

Board of Control  
Wethersfield, CT  
January 21, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Control was held on this day at the Connecticut Farm Bureau, 78 Beaver Road, Wethersfield, CT 06109.

Present: Messrs. Cohan, Fikrig\*, Hurlburt<sup>(1)</sup>, Jones, White, Ms. Harder, Maroney, and Nichols. Mr. Last and Ms. Triplett were present by invitation.

\* = attended via Teams <sup>(1)</sup> = arrived late

Absent: None.

The meeting was convened by Vice President, Terry Jones at 10:06 a.m.

Mr. Jones introduced Dr. Amy Harder, Associate Dean and Associate Director for Extension in The College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources at The University of Connecticut. Dr. Harder was appointed by the UConn Board of Trustees to the Board of Control.

Minutes: On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Ms. Maroney, the minutes of the October 15, 2025 meeting were approved. Ms. Nichols abstained.

Election of Officers - 2026: Ms. Maroney nominated the following officers for 2026. There were no additional nominations. The nomination was seconded by Dr. Harder and passed unanimously.

President:	Governor Ned Lamont
Vice President:	Terry Jones
Secretary:	Joan Nichols
Director, Treasurer, and Attorney for Investments:	Jason White

<u>Executive and Finance Committee:</u>	Terry Jones
	Jason White
	Joan Nichols

Future Meeting Dates:

TBA		New Haven	10:00 AM
August 5, 2026	Wednesday	Hamden	1:00 PM
October 14, 2026	Wednesday	Windsor	10:00 AM
January 20, 2027	Wednesday	Wethersfield	10:00 AM
- Snow date, Friday, January 22, 2027			

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

Fiducient: Mr. Jeff Capone could not attend the meeting due to a family emergency. A meeting will be scheduled with the Executive and Finance Committee.

Status of Capital Projects:

- Valley Laboratory- O & G Industries is negotiating a contract with the State of Connecticut. Groundbreaking scheduled for Spring 2026.
- Pre-Design Study- The Department of Administrative Services will appoint a consultant to conduct a pre-design study for the State Laboratory and Osborne Library Buildings on the New Haven Campus. The study is due August 15, 2026.
- HVAC Updates- The Department of Administrative Services will appoint a consultant to create specifications for the replacement of the 75-ton rooftop unit on the Johnson-Horsfall building and for the replacement of center steam boilers.

Board of Control Audit – FY 2025: Mr. Last reviewed the Board of Control Audit covering Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025). The audit was conducted by Seward & Monde at North Haven.

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

Ms. Maroney 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 Ms. Nichols and passed unanimously at 11:05 a.m.

The Executive Session adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Ms. Nichols moved to approve a sabbatical request (August 2026 – January 2027) for Dr. Quan Zeng. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maroney and passed unanimously.

Ms. Nichols moved the promotion of Michael Ammirata from Agricultural Technician I to Agricultural Technician II, effective January 23, 2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maroney and passed unanimously.

Dr. White moved to investigate setting up a Youth in STEM program at the Experiment Station. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nichols and passed unanimously.

Ms. Maroney moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nichols and passed unanimously at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully,



Joan Nichols  
Secretary