

MINUTES**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES****Wilbur Cross Building
North Reading Room (109)
233 Glenbrook Road
Storrs, Connecticut****Wednesday, October 29, 2025**

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Vice-Chair Andrea Dennis-LaVigne. Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne chaired the meeting as Board Chair Toscano was not able to attend in person.

The following Trustees participated in person: Trustees Trisha M. Bailey, Andy F. Bessette, Charles F. Bunnell, Shari G. Cantor, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Sean K. Dunn, Daniel H. O'Keefe, Bryan K. Pollard, Thomas D. Ritter, Philip E. Rubin, Fabio R. Saccomanno, and Diane W. Whitney.

The following Trustees participated virtually: Trustees Mark L. Boxer, Marilda L. Gandara, Kevin O'Connor, Denis J. Nayden, and Daniel D. Toscano.

Natalie Wagner, Governor Lamont's designee, was in attendance.

Trustees John P. Driscoll, Bryan P. Hurlburt, and Charlene Russell-Tucker were not in attendance.

The following University Senate Representatives attended the meeting in person: Amvrossios Bagtzoglou, Lindsay Cummings, Carrie Fernandes, Timothy Folta, Micah Heumann, Tina McCarthy, and Lisa Park Boush.

The following University Senate Representatives attended the meeting virtually: Karen Bresciano and Horea Ilies.

The following University Staff attended the meeting in person: President Radenka Maric, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Pamir Alpay, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Andrew Agwunobi, Executive Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer Jeffrey Geoghegan, General Counsel and Executive Secretary to the Board Nicole Gelston, Chief of Staff Philip Hunt, Vice President for Student Life and Enrollment Nathan Fuerst, Vice President for Communications Michael Kirk, and Senior Director for Governmental Relations Joann Lombardo.

OPEN SESSION

1. Public Participation

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

2. Chairman's Report

(a) Matters Outstanding

Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne introduced a video featuring the UConn Marching Band performing outside the NBC Studio during a live broadcast of The Today Show. It was during that broadcast that the Band learned they have been selected to march in the 2026 Centennial celebration of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne recognized the creation of the Bridgeport Promise Program, which is a scholarship initiative that will provide financial aid to qualifying students from Bridgeport. Students selected to receive this scholarship will be able to enroll in the Fall of 2026.

Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne acknowledged the 100th anniversary of the University's School of Pharmacy, which was originally founded in 1925 in New Haven as the Connecticut College of Pharmacy.

Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne noted that the construction on the Bailey Student-Athlete Success Center and Nayden Center for Excellence continues to progress. The "Topping Out" event will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the construction site and will commemorate the final beam placement on the building.

(b) Minutes of the Meetings of September 17 and October 3, 2025

On motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee O'Keefe, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meetings of September 17 and October 3, 2025.

(c) Consent Agenda Items:

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee O'Keefe, the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda items.

- (1) Contracts and Agreements (Attachment 1)
(Trustee Ritter abstained from voting on Attachment 1)
Contract Item #2, Mythics, Inc., will not be utilized pending further review to address concerns raised at the Financial Affairs Committee meeting of October 28.
- (2) Tenure at Hire Recommendations (Attachment 2)
- (3) Designation of Emeritus Status (Attachment 3)
- (4) Sabbatical Leave Recommendations (Attachment 4)
- (5) Appointment of Board Representative to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station Board of Control (Attachment 5)
- (6) Appointment of Professor Matthew Lemberger-Truelove to the Letitia Neag Morgan Endowed Chair in the Department of Educational Psychology in the Neag School of Education (Attachment 6)
- (7) Annual Reports of Endowed Chairs (UConn Health) (Attachment 7)

3. President's Report

President Maric, Athletic Director David Benedict, Interim Vice President for Finance Reka Wrynn, and Associate Vice President for Global Affairs Ngozi Taffe gave brief presentations to the Board.

4. Academic Affairs Committee Report

- (a) Report on Committee activities

5. Financial Affairs Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
 - (b) Presentation: FY 2026 UConn and UConn Health Budget Update
Presenter: Jeffrey Geoghegan, Executive Vice President
for Finance and Chief Financial Officer
 - (c) Informational Item:
 - (1) Project Budget (Revised Final) for Jones Annex Renovation (Attachment 8)
6. UConn Health Report
 - (a) Report on UConn Health activities
Trustee Bessette delivered the UConn Health report and asked Dr. Andrew Agwunobi to provide some updates.
7. Joint Audit and Compliance Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
8. Buildings, Grounds and Environment Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
There was no activity to report.
9. Student Life Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
There was no activity to report.
10. Institutional Advancement Committee Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
UConn Foundation President and Chief Executive Officer Amy Yancey also attended the meeting in person.
11. Committee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
12. Committee on Compensation Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
13. Committee for Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Report
 - (a) Report on Committee activities
There was no activity to report.
14. Other Business
There was no Other Business.

15. Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Trustee Bessette, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 11:12 a.m. regarding:

1. CGS 1-200(6) E) discussion of any matter which would result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein described in subsection (b) of section 1-210; and
2. CGS 1-210(b)(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.

The following Trustees were in attendance: Bailey, Bessette, Boxer, Bunnell, Cantor, Dennis-LaVigne, Dunn, Gandara, Nayden, O'Connor, O'Keefe, Pollard, Ritter, Rubin, Saccomanno, Toscano, and Whitney.

Natalie Wagner, Governor Lamont's designee, was also in attendance.

The following University Staff attended the entirety of the Executive Session: President Maric, Andrew Agwunobi, Pamir Alpay, Nathan Fuerst, Gail Garber, Nicole Gelston, Philip Hunt, Michael Kirk, Joann Lombardo, and Reka Wrynn.

The Executive Session ended at 11:39 a.m., and the Board returned to Open Session at 11:40 a.m.

16. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Ritter, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The Board meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan K. Pollard
Secretary