

MINUTES

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

February 26, 2025

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Board Chair Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees participated in person: Trustees Andy F. Bessette, Shari G. Cantor, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Sean K. Dunn, Jeanine A. Gouin, Joy A. Hamer, 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.

The following Trustees participated virtually: Trustees Mark L. Boxer, John P. Driscoll, and Marilda L. Gandara.

Trustees Charles F. Bunnell, Bryan P. Hurlburt, Rebecca Lobo, Kevin J. O'Connor, Daniel H. O'Keefe, and Charlene Russell-Tucker were not in attendance.

The following University Senate Representatives attended the meeting in person: Karen Bresciano, Timothy Folta, Micah Heumann, Tina McCarthy, Lisa Park Boush, and Edward Weingart.

The following University Senate Representatives attended the meeting virtually: Amvrossios Bagtzoglou, D. Betsy McCoach, and Michael White.

President Radenka Maric attended part of the meeting virtually.

The following University staff attended the meeting in person: 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, Athletic Director David Benedict, 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 Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship S. Pamir Alpay, Vice President for Human Resources Lakeesha Brown, Interim Vice President for Communications Michael Kirk, Deputy Director of Athletics/Senior Woman Administrator Ann Fiorvanti (part of the meeting), Deputy Director of Athletics/Chief Operating Officer Jason Butikofer (part of the meeting), Associate Vice President for Budget, Planning and Institutional Research Reka Wrynn, Senior Associate University Counsel Jonathan Heinlein, Deputy General Counsel Nathan LaVallee, UConn Waterbury Campus Dean and Chief Administrative Officer Fumiko Hoeft, and UConn Health Chief Counsel Scott Simpson.

Deputy Chief of Staff Philip Hunt attended the meeting virtually.

Jason Adwin, Senior Vice President, from the firm The Seagal Group, Inc., attended part of the meeting virtually.

OPEN SESSION

1. Public Participation

Professor Kathleen Tonry expressed concerns related to the impacts of Federal initiatives to the University.

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2. Chairman's Report

(a) Matters Outstanding

Board Chair Toscano welcomed Trustee John P. Driscoll as the appointee to succeed Sanford Cloud, Jr. as Chair the UConn Health Board of Directors, which was effective December 12, 2024.

Board Chair Toscano also congratulated Eric Kruger, who is currently UConn Health's Vice President for Facilities Development and Operations, as UConn's new Vice President of Facility Services and University Planning.

Board Chair Toscano noted that the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) will be conducting a full reaccreditation review in the Summer and Fall of 2026. In preparation for this, he encouraged Board members to participate in an informational session that will be scheduled in the near future.

(b) Minutes of the Meetings of December 11, 2024, and January 15, 2025

On a motion by Trustee Bessette, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meetings of December 11, 2024, and January 15, 2025.

(c) Consent Agenda Items:

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

(1) Contracts and Agreements (Attachment 1)

(Trustee Bessette abstained from voting on Items #3 and #5 in Attachment 1.

Trustee Ritter abstained from voting on Attachment 1.)

(2) Project Budget (Revised Final) for Academic and Research Facilities – Gant Building Renovations – STEM (Attachment 2)

(3) Project Budget (Design) for Gampel Pavilion Renovation (Attachment 3)

(4) Project Budget (Revised Final) for Werth Residence Tower High Humidity Mitigation (Attachment 4)

(5) Project Budget (Final) for Avery Point Parking Lots A and B Upgrades (Attachment 5)

(6) Project Budget (Final) for Alumni Residence Halls Roof Replacement (Attachment 6)

(7) Project Budget (Final) for the Homer Babbidge Library HVAC Equipment Upgrades Phase 1 and 2 (Attachment 7)

(8) Project Budget (Revised Final) for Branford House Exterior Repairs, Phases 1, 2 and 3 (Attachment 8)

(9) Project Budget (Revised Final) for Gampel Pavilion Generator Replacement (Attachment 9)

(10) Project Budget (Final) for Housing Refresh Program Summer 2025 (Attachment 10)

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| (11) | Project Budget (Final) for McMahon Residence Hall and Dining Facility Roof Replacements | (Attachment 11) |
| (12) | Project Budget (Final) for Music Building Roof Replacement | (Attachment 12) |
| (13) | Project Budget (Revised Final) for Nathan L. Whetten Graduate Center 3 rd Floor Renovation | (Attachment 13) |
| (14) | Project Budget (Final) for the UConn Health Underground Fuel Tank C1 Removal and Replacement | (Attachment 14) |
| (15) | Project Budget (Final) for the UConn Health Administrative Services Building (ASB) Data Center Generator and Power Improvements | (Attachment 15) |
| (16) | Project Budget (Final) for the UConn Health IT Critical Equipment Redundancy Room | (Attachment 16) |
| (17) | Project Budget (Final) for the UConn Health LINAC Unit Replacement | (Attachment 17) |
| (18) | Project Budget (Final) for the UConn Health Interventional Radiology Equipment Replacement and Renovation | (Attachment 18) |
| (19) | Project Budget (Revised Final) for the UConn Health Central Sterile Washer and Sterilizer Replacement | (Attachment 19) |
| (20) | Project Budget (Revised Final) for the UConn Health Building E and Building K Roof Replacement | (Attachment 20) |
| (21) | Tenure at Hire | (Attachment 21) |
| (22) | Designation of Emeritus Status | (Attachment 22) |
| (23) | Sabbatical Leave Recommendations | (Attachment 23) |
| (24) | Appointment of Associate Professor Sung Yeul Park as the Charles H. Knapp Associate Professor in Electrical Engineering in the College of Engineering | (Attachment 24) |
| (25) | Advanced Business Certificate in Social Responsibility and Impact in Business | (Attachment 25) |
| (26) | Graduate Certificate in Child and Youth Behavioral Health | (Attachment 26) |
| (27) | Program Closures: BA in Applied Mathematical Sciences, BS in Applied Mathematical Sciences, and BS in Mathematics-Physics | (Attachment 27) |
| (28) | Program Closures: MA and Ph.D. in Medieval Studies | (Attachment 28) |

3. President's Report

Provost D'Alleva provided a brief report on the executive orders and directives as they relate to the campus community and its constituents. She acknowledged the Office of the Vice President for Research for its efforts to support and protect the University's research enterprise and noted that all the schools and colleges are reviewing potential impacts.

Vice President Fuerst updated the Board on the Spring semester enrollment and projections for the Fall semester. He also confirmed increases in applications at all the regional campuses.

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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. Fumiko Hoeft, UConn Waterbury
Campus Dean and Chief Administrative Officer
 - (c) Informational Item:
 - (1) Faculty Consulting Program (Attachment 29)
 - The University of Connecticut Consulting Program
FY 24 Annual Report
 - Report on the University of Connecticut's Compliance
with CGS 1-84(r) Faculty Consulting Program: Report
Issued by the Faculty Consulting Oversight Committee
6. Financial Affairs Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
 - (b) Presentation: FY25 UConn and UConn Health Budget Update (Attachment 30)
Presenter: Jeffrey Geoghegan, Executive Vice President
for Finance and Chief Financial Officer
 - (c) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:
On a motion by Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Dunn, the Board voted unanimously to
approve changing the Urban Semester program from the current fee-based structure to a tuition-
based structing beginning in Fall 2025.
 - (1) Changing the Urban Semester Program from Fee to Tuition (Attachment 31)
7. UConn Health Report
 - (a) Report on UConn Health activities
8. Joint Audit and Compliance Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
9. Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
There was no activity to report.
10. Student Life Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
11. Institutional Advancement Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
There was no activity to report.

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12. Committee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
13. Committee on Compensation Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
There was no activity to report.
14. Committee for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
15. Other Business
There was no Other Business.
16. Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Trustee Bessette, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 11:18 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. Records pertaining to strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or pending litigation to which the public agency is a party until such litigation or claim has been finally adjudicated or otherwise settled [CGS Section 1-210 (b)(4)]; and
4. Names or addresses of students enrolled in any public school or college without the consent of each student whose name or address is to be disclosed who is eighteen years of age or older and a parent or guardian of each student who is younger than eighteen years of age, provided this subdivision shall not be construed as prohibiting the disclosure of the names or addresses of students enrolled in any public school in a regional school district to the board of selectmen or town board of finance, as the case may be, of the town wherein the student resides for the purpose of verifying tuition payments made to such school [CGS Section 1-210 (b)(11)]; and
5. 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)].

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

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

The following University staff were in attendance for part of the Executive Session: Maric, Alpay, Benedict, Brown, Butikofer, D'Alleva, Fiorvanti, Fuerst, Gelston, Geoghegan, Heinlein, Hunt, Kirk, LaVallee, Simpson, Williams, and Wrynn.

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

The Executive Session ended at 1:20 p.m., and the Board returned to Open Session at 1:22 p.m.

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17. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The Board meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bryan K. Pollard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B'.

Bryan K. Pollard
Secretary