

REVISED AGENDA

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees

Institutional Advancement Committee June 11, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting

Public Streaming Link (with live captioning upon request): <http://ait.uconn.edu/bot>

(A recording of the meeting will be posted on the Board website, <https://boardoftrustees.uconn.edu/>, within seven days of the meeting.)

Call to order at **1:00 p.m.**

1. Public Participation*

*Individuals who wish to speak during the Public Portion of the Wednesday, June 11, must do so 24 hours in advance of the meeting's start time (1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10) by emailing BoardCommittees@uconn.edu. Speaking requests must include a name, telephone number, topic, and affiliation with the University (i.e., student, employee, member of the public). The Committee may limit the entirety of public comment to a maximum of 30 minutes. As an alternative, individuals may submit written comments to the Committee via email (BoardCommittees@uconn.edu), and all comments will be transmitted to the Committee.

2. Minutes from the April 9, 2025, and April 17, 2025, Meetings Dr. Dennis-LaVigne
Attachment 1

3. Naming Resolutions Ms. Yancey
Attachment 2

- Rob & P.J. Brewer & Family Women's Ice Hockey Assistant Coach's Office
- Urman Peace Garden
- Named Gift Opportunities for MacKenzie Hall

4. Statement of Work for the UConn Foundation for Fiscal Year 2026 and Mr. Geoghegan
First Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Master Agreement
Attachment 3

5. UConn Foundation Campaign Update Ms. Yancey

6. UConn Foundation / Alumni Update Ms. Yancey /
Ms. Cotton Kelly

7. Governmental Relations Update Ms. Lombardo

8. University Communications Update Mr. Kirk
Attachment 4

9. University Senate Representative Report

Dr. Timothy Folta

10. Other Business

11. Executive Session (as needed)

12. Adjournment

PLEASE NOTE: *If you are an individual with a disability and require accommodations, please e-mail the Board of Trustees Office at boardoftrustees@uconn.edu prior to the meeting.*

ATTACHMENT 1

DRAFT MINUTES

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees

Institutional Advancement Committee April 9, 2025 Virtual Meeting

Committee Trustees:	Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Shari Cantor, Jeanine Gouin, Joy Hamer, Bryan Pollard
University Senate Representative:	Timothy Folta
University Staff:	Radenka Maric, Anne D'Alleva, Nathan Fuerst, Jonathan Heinlein, Philip Hunt, Michael Kirk, Joann Lombardo, Rachel Rubin, Emily Zangari
UConn Foundation Staff:	Mo Cotton Kelly, Rachel Marshall, Marinda Reynolds, Amy Yancey

Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. Public Participation

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

2. Minutes from the November 24, 2024, Meeting

Attachment 1

On a motion by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes from November 26, 2024, Meeting.

3. Naming Resolutions

Attachment 2

- On a motion by Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the DJ and Eva Doyle Family Conference Room.
- On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the Michael J. Galchus '66 BA, '71 MBA and Barbara E. Myers PhD Locker Room.
- On a motion by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the Hodson Family Pathway to Emotional Wellness.
- On a motion by Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Gouin, the Committee voted unanimously to approve Named Gift Opportunities for the Volleyball Facility with the correction to the square footage of the Assistant Coach's Offices.
- On a motion by Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Gouin, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the Modification of Connecticut Clean Energy Fund Professor in Sustainable Energy.

- On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Gouin, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the Lucy A. LaCava Study Room.
- On a motion by Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Gouin, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the Dr. Henrietta Bernal Faculty Office.
- On a motion by Trustee Cantor, seconded by Trustee Gouin, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the Alice Murray Heilig Music Chair.

4. UConn Foundation Campaign Update

Ms. Yancey provided an update on the UConn Foundation Campaign.

5. UConn Foundation Campaign Naming Project

Ms. Marshal shared details surrounding the UConn Foundation Naming Project.

6. UConn Foundation / Alumni Update

Ms. Cotton Kelly and Ms. Yancey provided an update on the UConn Foundation and Alumni happenings.

7. Governmental Relations Update

Ms. Lombardo shared the latest activity this legislative session.

8. University Communications Update

Attachment 3

Mr. Kirk provided an update on University Communications' work.

9. University Senate Representative Report

Dr. Folta gave a University Senate Report.

10. Other Business

No Other Business was discussed.

11. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

12. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Pollard, seconded by Trustee Hamer, the meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Cote
Secretary to the Committee

DRAFT MINUTES

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees

Institutional Advancement Committee April 17, 2025 Special Virtual Meeting

Committee Trustees:	Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Charles Bunnell, Shari Cantor, Jeanine Gouin, Bryan Pollard
University Senate Representative:	Timothy Folta
University Staff:	Anne D'Alleva, Philip Hunt, Michael Kirk, Rachel Rubin, Jonathan Heinlein
UConn Foundation Staff:	Amy Yancey

Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

1. Public Participation

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

2. Naming Resolution

On a motion by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Bunnell, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the Nayden Academic Excellence Center.

3. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

4. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.


Respectfully submitted,

Jen Cote
Secretary to the Committee

ATTACHMENT 2

June 25, 2025

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Rob & P.J. Brewer & Family
Women's Ice Hockey Assistant Coach's Office

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorize the naming of the Women's Ice Hockey Assistant Coach's Office in the Toscano Family Ice Forum located on the Storrs campus the "Rob & P.J. Brewer & Family Women's Ice Hockey Assistant Coach's Office."

BACKGROUND:

The Toscano Family Ice Forum, a state-of-the-art 2,600-seat ice hockey arena is the home of UConn men's and women's ice hockey teams. The arena opened in January 2023. The facility includes full Division I training and support for the women's and men's ice hockey teams; team lounges, dry locker area and locker rooms with video displays; locker rooms for visiting teams; training space with a hydrotherapy area; strength and conditioning room; and other areas such as coaches' offices, a press box, and a large center-hung display scoreboard with perimeter ribbon boards designed to create an outstanding experience for fans.

Robert Brewer, now retired, had been the Vice President of Middle Market Industry Solutions since 2013. He received his bachelor's degree in economics from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in 1983 and a master's degree in economics from Trinity College in 1992. Mr. Brewer made his first gift to UConn in 2011. His wife, Patricia, was an Account Executive Officer at Travelers since 1991.

Mr. Brewer's gift is consistent with the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.

June 25, 2025

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 

RE: Naming Recommendation for the Urman Peace Garden

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorize the naming of the planned improved green space adjacent to the Homer Babbidge Library the "Urman Peace Garden."

BACKGROUND:

The approximate 12,000 square foot space proposed for the Peace Garden is located along Academic Way between the east side of the Homer Babbidge Library and the Weston A. Bousfield Psychology Building. The Garden was jointly conceived by Dr. Jeffrey D. Urman '67 and his friend and former UConn classmate, Dr. Lewis M. Cohen, '66.

The design is expected to incorporate a sculpture that features three stainless steel columns at the center of a spiral-shaped lawn to create a reflective space to promote tolerance and open-mindedness.

Dr. Jeffrey D. Urman earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University's School of Pharmacy in 1967. After earning his medical degree from Cornell University, Dr. Urman returned to UConn for a residency, which he completed in 1977. A Founders Society member, Dr. Urman's UConn philanthropy has established endowments and provided operating funds for the design and construction of the garden space.

Dr. Urman's gift is consistent with the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.



June 11, 2025

TO: Members of the Institutional Advancement Committee

FROM: Amy Yancey, President and Chief Executive Officer

RE: Named Gift Opportunities for MacKenzie Hall

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Institutional Advancement Committee approve these proposed minimum gift amounts for naming various spaces located in MacKenzie Hall on the University of Connecticut School of Law campus. These proposed minimum gift amounts are consistent with other spaces of this size, age and prominence on the Law School campus. Individual opportunities will be submitted for approval in accordance with the University's naming procedures.

<u>Named Space</u>	<u>Min. \$ Amount</u>	<u>sq. ft.</u>	<u>Spaces</u>
Event Space	400,000.00	1,411	1
Client Reception Area	100,000.00	308	1
Classroom/Multi-Use Room	75,000.00	435	2
Clinic Work and Meeting Space (Floors 1 and 2)	50,000.00	376	4
Clinic Work and Meeting Space (Floor 3)	25,000.00	207	2
Client Interview/Meeting Room (Floors 1 and 2)	25,000.00	208	5
Client Interview/Meeting Room (Floor 3)	15,000.00	203	3

BACKGROUND:

MacKenzie Hall (former location of the Attorney General's office on Sherman Street and an original building on the Hartford Seminary campus that became UConn School of Law) is the new home of UConn Law's seven in-house legal clinics and six partnership legal clinics, which provide experience for hundreds of law students annually and offer

free legal counsel and services to members of the local community, including children, individuals with disabilities, entrepreneurs, veterans, elderly individuals, and organizations.


Due to space constraints, the in-house and partnership clinics previously operated in different locations dispersed across campus. MacKenzie Hall provides a single location for those seeking legal services and advice to engage with the legal clinics. The centralized location also increases opportunities for collaboration among the clinics and makes it easier for clinics to cross-refer clients who need representation in multiple areas.

UConn Law's in-house programs include clinics in animal law, asylum and human rights, criminal defense at the trial level, intellectual property and entrepreneurship, tax law, and transactional law. The Law School's partnership clinics include programs in children's advocacy, criminal defense at the appellate level, disability rights, elder law, environmental law, and veterans' benefits, as well as work with the U.S. Attorney's Office.

ATTACHMENT 3

June 25, 2025

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Jeffrey P. Geoghegan, CPA 
Executive Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer

RE: Statement of Work for the UConn Foundation for Fiscal Year 2026
And First Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Master Agreement

RECOMMENDATION:

The University recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the resolution below authorizing the University to enter into: (i) a Statement of Work ("SOW") for Fiscal Year 2026 with The University of Connecticut Foundation, Incorporated (the "UConn Foundation"); and (ii) the First Amendment (the "Amendment") to the Second Amended and Restated Master Agreement (the "Master Agreement") between the University and the UConn Foundation.

RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED, that the University's President and Chief Financial Officer are authorized to execute and deliver a SOW for Fiscal Year 2026 with the UConn Foundation at a cost of \$15,000,000 on the terms described below and such other terms as may be deemed advisable and in the best interest of the University by the University's President and Chief Financial Officer with notice to the Institutional Advancement Committee of the Board of Trustees; and

RESOLVED, that the University's President and Chief Financial Officer are authorized to execute and deliver the Amendment to extend the Master Agreement for an additional five (5) years and amend certain other terms therein; and

RESOLVED, that the University's President and Chief Financial Officer are hereby further authorized to execute, deliver and perform, in the name of and on behalf of the University, such certificates, instruments, documents and agreements as each of them may deem necessary, useful or required in furtherance of the foregoing resolution.

BACKGROUND:

The University has entered into a Master Agreement with the UConn Foundation in satisfaction of the requirements of Connecticut General Statutes§ 4-37f(9). This agreement details the University's relationship with the UConn Foundation and sets forth the UConn

Foundation's responsibilities for performing development, investment, and other services in support of the University. The UConn Foundation is a private organization, exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that operates exclusively to promote the educational, research, cultural, clinical, recreational, and outreach objectives of the University.

The Master Agreement currently expires on June 30, 2025. The proposed Amendment will extend the term of the Master Agreement for a period of five years and amend certain other terms therein.

The Master Agreement requires, among other things, that the University enter into a SOW with the UConn Foundation outlining specific goals and objectives and the financial consideration to be provided by the University. The current SOW expires on June 30, 2025.

The proposed SOW with the UConn Foundation sets forth the fundraising, investment management, alumni relations activities, and other related goals and objectives for Fiscal Year 2026. The goals and objectives established for next year include the following:

- A fundraising goal of \$145 million in new gifts and commitments for the University (including support for UConn Health).
- Aligning gift opportunities with specific goals and initiatives in the University's 2024 Strategic Plan.
- Fostering relationships and philanthropy from alumni, donors, families, and friends from a diverse spectrum of backgrounds, identities, ethnicities, races, perspectives, and abilities who reflect the whole of our state, country, and global society and share the Foundation and University's values and goals to support a thriving and inclusive community.
- Increasing scholarships and need-based financial aid for University students;
- Targeting cash available to or for the benefit of the University each fiscal year in an amount totaling not less than seven (7) times the amount of the Annual Service Fee paid during the preceding fiscal year.

In consideration for the UConn Foundation's performance of these services during the next fiscal year, the University has agreed to pay the UConn Foundation a total of \$15,000,000 which is inclusive of a minimum amount of \$3,093,000 to be devoted specifically to alumni relations activities and services and up to \$1,000,000 will be devoted to hiring up to six (6) new full-time development officers to support fundraising.

Statement of Work FY26

This Statement of Work FY26 (this “SOW”), effective the 1st day of July, 2025, is made between THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT (“University” or “UConn”), Connecticut’s land grant university, whose statutory authority is set forth in Chapter 185b of the Connecticut General Statutes, and THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED (“Foundation”), a Connecticut nonstock corporation that is exempt from taxation under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

The University and the Foundation have entered into a Second Amended and Restated Master Agreement, as amended by that certain First Amendment effective June 30, 2025 (the “Agreement”) under which the Foundation has responsibility for fundraising efforts for the benefit of the University, management of endowment and other funds designated to benefit the University and for performing alumni relations activities in support of the University.

The Agreement stipulates that the University and Foundation will from time to time, but in no event less frequently than once every five (5) years, enter statements of work which outline the specific fundraising, investment management and alumni relations activities goals and objectives that the University and Foundation have agreed upon and the consideration to be provided to the Foundation each fiscal year (July 1st through June 30th) (“Fiscal Year”). This SOW covers the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 (“Period”).

1. Payments

The University agreed to provide certain in-kind consideration to the Foundation for its services under the terms of the Agreement. In addition to agreeing to provide such in-kind consideration, the University further agrees to provide the following consideration to the Foundation for the Period:

- a) **Annual Service Fee:** The University will pay an annual amount to the Foundation of Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000) during the Period for development and alumni activities and related services. Of this total amount, the University and the Foundation agree that during the Period a minimum amount of Three Million Ninety-Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,093,000) will be devoted specifically to alumni relations activities and services. Also, of this total amount, up to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) will be devoted to hiring up to six (6) new full-time development officers to support fundraising. Upon notification from the Foundation CFO, the UConn CFO will determine timing of the \$1,000,000 funding transfer. The balance of the annual service fee will be paid quarterly in advance in equal installments.
- b) **Other Fees:** The University agrees that Foundation operations will also be funded during the Period by an advancement fee on endowment funds (“Advancement Fee”), a Gift Fee on non-endowed contributions (“Gift Fee”), and retention of earnings on non-endowed Foundation assets.

- 1) The Foundation will assess and retain an Advancement Fee, as reasonably determined by the Foundation, on all endowment assets (University and Foundation assets) invested by the Foundation. The Foundation's Advancement Fee is calculated annually on a quarterly basis ("Calculation Date") and presently equals one and three-quarter percent (1.75%) of the rolling prior twelve (12) quarter average unitized market value of the long-term pooled investment portfolio multiplied by the number of units held by each endowed fund. The Advancement Fee owing to the Foundation will be transferred to Foundation operating funds in four equal installments as of the first day of each quarter following the Calculation Date (April 1st, July 1st, October 1st, and January 1st) or as soon as practicable thereafter.
 - 2) The Foundation will assess and retain Gift Fees on all non-endowed gifts deposited in the Foundation, as reasonably determined by the Foundation. The Foundation's Gift Fee for non-endowed gifts is presently five percent (5%) of the value of the gift as of the date of receipt. Twenty-five percent (25%) of any non-endowed gift fee (or 1.25%) will be transferred to unrestricted Foundation accounts supporting the school, college or unit supported by the fund to which the original gift was designated. The remaining seventy-five percent (75%) of any non-endowed Gift Fees (3.75%) is retained by the Foundation to support its operations. The school, college or unit may elect to waive its fee allocation, in which case a Gift Fee of only 3.75% will be assessed, to be retained by the Foundation.
 - 3) The Foundation will retain all investment earnings on non-endowed Foundation assets.
- c) **Fee Modifications and Waivers:** The Foundation, from time to time, may change its Advancement Fee and Gift Fee policies and will notify the University, in writing, of any changes made during the Period. The Foundation will also provide written notice to the University of any Advancement or Gift Fee reduction or waiver that is approved during the Period in accordance with its policies for any gift accepted in an amount greater than or equal to Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000). Any such modification or waiver will be reported to the Institutional Advancement Committee of the Board of Trustees.

2. Foundation Mission

The Foundation is an independent, not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization operating for the principal purpose to receive or use private funds for charitable, scientific, cultural, educational or related purposes that support or improve the objectives of the University of Connecticut (inclusive of the University's Health Center). The Foundation pursues this mission by, among other activities, raising philanthropic gifts to promote the educational, scientific, cultural, clinical, research, outreach and recreational objectives of the University and UConn Health; growing, managing and administering endowed and non-endowed funds established for these purposes; and promoting engagement of the University's diverse alumni and supporters. The Foundation solicits, administers, and invests private philanthropic funds for the sole benefit of the University and its areas of strategic focus including: Providing

access to a world-class education; Excelling as a renowned academic and research institution that catalyzes innovation in our state, nation, and world; Fostering the physical, mental, and environmental wellness of patients, students, faculty, staff, and the world at large; and Promoting Husky Pride through Athletic excellence and lifelong engagement of alumni, donors, and friends in UConn's mission.

3. Fundraising and Alumni Engagement Goals

In consideration of the compensation provided to Foundation by the University under the terms of the Agreement and this SOW, the Foundation, consistent with its mission, agrees as follows:

- a) **Fundraising:** The Foundation will endeavor during the Period to increase total private philanthropic support by raising One Hundred and Forty-Five Million Dollars (\$145,000,000) in new gifts and commitments (to be calculated in accordance with the Foundation's reasonably established gift counting policy, as amended from time to time) ("New Gifts & Commitments"), inclusive of:
 - 1) Eleven Million Five Hundred Dollars (\$11,500,000) support the construction and renovation (or operating expenses associated with the departments or programs housed in) of the following UCONN 2000 infrastructure projects: new Life Sciences Building, Edward V. Gant Science Complex, Harry A. Gampel Pavilion, Hugh S. Greer Field House, volleyball center, boathouse, or tennis courts;
 - 2) Funds for University priorities, inclusive of the Hartford and other regional campuses, to support increased student demand, including but not limited to scholarships; and
 - 3) Continue to pursue at least One Billion Dollars (\$1,000,000,000) in total endowment assets by the end of the next comprehensive fundraising campaign for the University (inclusive of support for UConn Health ("Campaign")), currently anticipated to be June 30, 2030.

The parties acknowledge and understand that achieving the fundraising goals may be negatively impacted by global financial markets and geopolitical events.

- b) The Foundation will focus its efforts on the following objectives during the Period of this SOW:
 - 1) Increasing the three-year trailing average annual total New Gifts & Commitments over the current three-year trailing average through, without limitation, realigning programs; aligning resources with opportunity; setting growth targets for schools, colleges, and units; raising individual performance expectations for fundraisers; redeploying employees; creating efficiencies of scale and shared services; and increasing sponsorships for Foundation-funded University events.
 - 2) Increasing total University and Foundation endowment assets.

- 3) Aligning fundraising with the University's stated 2024 Strategic Plan goals and initiatives, focusing on:
- i. "Students First" by pursuing support for scholarships, wellness initiatives, and student success programs.
 - ii. "Research and Innovation" and "Health and Wellness of People and Planet" by pursuing support for professorships, graduate fellowships, state-of-the-art academic and laboratory spaces, and interdisciplinary research for the University and UConn Health.
 - iii. "Husky Pride" by pursuing support for Athletic scholarships, coaching positions, facilities, and Title IX investment as well as growing new alumni, parent, corporate, foundation and fan engagement.
 - iv. "Community and Service Engagement" by pursuing growth in support through engagement with industry and individuals in support of all campuses of the State of Connecticut's flagship land and sea-grant university.
- 4) Creating a high-performing operational institutionally related foundation by pursuing operational efficiencies and economies of scale through activities such as, without limitation, sharing services with the University, reducing non-essential and non-revenue expenditures, increasing revenue through sponsorship of Foundation events, and redirecting operational budgets to frontline, mission-specific activity as determined by Foundation management in its discretion.
- 5) As appropriate, aligning Foundation priorities and demonstrating values and objectives consistent with the strategic direction set by the University.
- 6) Fostering relationships and philanthropy from alumni, donors, families, and friends from a diverse spectrum of backgrounds, identities, ethnicities, races, perspectives, and abilities who reflect the whole of our state, country, and global society and share the Foundation and University's values and goals to support a robust inclusive community.
- c) **Alumni Engagement:** The Foundation will endeavor during the Period to create a meaningful alumni experience for University alumni as measured by aspirational peers' internal metrics with a goal of increasing connectivity among alumni as well as current students. The Foundation will provide budget support for such programs throughout the Period commensurate with the amount of the Annual Service Fee designated to the Foundation's alumni relations responsibilities.

The Foundation will focus on the following alumni engagement objectives during the Period of this SOW:

- 1) Consistently growing the number of alumni and constituents who engage in the University's mission, representing various backgrounds, abilities, and life experiences. Utilizing comprehensive alumni data to launch appropriate engagement event strategies with a goal of actively engaging constituents through: Athletic, networking, and academic events in Storrs, Hartford, Waterbury, Stamford, Avery Point and key constituent markets across the country; Participatory giving; Student mentorship, internship creation, and career development; Event sponsorship; Guest lectures; and other measurable engagement measures on our campus and in key markets.
 - 2) Tracking the success of alumni programs via attendance numbers, new attendees, and post-event surveys; defining strategic areas of focus; and conducting personal visits, especially with engaged alumni network volunteers.
 - 3) Developing programs for University students to educate them on how to engage as active alumni through programming, volunteering, and giving.
 - 4) Aligning alumni activities and event messaging with the University's stated 2024 Strategic Plan goals and initiatives (as described above) and the Campaign (i.e., executing outreach and engagement programs that promote the value of philanthropy, constituent giving, and pipeline development).
- d) **Key Performance Indicators:** The Foundation will provide a progress report to the University, on or about August 1, 2026, outlining progress against the following key performance indicators, which it aspires to achieve by the conclusion of the Campaign ("KPI"):
- 1) Deliver a minimum average annual total of New Gifts & Commitments raised per Foundation fundraising full-time employee ("FTE") of Two Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,700,000).
 - 2) Target the total number of qualification meetings at Twenty Percent (20%) of all donor meetings.
 - 3) Increase the total number of New Gifts & Commitments at the One Million Dollar (\$1,000,000) or higher level by Fifteen Percent (15%) over the previous Fiscal Year.
 - 4) Target New Gifts & Commitments directed to the endowment and/or to the UCONN 2000 infrastructure projects at thirty percent (30%) of all solicitations.
 - 5) Prioritize gift opportunities with specific goals and initiatives in the University's 2024 Strategic Plan.
 - 6) Target the amount of cash made available to the University each Fiscal Year to an amount totaling not less than Seven (7) times the amount of the Annual Service Fee devoted to development activities paid during the preceding Fiscal Year.

4. Investment Benchmarks

The Foundation, in its discretion, will establish appropriate investment benchmarks for assets invested for the benefit of the University, both those owned by the Foundation and those owned by the University. The Foundation will provide to the University's President and Executive Vice President for Finance, and Chief Financial Officer a summary report of its investment risk and return benchmarks during the Period. The Foundation will use reasonable efforts to maintain the following benchmarks during the Period:

- a) The target net return on Foundation investments will be five and three-quarter percent (5.75%), plus inflation as measured by an appropriate inflation index.
- b) Volatility is expected to be consistent with the risk associated with exceeding the return of the portfolio benchmarks noted above, calculated as the weighted average performance of the asset class benchmarks defined in the Foundation's Investment Policy Statement.
- c) Risk is expected to be measured by the annualized standard deviation of returns over a market cycle of seven to ten years.

5. Amendment

This SOW may be modified or amended in whole or in part by mutual written agreement signed by duly authorized representatives of each of the parties.

6. Governing Law

This SOW is governed by the laws of the State of Connecticut. If there shall be any inconsistency between the provisions of this SOW and the Agreement, the provisions of the Agreement shall control.

7. Counterparts and Electronic Signatures

This SOW may be executed by electronic signature and/or in two (2) or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original instrument, but all of which will constitute one and the same agreement.

FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Radenka Maric, PhD
President, University of Connecticut

Date

Jeffrey P. Geoghegan
Executive Vice President for Finance
and Chief Financial Officer, University of Connecticut
and UConn Health

Date

FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED

Craig W. Ashmore
Chair, The University of Connecticut
Foundation, Incorporated

Date

Amy Yancey
President, The University of Connecticut
Foundation, Incorporated

Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Assistant Attorney General,
Connecticut State Attorney General's Office

Date

FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE
SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED MASTER AGREEMENT

between

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

and

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED

WHEREAS, the UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT (hereinafter the “University” or “UConn”), Connecticut’s land grant university, whose statutory authority is set forth in Chapter 185b of the Connecticut General Statutes, and THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED (hereinafter the “Foundation”), a Connecticut non-stock corporation that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), entered into an agreement effective July 1, 2014 (the “Original Agreement”) to outline the relationship between the parties and to assure compliance with the provisions of CONN. GEN. STAT. § 4-37e et seq., as they may be amended, and other applicable laws;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Original Agreement the University designated the Foundation to assume primary responsibility for the University’s development efforts and the investment and administration of endowment funds established to benefit the University, and the Foundation agreed to undertake these responsibilities;

WHEREAS, the University and the Foundation entered into the First Addendum to Master Agreement, effective as of April 1, 2015, pursuant to which, among other things, the University designated the Foundation to assume primary responsibility for performing alumni relations activities in support of the University, and the Foundation agreed to undertake these responsibilities;

WHEREAS, the University and the Foundation entered into the First Amended and Restated Master Agreement, effective July 1, 2015 and, subsequently the Second Amended and Restated Master Agreement, effective July 1, 2020 (“Current Agreement”), whereby the Original Agreement and its Addenda were amended and restated in their entirety to set forth the terms on which the Foundation would continue for a period of five (5) years to support the University by engaging in development efforts, investing and administering endowment and other funds established to benefit the University and performing alumni relations activities;

WHEREAS, the mission of the Foundation is to solicit, receive, invest and administer gifts and financial resources from private sources for the benefit of all campuses and programs of the University (inclusive of the University’s Health Center), and, to this end, to support the University’s alumni relations activities; and the Foundation operates exclusively to promote the educational, research, cultural, and recreational objectives of the University; and as a primary fundraising vehicle to solicit and administer private gifts and grants which will enhance the University’s mission, the Foundation supports the University’s pursuit of excellence in teaching, research and public service;

WHEREAS, the University and the Foundation desire to amend the terms on which the Foundation will continue to support the University by engaging in development efforts, investing and administering endowment and other funds established to benefit the University and performing alumni relations activities and to extend the Current Agreement through June 30, 2030 (“Extension Period”); and

WHEREAS, Section 11.2 of the Current Agreement provides that it may be amended from time to time upon mutual written agreement of the parties, approval of their respective governing boards and approval as to form by the Office of the Attorney General;

NOW, THEREFORE, upon execution of this First Amendment (the “Amendment”) by the parties, the Current Agreement is hereby amended and extended as follows effective as of June 30, 2025:

1. Section 2.2 is hereby amended by deleting the reference to “the UConn Law School Foundation”.
2. Section 3.4 is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with “3.4 Intentionally Omitted” for purposes of maintaining section numbering.
3. Section 5.2 is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“5.2 Annually, the President of the University shall certify to the Foundation a list (which shall be updated as changes occur) of University employees who are authorized to request disbursements from the Foundation (“Authorized Officials”). Requests for disbursements by the Foundation from an Authorized Official, including, but not limited to, any charges applied to a Foundation credit card, shall constitute a representation and certification by the Authorized Official that the disbursement is being made in accordance with University policies and procedures.”
4. Section 5.4 is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“5.4 The Foundation agrees to provide to the University, on an annual basis, a summary of all fund balances held for the benefit of the University, disbursements provided to the University, and expenditures made on behalf of the University to third parties during the preceding twelve (12) months.”
5. Section 7.1(b) regarding the “Endowment Administrative Fee” assessed by the Foundation on endowed funds is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“7.1(b) Advancement Fee. The Foundation may assess an endowment administrative fee (“Advancement Fee”) on Foundation endowment and University endowment funds as determined in the Foundation’s discretion. The current rate for such fees will be provided in a SOW.”

6. Section 7.1(f) is added as the new and final subsection of Section 7.1 as follows:

“7.1(f) Other Support: As agreed by the University and Foundation, an SOW may provide for special projects or initiatives and any additional terms related thereto.”

7. Section 10 regarding non-discrimination and Executive Orders is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“10.1 Nondiscrimination

a. For purposes of this Section, the following terms are defined as follows:

i. “Commission” means the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities;

ii. “Contract” and “contract” include any extension or modification of the Contract or contract;

iii. “Contractor” and “contractor” include any successors or assigns of the Contractor or contractor;

iv. “Gender identity or expression” means a person’s gender-related identity, appearance or behavior, whether or not that gender-related identity, appearance or behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the person’s physiology or assigned sex at birth, which gender-related identity can be shown by providing evidence including, but not limited to, medical history, care or treatment of the gender-related identity, consistent and uniform assertion of the gender-related identity or any other evidence that the gender-related identity is sincerely held, part of a person’s core identity or not being asserted for an improper purpose.

v. “good faith” means that degree of diligence which a reasonable person would exercise in the performance of legal duties and obligations;

vi. “good faith efforts” shall include, but not be limited to, those reasonable initial efforts necessary to comply with statutory or regulatory requirements and additional or substituted efforts when it is determined that such initial efforts will not be sufficient to comply with such requirements;

vii. “marital status” means being single, married as recognized by the State of Connecticut, widowed, separated or divorced;

viii. “mental disability” means one or more mental disorders, as defined in the most recent edition of the American Psychiatric Association’s “Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders”, or a record of or regarding a person as having one or more such disorders;

ix. “minority business enterprise” means any small contractor or supplier of materials fifty-one percent or more of the capital stock, if any, or assets of which is owned by a person or persons: (1) who are active in the daily affairs

of the enterprise, (2) who have the power to direct the management and policies of the enterprise, and (3) who are members of a minority, as such term is defined in subsection (a) of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 32-9n; and

x. “public works contract” means any agreement between any individual, firm or corporation and the State or any political subdivision of the State other than a municipality for construction, rehabilitation, conversion, extension, demolition or repair of a public building, highway or other changes or improvements in real property, or which is financed in whole or in part by the State, including, but not limited to, matching expenditures, grants, loans, insurance or guarantees.

For purposes of this Section, the terms “Contract” and “contract” do not include a contract where each contractor is (1) a political subdivision of the state, including, but not limited to, a municipality, unless the contract is a municipal public works contract or quasi-public agency project contract, (2) any other state, including but not limited to any federally recognized Indian tribal governments, as defined in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-267, (3) the federal government, (4) a foreign government, or (5) an agency of a subdivision, agency, state or government described in the immediately preceding enumerated items (1), (2), (3), or (4).

b. (1) The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Contract such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, status as a veteran, status as a victim of domestic violence, intellectual disability, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by such Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or of the State of Connecticut; and the Contractor further agrees to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants with job-related qualifications are employed and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity or expression, status as a veteran, status as a victim of domestic violence, intellectual disability, mental disability or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, unless it is shown by the Contractor that such disability prevents performance of the work involved; (2) the Contractor agrees, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, to state that it is an “affirmative action equal opportunity employer” in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission; (3) the Contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which the Contractor has a collective bargaining Agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which the Contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission, advising the labor union or workers’ representative

of the Contractor's commitments under this section and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; (4) the Contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this Section and Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 46a-68e and 46a-68f and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 46a-56, 46a-68e, 46a-68f and 46a-86; and (5) the Contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the Commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the Contractor as relate to the provisions of this Section and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 46a-56. If the contract is a public works contract, municipal public works contract or contract for a quasi-public agency project, the Contractor agrees and warrants that he or she will make good faith efforts to employ minority business enterprises as subcontractors and suppliers of materials on such public works or quasi-public agency projects.

c. Determination of the Contractor's good faith efforts shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following factors: The Contractor's employment and subcontracting policies, patterns and practices; affirmative advertising, recruitment and training; technical assistance activities and such other reasonable activities or efforts as the Commission may prescribe that are designed to ensure the participation of minority business enterprises in public works projects.

d. The Contractor shall develop and maintain adequate documentation, in a manner prescribed by the Commission, of its good faith efforts.

e. The Contractor shall include the provisions of subsection (b) of this Section in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a contract with the State and in every subcontract entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a municipal public works contract for a quasi-public agency project, and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the Commission. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 46a-56 as amended; provided if such Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Commission regarding a State contract, the Contractor may request the State of Connecticut to enter into any such litigation or negotiation prior thereto to protect the interests of the State and the State may so enter.

f. The Contractor agrees to comply with the regulations referred to in this Section as they exist on the date of this Contract and as they may be adopted or amended from time to time during the term of this Contract and any amendments thereto.

g. (1) The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the performance of the Contract such Contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of sexual orientation, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or the State of Connecticut, and that employees are treated when employed without regard to their sexual orientation; (2) the Contractor agrees to provide each labor union or representative of workers with which such Contractor has a collective bargaining Agreement or other contract or understanding and each vendor with which such Contractor has a contract or understanding, a notice to be provided by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this section, and to post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment; (3) the Contractor agrees to comply with each provision of this section and with each regulation or relevant order issued by said Commission pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 46a-56; and (4) the Contractor agrees to provide the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities with such information requested by the Commission, and permit access to pertinent books, records and accounts, concerning the employment practices and procedures of the Contractor which relate to the provisions of this Section and Conn. Gen. Stat. § 46a-56.

h. The Contractor shall include the provisions of the foregoing paragraph in every subcontract or purchase order entered into in order to fulfill any obligation of a contract with the State and such provisions shall be binding on a subcontractor, vendor or manufacturer unless exempted by regulations or orders of the Commission. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any such subcontract or purchase order as the Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance in accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. § 46a-56 as amended; provided, if such Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the Commission regarding a State contract, the Contractor may request the State of Connecticut to enter into any such litigation or negotiation prior thereto to protect the interests of the State and the State may so enter.

i. Pursuant to subsection (c) of section 4a-60 and subsection (b) of section 4a-60a of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Contractor, for itself and its authorized signatory of this Contract, affirms that it understands the obligations of this section and that it will maintain a policy for the duration of the Contract to assure that the Contract will be performed in compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of such sections. The Contractor and its authorized signatory of this Contract demonstrate their understanding of this obligation by (A) having provided an affirmative response in the required online bid or response to a proposal question which asks if the contractor understands its obligations under

such sections, (B) signing this Contract, or (C) initialing this nondiscrimination affirmation in the following box:

10.2 Executive Orders and Other Enactments.

a. All references in this Contract to any Federal, State, or local law, statute, public or special act, executive order, ordinance, regulation or code (collectively, “Enactments”) shall mean Enactments that apply to the Contract at any time during its term, or that may be made applicable to the Contract during its term. This Contract shall always be read and interpreted in accordance with the latest applicable wording and requirements of the Enactments. Unless otherwise provided by Enactments, the Contractor is not relieved of its obligation to perform under this Contract if it chooses to contest the applicability of the Enactments or the University’s authority to require compliance with the Enactments.

b. This Contract is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. Three of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgated June 16, 1971, concerning labor employment practices, Executive Order No. Seventeen of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgated February 15, 1973, concerning the listing of employment openings and Executive Order No. Sixteen of Governor John G. Rowland promulgated August 4, 1999, concerning violence in the workplace, all of which are incorporated into and are made a part of this Contract as if they had been fully set forth in it.

c. This Contract may be subject to Executive Order No. 14 of Governor M. Jodi Rell, promulgated April 17, 2006, concerning procurement of cleaning products and services. If applicable, Executive Order No. 14 is deemed to be incorporated into and made a part of this Contract as if fully set forth in it.”

8. Section 11.1 is hereby amended by deleting the name “UConn Nation Proud” and replacing it with “UConn Strong.”

9. Section 11.5 is hereby amended to extend the term of the Agreement by five (5) years thereby changing the expiration date to June 30, 2030.

[signature page follows]

If there shall be any inconsistency between the provisions of this Amendment and the Current Agreement, this Amendment shall control.

FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

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President, University of Connecticut

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Jeffrey P. Geoghegan
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ATTACHMENT 4

MEMORANDUM

To: Institutional Advancement Committee
From: Mike Kirk, Interim Vice President for Communications
Date: June 11, 2025
Subject: UConn in the media

[Move Over, WAGs: As Interest in Women's Sports Rises, It's Time to Talk About HABs](#)

Yahoo News – May 1, 2025

It has something to do with society becoming more invested in female athletes, according to Risa Isard, assistant professor of sport management at the University of Connecticut. That includes their professional accomplishments as well as their personal lives — and, yes, who they're dating. Social media has played a big role in this. "Pre-social media, teams and athletes had to rely on traditional media to tell their story. And we know that traditional media didn't care about telling these stories [about women in sports]," Isard tells Yahoo Life. "They didn't value it because they assumed that there was no readership or audience for it."

[What Makes a Kentucky Derby Champion? Big Hearts, Immense Lungs, and Powerful Legs](#)

The Associated Press – May 1, 2025

"One thing that's really unique about horses is that they have an incredible capacity to move blood around their bodies -- their heart rate can go really high and still be safe," said University of Connecticut researcher Sarah Reed, editor in chief of the journal Animal Frontiers.

[We Asked Arborists When to Prune a Dogwood Tree, and They All Said the Same Thing](#)

The Spruce – May 2, 2025

The risks of pruning during the active growing season is why University of Connecticut Horticultural Outreach Educator Heather Zidack recommends considering dogwood tree pruning in the winter. "In the summer, the tree is trying to make it through the active growing season by putting out leaves and carrying out photosynthesis," she says.

[This is the Best Nut to Eat If You Want to Lower Your Colorectal Cancer Risk, Study Finds](#)

Fortune – May 2, 2025

A recent study published in Cancer Prevention Research from the UConn School of Medicine found that ellagitannins, polyphenol compounds found in walnuts, play a role in helping inhibit cancer. "Ellagitannins in the walnut are importantly providing the anti-inflammatory and anticancer properties that we're seeing in patients in our clinical trial research, particularly the gut's conversion of ellagitannins to a potent anti-inflammatory agent, urolithin A," [said](#) study author Daniel W. Rosenberg, who leads a team of researchers at the UConn School of Medicine.

[Researchers Who Studied Walnuts Want You to Know About the Health Benefits](#)

South Florida Sun-Sentinel – May 5, 2025

A handful of walnuts a day may keep the doctors away, according to a clinical trial at UConn School of Medicine. The clinical trial confirmed the health benefits of eating walnuts in improving colonic health and for cancer prevention, a spokesperson for UConn School of Medicine said. "Ellagitannins in the walnut are importantly providing the anti-inflammatory and anti-cancer properties that we're seeing in patients in our clinical trial research, particularly the gut's conversion of ellagitannins to a potent anti-inflammatory agent, urolithin A," said Daniel W. Rosenberg, who leads a multidisciplinary team of researchers at the UConn School of Medicine.

[Cicada Map 2025: Here's Where Brood XIV Has Already Been Spotted](#)

USA Today – May 7, 2025

The cicadas are back – well, some of them. Brood XIV has begun to emerge in some eastern U.S. states. The brood emerges every 17 years, and is considered the second largest periodical cicada brood, according to the University of Connecticut.

[To Put Pressure on Trump, Democrats Turn to Religion – and to Religious Activists](#)

Religion News Service – May 8, 2025

"While many progressives, liberals and Democrats have been struggling to try and catch up to what the Trump administration is doing, people like William Barber and other folks on the religious left have had a kind of moral clarity about what's going on for a long time," Ruth Braunstein, a sociology professor at the University of Connecticut and director of the school's Meanings of Democracy Lab, said in an interview. "So I think they've been able to respond more quickly."

[Bears in the 'Burbs? Why More People Are Having Close Encounters](#)

Good Housekeeping – May 8, 2025

In other places, like Connecticut, bears really were completely eradicated. And now, they're coming back. "A bear has been sighted in every town in the state of Connecticut," says Tracy Rittenhouse, 47, a wildlife ecologist at the University of Connecticut in Storrs. The population is expanding in from the west. Black bears have territories, and females tend to set up shop in territories near their mothers and have their cubs there. Males, however, go further afield. "So males will sometimes go for a walk throughout Eastern Connecticut, and then eventually they're going to look for females, and they'll move back towards where the females are," she explains.

[When Doctors Don't Believe Their Patients' Pain – Experts Describe the All-Too-Common Phenomenon of Medical Gaslighting](#)

The Conversation – May 8, 2025

Analysis article by Assistant Professor of Health Communication Elizabeth Hintz.

[My Tax Dollars: The Morality of Taxpaying in America](#)

New Books Network - May 9, 2025

Podcast interview with Professor of Political Science Ruth Braunstein.

[How Can the Placenta Help Us Understand Cancer?](#)

The Scientist – May 14, 2025

While we now know that tumors don't originate from trophoblasts, Beard's theory draws some interesting parallels between placental biology and tumor biology. "The cells from the placenta, they invade into the mother," said Kshitiz, a cell biologist at the University of Connecticut. "They use many, many similar mechanisms [as cancer], and sometimes they're innovative mechanisms, too."

[How to Be a Caregiver for Someone with Osteoporosis](#)

AARP – May 14, 2025

Spinal fractures can rob people of height and the ability to stand straight. A broken hip can sharply increase the risk of death and disability. "The number of people who are able to get back to normal life after a hip fracture is very limited," says Ivy Alexander, a nurse practitioner and clinical professor at the University of Connecticut School of Nursing.

[As WNBA Popularity Soars, Salaries Remain a Big Hurdle](#)

The Associated Press – May 15, 2025

"The league has only soared since" 2020, said Risa Isard, an assistant sports management professor at UConn. "And so this is the chance for the players to kind of recoup all of the value that they've produced in the last five years that they hadn't gotten to see themselves so directly."

[Billions of Cicadas Are Expected to Emerge in These 12 States This Summer](#)

The Today Show – May 15, 2025

While last year saw the first double emergence of two different broods of periodical cicadas for the first time since 1803, this summer will involve just one, known as Brood XIV. However, Brood XIV is the second-largest periodical brood of cicadas in the country, according to the University of Connecticut, so billions of bugs will emerge this summer.

[Unconventional Education](#)

QS Insights Magazine – May 15, 2025

Bart P. Roccoberton Jr has been a professional puppet artist for nearly 50 years. He has staged shows in the United States, China, Taiwan, Jordan, Israel, Palestine, France and various other countries. He has even been proclaimed as 'North America's Chancellor of Puppetry Education and Training for the Twenty-First Century' by Union Internationale de la Marionnette (UNIMA); the global association for puppeteers worldwide. But one of the most noticeable things about Roccoberton's CV is that he is also a university lecturer. He heads up the MA in Puppet Arts at the University of Connecticut, said to be the only degree of its kind in the United States. Quite frankly, you'd struggle to find a similar degree anywhere in the world.

[Prostate Experts See Familiar Scenario in Biden's Cancer Diagnosis](#)

The New York Times – May 21, 2025

Dr. Peter Albertsen, a prostate cancer specialist at the University of Connecticut, pointed to a rigorous study that randomly assigned men whose cancers were found with screening into three groups: they either had surgery, received radiation therapy or received regular monitoring of early-stage prostate cancer. There was no difference in health outcomes among the three groups. "In most cases, it doesn't matter if you watch it or treat it," he said, reflecting the fact that most of these cancers were not dangerous.

[Billions of Cicadas Are Emerging, from Cape Cod to Georgia – Here's How and Why We Track Them](#)

The Conversation – May 22, 2025

Expert analysis piece by Assistant Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology John Cooley and Senior Research Scientist of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Chris Simon.

[Supreme Court Deadlocks on Religious Charter Schools – For Now](#)

The 74 – May 23, 2025

"The fact that it was as close as it was is a signal. This is a chance to make some changes because it's going to come up again," said Preston Green, an education and law professor at the University of Connecticut. He has recommended that states amend laws to clarify that board members for charter schools are public officials.

[5 Years After George Floyd's Murder, the Backlash Takes Hold](#)

The New York Times – May 26, 2025

But Manisha Sinha, who teaches American history at the University of Connecticut, sees the resurgence of old power structures as intentional though not inescapable. "I don't think that there's something inevitable or cyclical about it," Dr. Sinha said. "As historians, we know that things just don't happen on their own."

[Strength of Immune System Response May Drive Health Aging](#)

UPI – May 26, 2025

The concept of so-called "immune resilience" has gained traction in recent years, particularly since the COVID-19 pandemic, which heightened awareness of the importance of a strong immune system, according to geriatrician Dr. George Kuchel, director of the Center on Aging at the University of Connecticut.

[Split Supreme Court Blocks Oklahoma's Charter School – But Future Cases Could Hinge on Whether Charters Are Public or Private](#)

The Conversation – May 27, 2025

Expert analysis by John and Maria Neag Professor of Urban Education Preston Green III.

[Food Banks, Schools in Arkansas Face Decreased Funding](#)

Little Rock Public Radio – May 29, 2025

Interview with Marlene Schwartz, director of the Rudd Center for Food Policy and Health.