

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

### **University of Connecticut Board of Trustees**

#### **Honors and Awards Committee Tuesday, December 15, 2025 Special Virtual Meeting**

Committee Trustees: Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Bryan Pollard, Philip Rubin

Other Committee Members: Radenka Maric, Pamir Alpay, A. Mehdi Anwar,  
Louis Hanzlik, Moez Khawaja, Bandana Purkayastha,  
Marinda Reynolds

University Staff: Nicole Gelston, Maryann Markowski, Paige Rasid

President Maric called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

1. Public Participation (limited to agenda items)

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

2. Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 11, 2025

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2025, Special Meeting.

3. Executive Session

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 3:40 p.m. regarding:

- 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 [pursuant to Connecticut General Statute (CGS) Section 1-210(b)(1)].

The following Committee members were in attendance: Alpay, Anwar, Dennis-LaVigne, Hanzlik, Khawaja, Maric, Pollard, Purkayastha, Reynolds, and Rubin.

The following University staff were in attendance for the entire Executive Session: Gelston, Markowski, and Rasid.

The Executive Session ended at 4:45 p.m., and the Committee returned to Open Session at 4:27 p.m.

#### 4. Honorary Degree Nominees

The Committee will meet at a future date to confirm nominees and vote on a recommendation to the Board.

#### 5. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Dennis-LaVigne, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The Committee meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige Rasid  
Staff to the Committee