

Board of Control
Hamden, CT
August 3, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Control was held on this day at Lockwood Farm, 890 Evergreen Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518.

Present: Messrs. Cohan, Hurlburt, Jones, White, and Ms. Maroney. Messrs. Daskal (OPM), Fortuna (TLB), Lafayette (OPM), Last, Rowlins (FIA), and Ms. Cruz (OPM) were present by invitation.

Absent: Messrs. Fikrig, O'Neill, and Ms. Nichols.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Terry Jones at 1:21 p.m.

Minutes: On a motion by Ms. Maroney, seconded by Commissioner Hurlburt, the minutes of the April 20, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously.

News Articles and Correspondence: Dr. White briefly reviewed published news articles and correspondence since the last board meeting.

Fiducient Advisors: Mr. Chris Rowlins reported on the Board's investment portfolio as of 6/30/2022. There were no recommendations.

Valley Laboratory Renovation and Addition: Architect Michael Fortuna, TLB Architects, gave a brief update on the Valley Laboratory project. The project is in the Design Development Phase and the Design team has been working closely with the staff at the Valley Laboratory to design laboratory space. The Construction Phase is scheduled to begin in 2023.

Status of Projects:

- Jenkins-Waggoner Greenhouses – The Department of Administrative Services - Construction Services will be putting the project out to bid this fall. The construction target is the spring of 2023.
- Steam Leak - New Haven Campus – The steam line replacement between the Osborne Library and Britton Building is complete.

Update on 2022 Retirement Wave, Recruitment and Hiring: Director White gave an update on staff who retired between 4/01/2020 and 6/30/2022. The Experiment Station will replace or hire twenty four (24) positions by the end of 2023.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: Dr. White and Mr. Last gave an update on Coronavirus at The Station. Precautions continue to ensure a safe work environment.

Agency Budget Update: Mr. Last reviewed the Agency budget for Fiscal Year 2023. The budget includes 3 new positions and \$300,000 for the office of Aquatic Invasive Species. The Capital Appropriation included an additional \$8.0 million for the Valley Laboratory project and \$800,000 for the Jenkins-Waggoner greenhouse renovations.

Revised Royalty Share Policy: Mr. Last reviewed a proposed revision to the Board royalty share policy to include Emeritus staff members. The original policy was approved on August 4, 2010. Commissioner Hurlburt moved approval of the revised royalty share policy. Ms. Maroney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Licensing Agreements/Royalty Payments: The Experiment Station received \$117,452.50 in Tobacco licensing and royalty fees in fiscal year 2022. Ms. Maroney moved approval and distribution of royalty revenue in compliance with the Station's revised policy (August 3, 2022). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hurlburt and passed unanimously.

Request for Emeritus Status – Dr. Joseph Pignatello: Commissioner Hurlburt moved for approval of Emeritus status for Dr. Joseph Pignatello, who retired from the Station effective July 1, 2022. Approval would be consistent with the Emeritus Policy approved by the Board of Control on August 4, 2021. The Board will provide, subject to availability and financial resources, the facilities and support related to continued research and services to the residents of Connecticut. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maroney and passed unanimously.

Staff Changes: Director White reviewed staff changes since the last meeting.

Director White moved that an Executive Session be held to discuss Board Funds, Personnel, and the Director's Report. Mr. Last and Dr. Triplett were invited to attend. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hurlburt and passed unanimously at 3:09 p.m.

The Executive Session adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Commissioner Hurlburt moved for approval of the following promotions: with the exception of Dr. Williams, promotions will be effective August 12, 2022:

1. Dr. Scott Williams be promoted from Agricultural Scientist to Chief Scientist of the Department of Environmental Science and Forestry, effective July 1, 2022.
2. Jamie Cantoni be promoted from Research Assistant 3 to Agricultural Technician 1.
3. Angela Bransfield be promoted from Agricultural Technician 2 to Assistant Agricultural Scientist 1.
4. Mr. Mark Creighton be promoted from Agricultural Technician 1 to Agricultural Technician 2.
5. Dianne Albertini be promoted from Fiscal Administrative Officer to Associate Fiscal Administrative Officer.

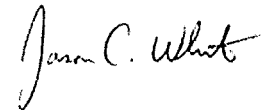
6. Lisa Kaczynski be promoted from Fiscal Administrative Officer to Associate Fiscal Administrative Officer.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Maroney and passed unanimously.

Valley Laboratory: Commissioner Hurlburt moved to approve Director White's recommendation to name the existing building at the Valley Laboratory the John F. Anderson Building and the new Laboratory addition the Louis A. Magnarelli Building. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maroney and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hurlburt moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maroney and passed unanimously at 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason C. White
Secretary Pro-Tem