MINUTES

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Board Chair Toscano.

The following Trustees participated in person: George A. Barrios, Andy F. Bessette, Mark L. Boxer, Charles F. Bunnell, Shari G. Cantor, Andrea Dennis-LaVigne, Nina Lemash, Daniel H. O'Keefe, Thomas D. Ritter, Fabio R. Saccomanno, Daniel D. Toscano, Richard I. Vogel, and Diane W. Whitney.

The following Trustees participated virtually: Denis J. Nayden, Philip E. Rubin, and Charlene Russell-Tucker.

Natalie Wagner, Governor Lamont's designee, also participated virtually.

Trustees Trisha M. Bailey, John P. Driscoll. Bryan P. Hurlburt, and Bryan K. Pollard were not in attendance.

University Senate Representatives Karen Bresciano, Carrie Fernandes, and Timothy Folta attended the meeting in person.

University Senate Representatives Lindsay Cummings and Lisa Park Boush attended the meeting virtually.

The following University senior staff attended the meeting in person: President Radenka Maric, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Pamir Alpay, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs and Chief Executive Officer for UConn Health Andrew Agwunobi, General Counsel and Executive Secretary to the Board Nicole Gelston, Chief of Staff Philip Hunt, Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer Anthony Rini, Vice President for Student Life and Enrollment Nathan Fuerst, Vice President for Communications Michael Kirk, UConn Health Chief Financial Officer Jeffrey Geoghegan, and Associate Vice President for Budget and Planning Reka Wrynn. Other members of the President's Senior Leadership Team were present for some or all of the meeting.

1. Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Trustee Rubin, seconded by Trustee Bunnell, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 10:05 a.m. pursuant to:

1. CGS 1-200(6)(A): 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; and
2. 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.

The following Trustees were in attendance: Barrios, Bessette, Boxer, Bunnell, Cantor, Dennis-LaVigne, Lemash, Nayden, O'Keefe, Ritter, Rubin, Russell-Tucker, Saccomanno, Toscano, Vogel, and Whitney.

Natalie Wagner, Governor Lamont's designee, also participated.

General Counsel and Executive Secretary to the Board Gelston was in attendance.

William Logue, founder of The Logue Group attended a portion of the Executive Session.

The Executive Session ended at 10:50 a.m., and the Board returned to Open Session at 10:52 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

2. Public Participation

Undergraduate student Colin Hamilton spoke in opposition of the proposed golf range facility on East Road and raised concerns about the UConn Conifer collection:

3. Chairman's Report

(a) Matters Outstanding

Board Chair Toscano acknowledged the competitiveness and high employee turnover in higher education and the importance of supporting all employees, including review of competitive compensation for our leadership. Based on the current data and increased expectations of a presidency, the Board supports a fair and competitive review of President Maric's compensation to be more reflective of her peers and the comparative market. As was previously delegated by the Board, the Board Chair has the authority to determine and adjust the president's compensation.

Board Chair Toscano introduced an inspirational video as part of the *Because of UConn* Foundation campaign featuring Trustee Fabio Saccamanno as a first-year medical student and UConn Health Patient Instructor Kim Siccardi.

At this time, Board Chair Toscano left the meeting and Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne assumed the duties of the Chair. She recognized newly elected Undergraduate Student Trustee Nina Lemash to her first in person meeting.

Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne also acknowledged outgoing University Senate Representatives Timothy Folta (Institutional Advancement), Micah Heumann (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion), Tina McCarthy (Student Life), and Lisa Park Boush (Financial Affairs) for their service and commitment to their respective Board committees. She also noted that Lindsay Cummings (Academic Affairs), Carrie Fernandes (Financial Affairs), and Horea Illies (Research, Entrepreneurship and Innovation) each will serve the second year of their two-year terms. Beginning July 1, they will be joined by Karen Bresciano (Academic Affairs); Amvrossios Bagtzoglou (Buildings, Grounds and Environment); Karen Skudlarek (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion); Oskar Harmon (Financial Affairs); Sandy Grande (Institutional Advancement), and Jennifer Tibbets (Student Life).

(b) Minutes of the Meeting of May 20, 2026 (Attachment 1)

On motion by Trustee Boxer, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 20, 2026.

(Trustee Whitney abstained from voting on the May 20, 2026 minutes.)

(c) Committee Reports and Updates

(1) Financial Affairs Committee

Vice-Chair Bessette gave an overview of the budget discussion held in the meeting earlier that morning.

The following items were grouped together for a single motion.

On motion by Trustee Boxer, seconded by Trustee Cantor, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2027 Spending Plans for UConn and UConn Health in Attachments 2 and 3.

(a) Fiscal Year 2027 Spending Plan for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses (Attachment 2)

(b) Fiscal Year 2027 Spending Plan for UConn Health (Attachment 3)

On motion by Trustee Boxer, seconded by Trustee Whitney, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budgets for UConn and UConn Health in Attachments 4 and 7.

(c) Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget for the University of Connecticut, Storrs and Regional Campuses (Attachment 4)

(f) Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Budget Spending Plan for UConn Health (Attachment 7)

On motion by Trustee Boxer, seconded by Trustee Whitney, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Thirty-Fourth Supplemental Indenture and the Revised Allocation for Twenty-Eighth Supplemental Indenture in Attachments 5 and 6.

(d) Thirty-Fourth Supplemental Indenture Authorizing University of Connecticut General Obligation Bonds (Attachment 5)

(e) Revised Allocation of Bond Authorizations as set forth in the Twenty-Eighth Supplemental Indenture (University of Connecticut General Obligation Bonds) (Attachment 6)

(2) Institutional Advancement Committee

Vice-Chair Dennis-LaVigne gave a brief overview of the Statement of Work emphasizing alumni engagement and fundraising efforts at UConn Health.

On a motion by Trustee Barrios, seconded by Trustee Whitney, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2027 Statement of Work for the UConn Foundation.

(a) Fiscal Year 2027 Statement of Work for the UConn Foundation (Attachment 8)

(3) Other Committee Reports

Vice-Chair Cantor gave a brief update on yesterday's Academic Affairs meeting highlighting the three Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor recommendations for Bruce T. Liang, M.D., Dr. Jeffrey O.G. Ogbar, and Dr. Rebecca Puhl. This designation is the highest honor bestowed on UConn faculty and exemplifies excellence in teaching, research, and service.

Vice-Chair Ritter gave a report on the special Buildings, Grounds and Environment meeting held on June 9th.

Vice-Chair Boxer gave a brief update about the special Joint Audit and Compliance meeting held on June 3rd and noted that its next regular meeting is scheduled for June 25th.

(d) Consent Agenda Items:

On a motion by Trustee Boxer, seconded by Trustee Rubin, the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda items. (Trustee Ritter abstained from voting on Attachment 9. Trustee Bessette abstained on Contract Item #11 in Attachment 9.)

(1)	Contracts and Agreements	(Attachment 9)
(2)	Project Budget (Design) for Merlin D. Bishop Center Roof Replacement	(Attachment 10)
(3)	Project Budget (Final) for Waterbury – Chiller Replacement	(Attachment 11)
(4)	Project Budget (Final) for Merlin D. Bishop Center Chiller Replacement	(Attachment 12)
(5)	Project Budget (Final) for Stamford – Chiller Replacement	(Attachment 13)
(6)	Project Budget (Final) for Belimo Foundation South Campus Residence Hall Energy Program Phase I	(Attachment 14)
(7)	Project Budget (Final) for Discovery Drive Solar Array Pilot	(Attachment 15)
(8)	Project Budget (Revised Final) for Practice Field Upgrades	(Attachment 16)
(9)	Project Budget (Revised Final) for Andover Infrastructure and Software Upgrade Phases I Through VII	(Attachment 17)
(10)	Project Budget (Planning) for the UConn Health One Munson Road Clinical Fit-Out	(Attachment 18)
(11)	Project Budget (Planning) for the UConn Health Surgery Center Sterile Processing Renovations	(Attachment 19)
(12)	Project Budget (Planning) for the UConn Health Main Accumulation Area (MAA) Foam Fire Suppression System Replacement	(Attachment 20)
(13)	Project Budget (Planning) for the UConn Health Underground Fuel Tank D1 Replacement	(Attachment 21)
(14)	Project Budget (Design) for the UConn Health CT-7 Inpatient and Research Renovations	(Attachment 22)
(15)	Project Budget (Final) for the UConn Health Lab Medicine Multiple Lab Renovation	(Attachment 23)

(16)	Project Budget (Final) for the UConn Health Surgery Center Operating Room #6 Renovations	(Attachment 24)
(17)	Project Budget (Revised Final) for the UConn Health Interventional Radiology Equipment Replacement and Renovation	(Attachment 25)
(18)	Project Budget (Revised Final) for the UConn Health Main Liquid Oxygen Tank Replacement	(Attachment 26)
(19)	Designation as Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor, Academic Year 2025-2026	(Attachment 27)
(20)	Designation of Emeritus Status	(Attachment 28)
(21)	Sabbatical Leave Recommendations	(Attachment 29)
(22)	New Program: JD Graduate Certificate in Labor and Employment Law	(Attachment 30)
(23)	Program Closure: Graduate Certificate in Literacy Supports	(Attachment 31)
(24)	Naming Recommendation for the Jorge Agüero Conference Room in the J. Ray Ryan Building on the Storrs Campus	(Attachment 32)
(25)	Naming Recommendation for the Sweeney Family Meal Room in the Bailey Student-Athlete Success Center	(Attachment 33)

4. President's Report

President Maric gave a presentation to the Board including acknowledgement of her appointment, and the impressive career of Dr. Pamir Alpay as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; recognition of this year's Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor awardees, the upcoming New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) reaccreditation this fall; recognition of 22 students who have been awarded the U.S. Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship over the last two years; and acknowledgement of several distinguished faculty awards.

5. University Senate Report

University Senate Executive Committee Chair Morrell gave a report on University Senate Key Areas for the Academic Year 2026-27.

6. Other Business

There was no Other Business.

7. Adjournment

On a motion by Trustee Bessette, seconded by Trustee Boxer, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The Board meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dennis-LaVigne
Board Vice-Chair