

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MINUTES**

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

June 26, 2024

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 9:14 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, Aanya Mehta, Thomas D. Ritter, and Daniel D. Toscano.

Also in attendance was Jonathan Dach, Governor Lamont's Chief of Staff and designee on the Board.

The following Trustees participated virtually: Trustees Marilda Gandara, Kevin J. O'Connor, Daniel O'Keefe (part of the meeting), Bryan K. Pollard, Philip E. Rubin, and Charlene Russell-Tucker (part of the meeting).

Trustees Charles F. Bunnell, Shari G. Cantor, Jeanine A. Gouin, Bryan P. Hurlburt, and Rebecca Lobo, were not in attendance.

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

University Senate Representative Alexander Agrios attended the meeting virtually.

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 Jeffrey Geoghegan, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs and Chief Executive Officer for UConn Health Andrew Agwunobi, Executive Secretary to the Board Rachel Rubin, Chief of Staff Michelle Williams, General Counsel Nicole Gelston, Vice President for Student Life and Enrollment Nathan Fuerst, Vice President for Communications Tysen Kendig, Vice President and Chief Information Officer Michael Mundrane, Vice President for Global Affairs Daniel Weiner, Vice President for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship S. Pamir Alpay, Interim Associate Vice President for Facilities Operations Stanley Nolan, Associate Vice President for Communications Michael Kirk, Governmental Relations Senior Director Joann Lombardo, Associate Vice President for Budget, Planning and Institutional Research Reka Wrynn, Executive Director of Engagement and Outreach Katherine Grady, Interim Associate Vice President for University Planning, Design and Construction Robert Corbett, and Avery Point Campus Dean and Chief Administrative Officer Annemarie Seifert.

Athletic Director David Benedict attended part of the meeting virtually.

UConn Foundation President and Chief Executive Officer Amy Yancey attended the meeting virtually.

Attorney Scott P. Cooper, Partner, Proskauer, attended part of the meeting virtually.

**OPEN SESSION**

1. Public Participation

Graduate Students Kelly Schlabach, Lily Luo, and Urvi Kaul addressed the University Senate resolution about the University's response to on campus protests.

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## 2. Chairman's Report

## (a) Matters Outstanding

Board Chair Toscano welcomed back to UConn Health Dr. Andrew Agwunobi as Executive Vice President for Health Affairs and UConn Health Chief Executive Officer.

Board Chair Toscano also recognized Vice-Chair Cloud on his recent announcement to step down as Chair of the UConn Health Board of Directors – a position he has held since 2011. Prior to being appointed Chair, Vice-Chair Cloud served as a member of the Board of Directors for six years.

Board Chair Toscano acknowledged the resignation of Vice President for Communications Tysen Kendig and wished him well in his new role at Carnegie Mellon University. Vice President Kendig served over a decade leading all aspects of centralized communications content, media relations, and trademark licensing for both UConn and UConn Health.

Board Chair Toscano also recognized outgoing University Senate Representatives Alexander Agrios, Joanne Conover, Joseph MacDougald, Jeffrey McCutcheon, and Angela Rola.

## (b) Board Recognitions

Board Chair Toscano acknowledged the terms of Trustee Aanya Mehta and Trustee Joshua Crow as the undergraduate and graduate representatives, respectively. Several Trustees spoke on the Student Trustees' commitment and dedication to students while serving on the Board.

On a motion by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Boxer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolutions for outgoing Trustees Aanya Mehta and Joshua Crow.

Trustee Crow stated that there were many who he worked with and who supported and mentored him as a student leader. He provided a list of students for inclusion in the Board record.

## (c) Minutes of the meetings of April 17, and May 22, 2024

On a motion by Trustee Crow, seconded by Trustee Boxer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 17, 2024.

On a motion by Trustee Mehta, seconded by Trustee Crow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the special meeting of May 22, 2024.

## (d) Consent Agenda Items:

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

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| (1) | Contracts and Agreements<br>(Trustee Ritter abstained from voting on Attachment 1.) | (Attachment 1) |
| (2) | Statement of Work for the UConn Foundation for<br>Fiscal Year 2025                  | (Attachment 2) |
| (3) | Project Budget (Final) for Mirror Lake Improvements                                 | (Attachment 3) |
| (4) | Project Budget (Design) for Pharmacy-Biology Building<br>Research Support Expansion | (Attachment 4) |

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- (5) Project Budget (Final) for Werth Residence Tower High Humidity Mitigation (Attachment 5)
- (6) Project Budget (Final) for Babbidge Library Stairs and Doors (Attachment 6)
- (7) Project Budget (Final) for Innovation Partnership Building Renovations for the Center for Clean Energy Engineering (Attachment 7)
- (8) Project Budget (Revised Final) for Andover Infrastructure and Software Upgrade Phases I Through V (Attachment 8)
- (9) Project Budget (Final) for Wired Access Layer Cabling (Attachment 9)
- (10) Project Budget (Planning) for the UConn Health CT-7 Inpatient and Research Renovations (Attachment 10)
- (11) Project Budget (Planning) for the UConn Health Main Building Lab Area Renovations – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor (Attachment 11)
- (12) Project Budget (Planning) for the UConn Health Surgery Center Operating Room #6 Renovations (Attachment 12)
- (13) Project Budget (Planning) for the UConn Health ASB Data Center Generator and Power Improvements (Attachment 13)
- (14) Project Budget (Planning) for the UConn Health IT Disaster Recovery Room (Attachment 14)
- (15) Project Budget (Design) for the UConn Health Parking Lots L1 and A5 Repaving (Attachment 15)
- (16) Project Budget (Final) for the UConn Health Building F and Building M Roof Replacement (Attachment 16)
- (17) Project Budget (Revised Final) for the UConn Health KB034-36 Research Lab Renovation (Attachment 17)
- (18) Recommendations for Designation as Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors, Academic Year 2023-2024 (Attachment 18)
- (19) Promotion and Tenure (Attachment 19)
- (20) Tenure at Hire (Attachment 20)
- (21) Designation of Emeritus Status (Attachment 21)
- (22) Sabbatical Leave Recommendations (Attachment 22)
- (23) Appointment of Professor Jiong Tang to the Pratt & Whitney Chair in Design and Manufacturing in the College of Engineering (Attachment 23)
- (24) Appointment of Professor Horea Ilies to the Pratt & Whitney Professor of Advanced Materials and Processing in the College of Engineering (Attachment 24)
- (25) Reappointment of Professor Morgaen Donaldson to the Philip E. Austin Endowed Chair (Attachment 25)
- (26) Reappointment of Professor Robert Bird to the Eversource Chair in Business Ethics in the School of Business (Attachment 26)

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- (27) Reappointment of Professor Evan Rawley to the Eversource Energy Scholar in Technological Entrepreneurship in the School of Business (Attachment 27)
- (28) Reappointment of Professor Joseph Golec to the Finance Department Distinguished Scholar in the School of Business (Attachment 28)
- (29) Reappointment of Professor Chinmoy Ghosh to the Gladstein Professor of Business and Innovation in the School of Business (Attachment 29)
- (30) Reappointment of Professor Michael Willenborg to the Richard F. Kochanek Professorship in Accounting in the School of Business (Attachment 30)
- (31) Reappointment of Professor Yiming Qian to the Toscano Family Chair in Finance in the School of Business (Attachment 31)
- (32) Naming Recommendation for the Wells Fargo Center for Neurodiversity and Employment Innovation in the Werth Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (Attachment 33)
- (33) Naming Recommendation for the Matthew and Margarethe Mashikian Entrepreneurship Hub in the College of Engineering (Attachment 32)
- (34) Naming Recommendation for the National Laboratory for Occupational Heat Safety at UConn's Korey Stringer Institute Powered by Magid & Mission (Attachment 34)
- (35) Naming Recommendation for the Professor Emeritus John E. Morral Conference Room in the Science 1 Building (Attachment 35)
- (36) Modification of Naming Recommendation for RTX Technology Research Center in the Science 1 Building (Attachment 36)
- (37) Naming Recommendation for the Cynthia Wyeth Peterson Memorial Observatory and the Cynthia Wyeth Peterson Memorial Planetarium (Attachment 37)
- (38) Revised Reopener to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the University of Connecticut Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) (Attachment 38)
- (39) Proposed Changes to the *By-Laws of the University of Connecticut* (Attachment 39)
  - (a) Article V – Committees of the Board of Trustees
  - (b) Article VIII – The University Administration
  - (c) Article IX – The University Senate

### 3. President's Report

Attorney Cooper gave an update on the NCAA settlement agreement. Vice President Fuerst provided first year and total enrollment data projections for Storrs and the regional campuses.

### 4. University Senate Report

Senate Executive Committee Chair, Dr. Laura Burton

### 5. Academic Affairs Committee Report

- (a) Report on Committee activities

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## 6. Financial Affairs Committee Report

- (a) Report on Committee activities
- (b) Presentation: FY25 UConn and UConn Health Budget Presentation (Attachment 40)  
Presenter: Jeffrey Geoghegan, Executive Vice President  
for Finance and Chief Financial Officer

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

Chief of Staff Jonathan Dach noted that the General Assembly provided ARPA funds to help with this upcoming year's budget gap. Mr. Dach raised concerns regarding the use of all of the ARPA dollars this fiscal year to balance the budget instead of putting some of these funds aside to alleviate the funding gap for the following fiscal year.

On a motion by Trustee Ritter, seconded by Trustee Crow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Spending Plan for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses in Attachment 41.

- (1) Fiscal Year 2025 Spending Plan for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses (Attachment 41)

On a motion by Trustee Ritter, seconded by Trustee Mehta, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses in Attachment 42.

- (2) Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses (Attachment 42)

On a motion by Trustee Ritter, seconded by Trustee Mehta, the Board voted to approve the three Bond Indentures in Attachments 43 – 45.

- (3) Thirty-First Supplemental Indenture Authorizing University of Connecticut General Obligation Bonds (Attachment 43)

- (4) Thirty-Second Supplemental Indenture Authorizing University of Connecticut General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Attachment 44)

- (5) Seventh Supplemental Indenture Authorizing University of Connecticut General Special Obligation Student Fee Revenue Refunding Bonds (Attachment 45)

On a motion by Trustee Cloud, seconded by Trustee Mehta, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Spending Plan for UConn Health in Attachment 46.

- (6) Fiscal Year 2025 Spending Plan for UConn Health (Attachment 46)

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Ritter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget Spending Plan for UConn Health in Attachment 47.

- (7) Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Budget Spending Plan for UConn Health (Attachment 47)

## 7. UConn Health Report

- (a) Report on UConn Health activities

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8. Joint Audit and Compliance Committee Report
  - (a) Report on Committee activities
9. Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Report
  - (a) Report on Committee activities
 

On a motion by Trustee Bessette, seconded by Trustee Ritter, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Proposed Drainage Easement for UConn Property on Hunting Lodge Road, Storrs in Attachment 48.

    - (b) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:
      - (1) Proposed Drainage Easement for UConn Property on Hunting Lodge Road, Storrs, CT (Attachment 48)
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
 

There was no Report on Committee activities.
12. Institutional Advancement Committee Report
  - (a) Report on Committee activities
13. Committee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report
  - (a) Report on Committee activities
 

There was no Report on Committee activities.
14. Committee on Compensation Report
  - (a) Report on Committee activities
 

There was no Report on Committee activities.
15. Committee for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Report
  - (a) Report on Committee activities
 

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Trustee Ritter, seconded by Trustee Crow, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 11:55 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. 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)].

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The following Trustees were in attendance: Bessette, Boxer, Cloud, Crow, Dennis-LaVigne, Gandara, Mehta, O'Connor, Pollard, Ritter, Rubin, and Toscano.

Chief of Staff Dach was also in attendance for the entire Executive Session.

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

The following University staff were in attendance for part of the Executive Session: Maric, D'Alleva, Corbett, Geoghegan, Gelston, Grady, Kendig, Kirk, Lombardo, Seifert, Williams, and Wrynn.

The Executive Session ended at 1:30 p.m., and the Board returned to Open Session at 1:31 p.m.

18. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Crow, seconded by Trustee Mehta, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The Board meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan K. Pollard  
Secretary

Attachment

The following is a list of all the student leaders Trustee Joshua Crow has worked with (and can remember off the top of his head) in his time as a student at the university. He hopes this will serve as a small token of his esteem and appreciation for all their efforts. He also acknowledges all the student leaders, named and unnamed, who for generations have worked to make the lives of their fellow students better.

- Damani Douglas
- Caleb Moore
- Walter Dodson
- Sofia Rodriguez
- Hollianne Lao
- Renukanandan Tumu
- Damon Reynolds
- Ama Appiah
- Wanjiku Gatheru
- Priyanka Thakkar
- Emmanuel Chinyumba
- Luis Toscano
- Ethan Werstler
- Irene Soteriou
- Matthew Zancewicz
- Kyleigh Hillerud
- Jessica Gagnon
- Sam Donahue
- Alexandra Aponte
- Neha Kataria
- Kathrine Spinnato
- Brandon Jones
- Rebecca Feldman
- Aanya Mehta
- Emily O'Hara
- William Schad
- Jonathan Heidan
- Abhishek Gupta
- Derek Pan
- Brady Harman
- Mansi Chatpatwala
- Avolyn Nieves
- Erin Mcconnell
- Fabio Saccomanno
- Dennis Mema
- B Diaz
- Mason Holland
- Irma Valverde
- Gabrielle Fazzina
- Daniel Byrd
- Rishita Jani
- Justin Fang
- Samuel Surwitz
- Christopher Torre
- Noah Frank
- Jessica Delgado
- Stuart Allan
- Christopher Bergen
- Benjamin Keilty
- Kelly McKewen
- Zachary Corolla
- Colin Mortimer
- Haley Hinton
- Ryan Casper
- Dalton Hawie
- Likhitatevi Athina
- Jnanasravanthi Athina
- Seeyashari Soldani
- Omar Taweh
- Michael Hernandez
- Michael Cerulli
- Andrew Stern
- Krishna Channa
- Caitlin Cannon
- Christopher Winkel
- Olivia Sappington
- Alexandra Ose
- Jacqueline Seras
- Hawa Ibrahim
- Alexis Charles
- Shankara Naranyanan
- Connor Glassel
- Emma Blezinski
- Fiorella Contreras
- Joshua Wojtyna
- Angel Ojide
- Anna Pratt
- John Kelly
- Ben Alby
- Colleen Keller
- Christine Jorquera
- Iyanna Crockett
- Zoe Jensen
- Jacob Knight
- Jacob Knowlton
- Kelsey McCormack
- Kevin Perrone
- Nisali Fernando
- Noel Mitchell
- Ryan McAneany
- Sam Zelin
- Sumeet Kadian
- Grace Brangwynne
- Abigail Engler
- Dylan DeMoura
- Fred Stino
- Ireoluwatomiwa Opayemi
- Michael Aisevbonaye
- Rita Tonleu
- Sarah Hill
- Sara Mohamedzein
- Stephen Tiberio
- Matthew Bonvicini
- Thomas Driscoll
- Stephan Falcigno
- Spencer Buckley
- Samuel Gagnon
- William Weisheipt
- Christabelle Cabrera
- Briana Fernald
- Patrick Conway
- Francine Klarsfeld
- Zachary Miraz
- Lauren Kidd
- Carly Leifkin



- Erin Dennehy
- Amy Bissonnette
- Kendall Kirk
- Keith Brown Jr.
- Renee Varga
- Matthew Forcino
- Gina DiVito
- Kevin Jordan
- Brice Ashford
- Joshua Maddox
- Farah Jean
- Katherine Doyle
- Santanna Rocha
- Grace Denny
- Gretchen Yelmani
- Phillip Maniero
- Joslin Valiyaveettil
- Sophia Dibbini
- Rachel Sandor
- Shae Heitz
- Florence Simon
- Alexandra Quentel
- Olivia Jones
- Jillian Fernandes
- Michael Nanfito
- Benjamin Godly
- Jennefier Banos Valle
- Jase Valle
- Jennifer O'Brien
- Jacqueline Stevens
- Jessica Witkowski
- Lindie Gibbs
- Nicole Colletto
- Caroline McCormack
- William Lonergan
- Andrew Ferrucci
- John Rubino
- Casey Weingart
- Anna Casinghino
- Remington Copertino
- Casey Kreiger
- Ehren Cahill
- Lauren Klobuchar
- Stefanie McCardle
- Robert McCormack
- Christine Perera
- Megan Medlicott
- Anthony Lozier
- Sukriti Thomas
- Anna Janson
- Joshua Schneider
- Jonah Badiab
- William Butler
- Akia Callum
- Kathrine Dunbar
- Grace Brannigan
- Claire Lasher
- Megan Griswald
- Max Clayton
- Kimberly Mier
- Alan Cavagnaro
- Sinead Brennan-Gatica
- Joseph Vail
- Elinor Schneider
- Emmakate Foley
- Brynn Furey
- Brandon Ross
- Drake Freiberg
- Ian Saum
- Alice Merville
- Devon Myer
- Sophia Holt
- Taylor Friel
- Bridget Casey
- Nicole Van Lear
- Daniella Chuka
- Portia Baudush
- Taylorann Vibert
- Ashley Blair
- Chloe Dysart
- Shaquille Ricketts
- Jack Pendleton
- Peter Fredrichs
- Haley Anderson
- Rosario Naranjo-Zarate
- Allan Quade
- Sean Dunn
- Joy Hamer
- Jacob Crow
- Rachael Crow
- Joan Crow
- Rosa Rinaldi Crow
- David Crow Jr.