

MINUTES

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

**Storrs, Connecticut
Wednesday, June 25, 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 in person: Trustees Andy F. Bessette, Mark L. Boxer, Shari G. Cantor, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Sean K. Dunn, Jeanine A. Gouin, Denis J. Nayden, Daniel H. O'Keefe (part of the meeting), Bryan K. Pollard, Thomas D. Ritter, Philip E. Rubin, Fabio R. Saccomanno, and Daniel D. Toscano.

The following Trustees participated virtually: Trustees Trisha M. Bailey, Bryan P. Hurlburt (part of the meeting), Kevin J. O'Connor (part of the meeting), and Charlene Russell-Tucker (part of the meeting).

Trustees Charles F. Bunnell, John P. Driscoll, Marilda L. Gandara, and Jonathan Dach, Governor Lamont's designee on the Board, were not in attendance.

The following University Senate Representatives attended the meeting in person: Amvrossios Bagtzoglou, Karen Bresciano, Timothy Folta, and Michael White.

University Senate Representatives Tina McCarthy, Lisa Park Boush, and Edward Weingart 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 Health Affairs Andrew Agwunobi, 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 and Chief Human Resources Officer Lakeesha Brown, Vice President for Student Life and Enrollment Nathan Fuerst, Vice President for Facility Services and University Planning Eric Kruger, Interim Vice President for Communications Michael Kirk, Deputy Chief of Staff Philip Hunt, and Senior Associate University Counsel Jonathan Heinlein.

OPEN SESSION

1. Public Participation

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

(a) Matters Outstanding

Board Chair Toscano welcomed back to the Board Denis J. Nayden, who was reappointed on June 5 to complete the term held by Trustee Rebecca Lobo. He also welcomed Trisha M. Bailey, who was appointed on April 28 to finish the term previously held by former Trustee Thomas Kruger.

In addition, Board Chair Toscano welcomed Fabio R. Saccomanno, who was elected by the graduate and professional students to finish out the term held by recent Law School graduate Joy A. Hamer.

Board Chair Toscano recognized outgoing University Senate Representatives Professor D. Betsy McCoach, Professor Edward Weingart, and Executive Director of Dining Services Michael White.

Board Chair Toscano also noted that the following University Senate Representatives will begin their two-year terms on July 1: Dr. Lindsay Cummings, Associate Professor in the Department of Dramatic Arts will serve on the Academic Affairs Committee; Ms. Carrie Fernandes, Associate Director for Compliance and Quality Assurance in Student Financial Aid Services will serve on the Financial Affairs Committee; and Dr. Horea Ilies, Pratt and Whitney Professor and Director of the School of Mechanical, Aerospace, and Manufacturing Engineering will serve on the Committee for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

(b) Board Recognition

Board Chair Toscano recognized and thanked Ms. Lobo for her service and commitment to the Board.

(c) Minutes of the Meeting of April 23, 2025

On a motion by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee O'Keefe, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 23, 2025.

Trustee Saccomanno abstained from voting on the minutes.

(d) Consent Agenda Items:

Board Chair Toscano proposed that the Recommendations for Designation as Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors, Academic Year 2024-2025 in Attachment 18 be moved from the Consent Agenda to the Academic Affairs Committee Report to acknowledge the faculty and their accomplishments.

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Board voted to approve Attachments 1 – 17 and Attachments 19 – 28 on the Consent Agenda and to move Attachment 18 to the Academic Affairs Report for separate consideration.

- (1) Contracts and Agreements (Attachment 1)
(Trustee Bessette abstained from voting on Item #23 (Global Spectrum LLC) in Attachment 1. Trustee Ritter abstained from voting on Attachment 1.)
- (2) Project Budget (Design) – Motor Pool Fuel Tank Replacement (Attachment 2)
- (3) Project Budget (Final) – Gampel Pavilion Renovation (Attachment 3)
- (4) Project Budget (Revised Final) – University Second Electrical Feed (Attachment 4)
- (5) Project Budget (Revised Final) – Boiler Plant Equipment Replacement and Utility Tunnel Connection (Attachment 5)
- (6) Project Budget (Final) – Albert N. Jorgensen and Harriet S. Jorgensen Theatre and Performing Arts Center Envelope and Various Site Improvements (Attachment 6)
- (7) Project Budget (Final) – Alumni Center Wood Shake Roof Replacement (Attachment 7)

- (8) Project Budget (Revised Final) – Branford House Exterior Repairs, Phases 1, 2, & 3 (Attachment 8)
- (9) Project Budget (Revised Final) – Andover Infrastructure and Software Upgrade Phases I through VI (Attachment 9)
- (10) Project Budget (Final) – Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) Implementation and 5ESS Decommissioning (Attachment 10)
- (11) Project Budget (Planning) – UConn Health Connecticut Tower Infrastructure Upgrade (Attachment 11)
- (12) Project Budget (Design) – UConn Health TM416 MRI Upgrade and Mobile Unit (Attachment 12)
- (13) Project Budget (Final) – UConn Health Torrington Clinical Practice Relocation (Attachment 13)
- (14) Project Budget (Final) – UConn Health Emergency Department Low Acuity Expansion (Attachment 14)
- (15) Project Budget (Final) – UConn Health BB013 Animal Research MRI Renovation (Attachment 15)
- (16) Project Budget (Revised Final) – UConn Health Psychiatry Seclusion Suite & Nurse Station Security Renovation (Attachment 16)
- (17) Project Budget (Final) – UConn Health Main Liquid Oxygen Tank Replacement (Attachment 17)
- (19) Tenure Recommendation (Attachment 19)
- (20) Designation of Emeritus Status (Attachment 20)
- (21) Sabbatical Leave Recommendations (Attachment 21)
- (22) Graduate Certificate in Insurance Law (Attachment 22)
- (23) JD Certificate in Health Law (Attachment 23)
- (24) Program Closure: Graduate Certificate in School Law (Attachment 24)
- (25) Program Closure: Graduate Certificate in Addiction Sciences (Attachment 25)
- (26) Naming Recommendation for the Rob & P.J. Brewer & Family Women’s Ice Hockey Assistant Coach’s Office (Attachment 26)
- (27) Naming Recommendation for the Urman Peace Garden (Attachment 27)
- (28) Appointment to Canvassing Board – Election of Alumni Trustee (Attachment 28)
- (e) Informational items:
 - (1) Notification of Proposed Changes to the *By-Laws of the University of Connecticut* – Article IX – The University Senate (Attachment 29)
 - (2) Notification of Proposed Changes to the *By-Laws of the University of Connecticut* (Attachment 30)

3. President’s Report

4. University Senate Report
Senate Executive Committee Chair, Dr. Laura Burton

Board Chair Toscano thanked Dr. Burton for her service and collaboration as the Chair of the University Senate Executive Committee for the last two years.

5. Financial Affairs Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

- (b) Presentation: FY 26 UConn and UConn Health Budget Update (Attachment 31)
Presenter: Jeffrey Geoghegan, Executive Vice President
for Finance and Chief Financial Officer

(c) Items requiring Board discussion and approval:

On a motion by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Spending Plan for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses in Attachment 32.

- (1) Fiscal Year 2026 Spending Plan for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses (Attachment 32)

On a motion by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses in Attachment 33.

- (2) Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses (Attachment 33)

On a motion by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Dunn, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Thirty-Third Supplemental Indenture Authorizing University of Connecticut General Obligation Bonds in Attachment 34.

- (3) Thirty-Third Supplemental Indenture Authorizing University of Connecticut General Obligation Bonds (Attachment 34)

On a motion by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Boxer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Spending Plan for the University of Connecticut Health Center in Attachment 35.

- (4) Fiscal Year 2026 Spending Plan for the University of Connecticut Heath Center (Attachment 35)

On a motion by Trustee Gouin, seconded by Trustee Boxer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget Spending Plan for the University of Connecticut Health Center in Attachment 36.

- (5) Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget Spending Plan for the University of Connecticut Heath Center (Attachment 36)

There was a lengthy discussion and Board consensus for the Administration to develop a Strategic Plan for Avery Point, as well as for the other regional campuses. This plan should take into consideration the broader context of the University budget, budget mitigation plans, and the University-wide Strategic Plan. Any such plan must be completed and presented to the Board before any further action is taken on Avery Point Housing Development.

On a motion by Trustee Ritter, seconded by Trustee O'Keefe, the Board voted unanimously to table the Project Budget (Design) for the Avery Point Housing Development in Attachment 37.

(6) Project Budget (Design) – Avery Point Housing Development (Attachment 37)

On a motion by Trustee Boxer, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Project Budget (Final) for the Student Health and Wellness (SHaW) Suite at Avery Point in Attachment 38.

(7) Project Budget (Final) – Student Health and Wellness (SHaW) (Attachment 38)
Suite at Avery Point Campus

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Project Budget (Final) for the Pharmacy Biology Building (PBB) Research Support Expansion in Attachment 39.

(8) Project Budget (Final) – Pharmacy Biology Building (PBB) (Attachment 39)
Research Support Expansion

6. Academic Affairs Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

The following item was moved from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration.

On a motion by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Designations as Board of Trustees Distinguished Professors, Academic Year 2024-2025 in Attachment 18.

(18) Recommendations for Designation as Board of Trustees (Attachment 18)
Distinguished Professors, Academic Year 2024-2025

7. UConn Health Report

(a) Report on UConn Health activities

8. Joint Audit and Compliance Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

Board Chair Toscano acknowledged the appointment of Mr. Geoffrey Matous as one of the UConn Health Board of Director's representatives to the Joint Audit and Compliance Committee. Mr. Matous replaces Timothy A. Holt.

9. Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Report

(a) Report on Committee activities

(b) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:

On a motion by Trustee Boxer, seconded by Trustee Bessette, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Electric Distribution Easement at 400 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, CT in Attachment 40.

(1) Electric Distribution Easement at 400 Farmington Avenue, (Attachment 40)
Farmington, CT

(c) Informational Item:

(1) Project Budget (Revised Final) – Alumni Residence Halls (Attachment 41)
Roof Replacement

10. Student Life Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
11. Institutional Advancement Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
 - (b) Item requiring Board discussion and approval:

On a motion by Trustee Bessette, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Statement of Work for the UConn Foundation for Fiscal Year 2026 and First Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Master Agreement in Attachment 42.

 - (1) Statement of Work for the UConn Foundation for Fiscal Year 2026 and First Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Master Agreement (Attachment 42)
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 Gouin, seconded by Trustee Pollard, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 12:45 p.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. Records, reports and statements of strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining [CGS Section 1-210 (b)(9)]; 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)].

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

The following University staff were in attendance for part of the Executive Session: Maric, Brown, D'Alleva, Gelston, Geoghegan, Hunt, Kirk, and Williams.

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

The Executive Session ended at 2:21 p.m., and the Board returned to Open Session at 2:22 p.m.

17. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Nayden, seconded by Trustee Boxer, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The Board meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan K. Pollard
Secretary