

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MINUTES**

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

September 25, 2024

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m. by Board Chair Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees participated in person: Trustees Andy F. Bessette, Mark L. Boxer, Shari G. Cantor, Sanford Cloud, Jr., Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Sean K. Dunn, Jeanine A. Gouin, Joy A. Hamer, Thomas D. Ritter, and Daniel D. Toscano.

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

The following Trustees participated virtually: Trustees Charles F. Bunnell, Kevin J. O'Connor, Daniel H. O'Keefe, Philip E. Rubin, and Charlene Russell-Tucker (part of the meeting).

Trustees Bryan P. Hurlburt, Marilda L. Gandara, Rebecca Lobo, and Bryan K. Pollard, were not in attendance.

The following University Senate Representatives attended the meeting in person: Amvrossios Bagtzoglou, Karen Bresciano, Timothy Folta, Tina McCarthy, D. Betsy McCoach, Lisa Park Boush, Edward Weingart, and Michael White.

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 Secretary to the Board Rachel Rubin, Chief of Staff Michelle Williams, General Counsel Nicole Gelston, Deputy Chief of Staff Philip Hunt, Vice President and Chief Information Officer Michael Mundrane, Vice President for Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship S. Pamir Alpay, Interim Vice President for Communications Michael Kirk, Athletic Director David Benedict, Governmental Relations Senior Director Joann Lombardo, Interim Associate Vice President for Facilities Operations Stanley Nolan, and Associate Vice President for Budget, Planning and Institutional Research Reka Wrynn.

Executive Vice President for Health Affairs and Chief Executive Officer for UConn Health Andrew Agwunobi, Vice President for Student Life and Enrollment Nathan Fuerst, UConn Health Chief of Staff Andrea Keilty, and UConn Health Chief Counsel Scott Simpson attended the meeting virtually.

**OPEN SESSION**

1. Public Participation

No members of the public signed up to address the Board.

2. Chairman's Report

(a) Matters Outstanding

Board Chair Toscano noted that this was the first meeting of the academic year and the first in-person meeting of Trustees Hamer and Dunn, and newly appointed University Senate Representatives to the Board.

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Board Chair Toscano reported that a topic related to a tuition waiver was recently brought to the Board's attention. In order to comply with the student's privacy rights, the issue could not be discussed publicly but the matter has been referred to the appropriate office for review.

(b) Minutes of the Meeting of July 17, 2024

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Bessette, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 17, 2024.

(c) Consent Agenda Items:

On a motion by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Boxer, 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)  | Annual Report of the Endowed Chair Program Entitled<br>"Aetna English Chair of Writing"   | (Attachment 2)  |
| (3)  | Option Agreement Concerning Future Development of a<br>Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Smart City at the<br>UConn Depot Campus | (Attachment 3)  |
| (4)  | Project Budget (Final) for UConn Tennis Facility  | (Attachment 4)  |
| (5)  | Project Budget (Final) for UConn Waterbury at 36 North<br>Main Street   | (Attachment 5)  |
| (6)  | Project Budget (Revised Final) for Branford House Exterior<br>Repairs, Phases 1, 2 & 3  | (Attachment 6)  |
| (7)  | Project Budget (Final) for Gampel Ground Floor KSI Heat Lab   | (Attachment 7)  |
| (8)  | Project Budget (Revised Final) for George C. White Building<br>Roof and Drainage System   | (Attachment 8)  |
| (9)  | Project Budget (Planning) for the UConn Health Emergency<br>Department Low Acuity Expansion                                     | (Attachment 9)  |
| (10) | Project Budget (Planning) for the UConn Health School of<br>Dental Medicine 24/7 Student Random Access Lab Renovation           | (Attachment 10) |
| (11) | Project Budget (Planning) for the UConn Health BB013<br>Animal Research MRI Renovation  | (Attachment 11) |
| (12) | Project Budget (Design) for the UConn Health Administrative<br>Services Building Center Generator and Power Improvements        | (Attachment 12) |
| (13) | Project Budget (Design) for the UConn Health IT Critical<br>Equipment Redundancy Room   | (Attachment 13) |
| (14) | Project Budget (Revised Final) for the UConn Health<br>Garage 1, 2 & 3 Electric Vehicle Charger Installation                    | (Attachment 14) |
| (15) | Project Budget (Design) for the UConn Health Hybrid<br>OR#2 Fit-Out   | (Attachment 15) |

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- (16) Project Budget (Final) for the UConn Health Southington Clinic Expansion (Attachment 16)
  - (17) Project Budget (Revised Final) for the UConn Health New England Sickle Cell Institute Renovation (Attachment 17)
  - (18) Project Budget (Final) for the UConn Health Cryo Electron Microscope Installation (Attachment 18)
  - (19) Project Budget (Revised Final) for the UConn Health TB-121 Blood Bank Relocation (Attachment 19)
  - (20) Project Budget (Revised Final) for the UConn Health Psychiatry Seclusion Suite and Nurse Station Security Renovation (Attachment 20)
  - (21) Project Budget (Revised Final) for the UConn Health Fluoroscopy Equipment Replacement and Renovation (Attachment 21)
  - (22) Project Budget (Revised Final) for the UConn Health Canzonetti (F) Building Wound Care Center Renovation (Attachment 22)
  - (23) Tenure at Hire (Attachment 23)
  - (24) Designation of Emeritus Status (Attachment 24)
  - (25) Sabbatical Leave Recommendations (Attachment 25)
  - (26) Appointment of Associate Professor Jessica Cooperman to the Doris and Simon Konover in Judaic Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Attachment 26)
  - (27) Reappointment of Associate Professor Robert Fahey to the George F. Cloutier Professorship in Forestry in the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources (Attachment 27)
  - (28) Modification of Name of the Wells Fargo Center for Neurodiversity and Employment Innovation (Attachment 28)
3. President's Report
  4. University Senate Report  
Senate Executive Committee Chair, Dr. Laura Burton
  5. Academic Affairs Committee Report
    - (a) Report on Committee activities
    - (b) Community Engagement Presentation  
Presenter: Dr. Jennifer E. Orlikoff, Campus Dean  
UConn Stamford
  6. Financial Affairs Committee Report
    - (a) Report on Committee activities
    - (b) Presentation: FY24 UConn and UConn Health Budget Presentation (Attachment 29)  
Presenter: Jeffrey Geoghegan, Executive Vice President  
for Finance and Chief Financial Officer

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- (c) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:
- On a motion by Trustee Cloud, seconded by Trustee Boxer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Biennium State Appropriation Request for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses in Attachment 30.
- (Trustee Russell-Tucker abstained from voting on Attachment 30.)
- (1) Biennium State Appropriation Request for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses (Attachment 30)
- On a motion by Trustee Bunnell, seconded by Trustee O'Connor, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Biennium State Appropriation Request for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 for the University of Connecticut Health Center in Attachment 31.
- (Trustee Russell-Tucker abstained from voting on Attachment 31.)
- (2) Biennium State Appropriation Request for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 for the University of Connecticut Health Center (Attachment 31)
- On a motion by Trustee Cloud, seconded by Trustee Boxer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY24 Capital Expenditures in Attachment 32.
- (3) FY24 Capital Expenditures (Attachment 32)
- (d) Informational Item:
- (1) 2024 Finance Corporation Report of Operations (Attachment 33)
7. UConn Health Report
- (a) Report on UConn Health activities
8. Joint Audit and Compliance Committee Report
- (a) Report on Committee activities
- There was no Report on Committee activities.
9. Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Report
- (a) Report on Committee activities
- On a motion by Trustee Bunnell, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Proposed Modification of Distribution Right-of-Way Easements on UConn Property between Hunting Lodge Road and King Hill Road in Storrs for the Benefit of Connecticut Light & Power (aka CL&P or Eversource) in Attachment 34.
- (b) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:
- (1) Proposed Modification of Distribution Right-of-Way Easements on UConn Property between Hunting Lodge Road and King Hill Road in Storrs for the Benefit of Connecticut Light & Power (aka CL&P or Eversource) (Attachment 34)
- (c) Fuel Cell Update
10. Student Life Committee Report
- (a) Report on Committee activities

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11. Institutional Advancement Committee Report
  - (a) Report on Committee activities
12. Committee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report
  - (a) Report on Committee activities
13. Committee on Compensation Report
  - (a) Report on Committee activities
14. Committee for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Report
  - (a) Report on Committee activities
15. Other Business
16. Executive Session

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Trustee Bessette, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 11:15 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. Commercial or financial information given in confidence, not required by statute [CGS Section 1-210(b)(5)(B)]; and
3. 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, Dennis-LaVigne, Dunn, Gouin, Hamer, O'Connor, O'Keefe, Ritter, Rubin, and Toscano.

Governor Lamont's designee, Jonathan 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, Agwunobi, Benedict, D'Alleva, Fuerst, Gelston, Geoghegan, Hunt, Keilty, Kirk, Lombardo, Simpson, Williams, and Wrynn.

The Executive Session ended at 1:07 p.m., and the Board returned to Open Session at 1:08 p.m.

17. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Boxer, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The Board meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel D. Toscano  
Board Chair