing University of Connecticut General Obligation Bonds (Attachment 41)
- (5) Sixth Supplemental Indenture Authorizing \$100,000,000 of Special Obligation Student Fee Revenue Bonds and Amending the Special Obligation Indenture of Trust and the Fifth Supplemental Indenture (Attachment 42)

On a motion by Trustee Cloud, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Board voted to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Spending Plan for UConn Health.

- (6) Fiscal Year 2024 Spending Plan for UConn Health (Attachment 43)

On a motion by Trustee Cloud, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Board voted to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Budget Spending Plan for UConn Health.

- (7) Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Budget Spending Plan for UConn Health (Attachment 44)

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Boxer, the Board voted to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Student Fees for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses.

- (8) Fiscal Year 2024 Student Fees for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses (Attachment 45)

- 6. UConn Health Report
 - (a) Report on UConn Health activities
- 7. Joint Audit and Compliance Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
- 8. Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
- 9. Construction Management Oversight Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
 - There was no Report on Committee activities.
- 10. Student Life Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
 - There was no Report on Committee activities.
- 11. Institutional Advancement Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
- 12. Committee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities

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13. Committee on Compensation Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
There was no Report on Committee activities.
14. Committee for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
There was no Report on Committee activities.
15. Other Business
No Other Business was presented to the Board.
16. Executive Session anticipated

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Trustee Bessette, seconded by Trustee Boxer, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 11:35 a.m. regarding:

1. 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 [CGS Section 1-210(b)(1)]; and
2. Trade secrets, which for purposes of the Freedom of Information Act, are defined as information, including formulas, patterns, compilations, programs, devices, methods, techniques, processes, drawings, cost data, customer lists, film or television scripts or detailed production budgets that (i) derive independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from their disclosure or use, and (ii) are the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain secrecy [CGS Section 1-210(b)(5)(A)]; and
3. Commercial or finance information given in confidence, not required by statute [CGS Section 1-210(b)(5)(B)]; and
4. Discussion concerning the appointment, employment, performance, evaluation, health or dismissal of a public officer or employee, provided that such individual may require that discussion be held at an open meeting [CGS Section 1-200(6)(A)].

The following Trustees were in attendance: Bessette, Boxer, Bunnell, Cantor, Cloud, Crow, Dennis-LaVigne, Gandara, Gouin, Mehta, Pollard, Ritter, Rubin, and Toscano.

Trustee O'Connor attended part of the Executive Session.

Executive Secretary to the Board Rubin was in the entire Executive Session.

The following University staff were in attendance for the part of the Executive Session: Maric, Benedict, D'Alleva, Gelston, Geoghegan, Heinlein, Kendig, Kirk, and Williams.

The Executive Session ended at 1:44 p.m., and the Board returned to Open Session at 1:45 p.m.

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Boxer, the Board voted unanimously to add to the agenda the awarding of performance incentives to President Maric for Contract Year 2022-23.

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Boxer, the Board voted unanimously to award the full Performance Incentive for the Contract Year 2022-23, as stated in the President's Employment Agreement.

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On a motion by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Boxer, the Board voted unanimously to delegate to the Chairman the authority to award an additional bonus in recognition of exceptional accomplishments for the Contract Year 2022-23, as stated in the President's Employment Agreement, and to finalize goals and objectives for Fiscal Year 2024.

17. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Boxer, seconded by Trustee Gandara, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The Board meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dennis-LaVigne
Secretary