

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

VIRTUAL MEETING

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Board Chair Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees participated virtually: Trustees Andy F. Bessette, Mark L. Boxer, Charles F. Bunnell, Shari G. Cantor, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Sean K. Dunn (part of the meeting), Marilda L. Gandara, Jeanine A. Gouin, Kevin J. O'Connor (part of the meeting), Daniel H. O'Keefe, Bryan K. Pollard, Thomas D. Ritter (part of the meeting), Philip E. Rubin, and Daniel D. Toscano.

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

Trustees John P. Driscoll, Joy A. Hamer, Bryan P. Hurlburt, Rebecca Lobo, and Charlene Russell-Tucker were not in attendance.

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

The following University staff attended the meeting virtually: President Radenka Maric, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Anne D'Alleva, Athletic Director David Benedict, Executive Secretary to the Board Rachel Rubin, General Counsel Nicole Gelston, Chief of Staff Michelle Williams, Deputy Chief of Staff Philip Hunt, Governmental Relations Senior Director Joann Lombardo, Governmental Relations Director Gail Garber, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Gladis Kersaint, Assistant Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Sarah Croucher, Senior Associate University Counsel Jonathan Heinlein, Deputy General Counsel Nathan LaVallee, and University Senate Executive Committee Chair Laura Burton.

Lawrence Schall, President, and Aaron Perkus, Assistant Vice President, from the New England Commission of Higher Education also attended the meeting virtually.

OPEN SESSION

1. Public Participation

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

President Maric acknowledged the recent passing of former President John T. Casteen III, who served the University from 1985 to 1990. Under his leadership, UConn became the first public university in New England to be designated by the Carnegie Foundation as a Top-Tier Research I university in 1987.

2. Delegation of Signature Authority for Endorsement Contracts and Revenue-Sharing Agreements with Student-Athletes

On a motion by Trustee Bessette, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution authorizing the Director of the Division of Athletics to sign certain University contracts in which the University is compensating a student-athlete for use of such individual's name, image, and/or likeness in the promotion of a product, service, or event or entering into a revenue-sharing arrangement with a student-athlete.

3. New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) Accreditation Overview

NECHE President Schall and Assistant Vice President Perkus provided an overview of the University reaccreditation process that will be conducted in the Summer and Fall 2026.

4. Other Business

There was no Other Business.

5. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

6. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Bessette, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The Board meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan K. Pollard
Secretary