

DRAFT MINUTES

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Wilbur Cross Building
North Reading Room (109)
233 Glenbrook Road
Storrs, Connecticut**

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Board Chair Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees participated in person: Trustees Andy F. Bessette, Charles F. Bunnell, Shari G. Cantor, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Sean K. Dunn, Joy A. Hamer (part of the meeting), Daniel H. O'Keefe, Bryan K. Pollard, Thomas D. Ritter, and Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees participated virtually: Trustees Mark L. Boxer, John P. Driscoll, Marilda L. Gandara, Jeanine A. Gouin, Kevin J. O'Connor, Daniel H. O'Keefe, Philip E. Rubin, and Charlene Russell-Tucker (part of the meeting).

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

Trustees Bryan P. Hurlburt and Rebecca Lobo 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, Edward Weingart, and Michael White.

University Senate Representative Amvrossios Bagtzoglou 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 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 Global Affairs Weiner, and Interim Vice President for Communications Michael Kirk.

Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Andrew Agwunobi attended the meeting virtually.

OPEN SESSION

1. Public Participation

Josie Simon, Editor-in-Chief, Nutmeg Publishing, raised concerns about the ongoing fiscal viability of the Nutmeg yearbook due to insufficient student fees.

Andy Zhang, Undergraduate Student Government President-elect, spoke about the federal threats to higher education.

(a) Matters Outstanding

Board Chair Toscano congratulated the Women's Basketball Team for winning their 12th NCAA Championship.

Board Chair Toscano noted the Bailey Student Athletic Success Center groundbreaking will be held immediately following the Board meeting. He acknowledged the generous contributions from alums Dr. Trisha M. Bailey, along with Denis and Britta Nayden. Additionally, he noted the launch later today of the UConn Foundation campaign at the Avery Point Campus.

(b) Board Recognition

Board Chair Toscano introduced the resolution to honor Trustee Joy Hamer's service and commitment as the graduate/professional student representative on the Board.

There was Board consensus to accept the resolution for Trustee Hamer.

(c) Minutes of the Meetings of February 26 and March 26, 2025

On a motion by Trustee Bessette, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meetings of February 26 and March 26, 2025.

(d) Consent Agenda Items:

Executive Vice President Geoghegan briefly reviewed the revisions to Attachments 1 and 2 noting that the Contracts and Agreements list was adopted as recommended by the Financial Affairs Committee, and the Project Budget for the Avery Point Housing Development was revised to limit the approval to preparing the cost, scope and feasibility of the project.

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

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| (1) | Contracts and Agreements
(Trustee Ritter abstained from voting on Attachment 1.) | (Attachment 1) |
| (2) | Project Budget (Planning) for Avery Point Housing Development | (Attachment 2) |
| (3) | Project Budget (Final) for Peace Garden (formerly known as Reflection Garden) | (Attachment 3) |
| (4) | Project Budget (Revised Final) for Stamford Abutting Property Restoration | (Attachment 4) |
| (5) | Project Budget (Final) for Storrs Campus - Underground Storage Tank Replacement | (Attachment 5) |
| (6) | Project Budget (Revised Final) for Music Building Roof Replacement | (Attachment 6) |
| (7) | Project Budget (Revised Final) for Jones Annex Renovation | (Attachment 7) |
| (8) | Project Budget (Planning) for the UConn Health TM416 MRI Upgrade and Mobile Unit | (Attachment 8) |

- (9) Project Budget (Design) for the UConn Health Emergency Department Low Acuity Expansion (Attachment 9)
- (10) Project Budget (Design) for the UConn Health BB013 Animal Research MRI Renovation (Attachment 10)
- (11) Project Budget (Final) for the UConn Health Parking Lots L1 and A5 Repaving (Attachment 11)
- (12) Promotion and Tenure Recommendations (Attachment 12)
- (13) Tenure at Hire (Attachment 13)
- (14) Designation of Emeritus Status (Attachment 14)
- (15) Sabbatical Leave Recommendations (Attachment 15)
- (16) Bachelor of Science in Equine Science and Management in the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources (Attachment 16)
- (17) Location Modification: BA in Psychological Sciences (Avery Point) (Attachment 17)
- (18) Modification of the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund Professor in Sustainable Energy (Attachment 18)
- (19) Naming Recommendation for the Alice Murray Heilig Music Chair in the School of Fine Arts (Attachment 19)
- (20) Appointment of Professor Daniel Bolnick as the Arden Chair in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Attachment 20)
- (21) Appointment of Professor Virginia Hettinger to the Alan R. Bennett Honors Professorship in Political Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Attachment 21)
- (22) Appointment of Professor Louis Hanzlik to the Alice Murray Heilig Music Chair in the School of Fine Arts (Attachment 22)
- (23) Reappointment of Professor Daniele Fabris as the Harold S. Schwenk, Sr. Distinguished Chair in Chemistry in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Attachment 23)
- (24) Naming Recommendation for the DJ and Eva Doyle Family Conference Room (Bailey Student Athlete Success Center) (Attachment 24)
- (25) Naming Recommendation for the Michael J. Galchus '66 BA '71 MBA and Barbara E. Myers PhD Locker Room (Bailey Student Athlete Success Center) (Attachment 25)
- (26) Naming Recommendation for the Hodson Family Pathway to Emotional Wellness (Bailey Student Athlete Success Center) (Attachment 26)
- (27) Naming Recommendation for the Nayden Academic Excellence Center (Bailey Student Athlete Success Center) (Attachment 27)

(28) Naming Recommendation for the Dr. Henrietta Bernal Faculty Office (School of Nursing) (Attachment 28)

(29) Naming Recommendation for the Lucy A. LaCava Study Room (School of Nursing) (Attachment 29)

3. President's Report

(a) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:

On a motion by Trustee Bessette, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Honorary Degree nominations for this year's Commencement Ceremonies.

(1) Honorary Degrees (Attachment 30)

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: Professor James O'Donnell, Executive Director
Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation (CIRCA)

6. Financial Affairs Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

(b) Presentation: FY 25 UConn and UConn Health Budget Update

Presenter: Jeffrey Geoghegan, Executive Vice President
for Finance and Chief Financial Officer

(b) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Academic Year 2026 Student Fee Revisions for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses in Attachment 31.

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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

10. Student Life Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

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

There was no activity to report.
14. Committee for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
15. Other Business

Associate Vice President of University Business Services and Chief Procurement Officer Joseph Thompson provided an update on the AI Request for Proposal. He noted that the University received numerous proposals that are under review.
16. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.
17. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The Board meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan K. Pollard
Secretary