

MINUTES
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VIRTUAL MEETING

January 15, 2025

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Board Chair Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees were in attendance: Andy F. Bessette, Mark L. Boxer, Charles F. Bunnell, Shari G. Cantor, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Sean K. Dunn, Marilda L. Gandara, Jeanine A. Gouin, Joy A. Hamer, Daniel H. O’Keefe, Bryan K. Pollard, Thomas D. Ritter, Philip E. Rubin, and Daniel D. Toscano.

Also in attendance was Jonathan Dach, Governor Lamont’s designee on the Board.

Trustees John P. Driscoll, Bryan P. Hurlburt, Rebecca Lobo, Kevin J. O’Connor, and Charlene M. Russell-Tucker were not in attendance.

The following University Senate Representatives were in attendance after the Executive Session: Karen Bresciano, Timothy Folta, Edward Weingart, and Michael White.

The following University staff were in attendance: President Radenka Maric, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Anne D’Alleva, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs and Chief Executive Officer for UConn Health Andrew Agwunobi, Executive Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer Jeffrey Geoghegan, General Counsel Nicole Gelston, Executive Secretary to the Board Rachel Rubin, Chief of Staff Michelle Williams, Vice President for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship S. Pamir Alpay, Interim Vice President for Communications Michael Kirk, Deputy Chief of Staff Philip Hunt, Governmental Relations Senior Director Joann Lombardo, Governmental Relations Director Gail Garber, Associate Vice President for Budget, Planning and Institutional Research Reka Wrynn, Associate Vice President for Research Finance Julie Schwager, Associate Vice President of University Business Services and Chief Procurement Officer Joseph Thompson, Interim Associate Vice President for Information Technology Services Haleh Ghaemolsabahi, Interim Associate Vice President for Facilities Operations Stanley Nolan, Interim Associate Vice President for University Planning, Design and Construction Robert Corbett, Senior Associate University Counsel Jonathan Heinlein, Deputy General Counsel Nathan LaVallee, University Director of Procurement Services Chris Robinson, and Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor and School Director of Computing Sanguthevar Rajasekaran.

Also in attendance was UConn Foundation President and Chief Executive Officer Amy Yancey.

Evan J. Foster, Esq., Partner, Saul Ewing LLP, was also in attendance.

OPEN SESSION

1. Public Participation

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

2. Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Trustee Bessette, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 12:48 p.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)].

January 15, 2025

The following Trustees were in attendance: Bessette, Boxer, Bunnell, Cantor, Dennis-LaVigne, Dunn, Gandara, Gouin, Hamer, O'Keefe, Pollard, Ritter, Rubin, and Toscano.

Governor Lamont's designee, Jonathan Dach, was also in attendance for the entire Executive Session.

The following staff were in attendance for the entire Executive Session: Maric, Agwunobi, Alpay, Corbett, D'Alleva, Garber, Gelston, Geoghegan, Ghaemolsabahi, Heinlein, Hunt, Kirk, LaVallee, Lombardo, Nolan, Rajasekaran, Robinson, Rubin, Schwager, Thompson, Williams, and Wrynn.

UConn Foundation President Yancey and Attorney Foster were also in attendance for the entire Executive Session.

The Executive Session ended at 3:30 p.m., and the Board returned to Open Session at 3:31 p.m.

3. Proposal for Artificial Intelligence Institute

Board Chair Toscano stated that further discussion was needed regarding the creation of an Artificial Intelligence Institute.

President Maric emphasized the importance of continued exploration of Artificial Intelligence technology and expressed her gratitude for community support and further consideration by the Board.

4. Other Business

There was no Other Business.

5. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The Board meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan K. Pollard
Secretary