

Board of Control

New Haven, CT

April 29, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Control was held on this day in the Slate Laboratory at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, 123 Huntington Street, New Haven, CT 06511.

Present: Messrs. Fikrig, Hurlburt, Jones, White, Ms. Harder, Maroney, and Nichols*. Mr. Last*, Ms. Linske, Triplett and Weidman were present by invitation.

* = attended via Teams

Absent: Mr. Cohan

The meeting was convened by Vice President, Terry Jones at 10:03 a.m.

Minutes: On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Ms. Maroney, the minutes of the January 21, 2026 meeting were approved unanimously.

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

Kids in Science Program: Dr. Megan Linske, Assistant Scientist II, Department of Entomology and Ms. Summer Weidman, Technician II, Department of Environmental Science and Forestry gave a presentation on a new Kids in Science Program. The agency will provide additional information and submit a program budget to the Board.

Description of Trust and Research Funds: Mr. Last reviewed a document that outlined the various Trust and Research funds under The Board of Control, as Fiduciary.

Agency Budget Status: Mr. Last reviewed the proposed budget for fiscal year 2027. The General Assembly is scheduled to vote on the budget in the coming days. The budget will fund current services at the Experiment Station.

Request for Storage Barn – Lockwood Farm (Aquatic Invasive Species): Commissioner Hurlburt moved to approve \$14,190 from the Lockwood Trust Fund to build a 12 x 20 storage shed on the Aquatic Invasive Species plot at Lockwood Farm. The lowest qualified bidder was Steven Koerber Construction, Wallingford, CT. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maroney and passed unanimously.

Objective Job Evaluation (OJE) Study: Mr. Last reported that the office of Labor Relations will conduct an OJE study of P-4 Union job classifications as required in the new P-4 Union contract negotiations. The study is due by December 31, 2026.

Status of Capital Projects:

- Anderson-Magnarelli Valley Laboratory- The project commenced on April 20, 2026, with an estimated completion date of August 2027. A Groundbreaking ceremony was held on March 31, 2026.
- Pre-Design Study- Osborne and Slate Building AE Design Group, LLC has been contracted by DAS for the Pre-Design study, which will begin in May 2026.
- HVAC Upgrades- New Haven Campus- DAS is negotiating a contract for design and replacement of a rooftop unit on the Johnson-Horsfall building and new central steam boilers in the Britton building.

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

Commissioner Hurlburt 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. Maroney and passed unanimously at 11:44 a.m.

The Executive Session adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Dr. Fikrig moved the following promotions be approved effective 5/1/2026:

Duncan Cozens – From Agricultural Research Technician I to Agricultural Research Technician II.

Lana Mistry – From Human Resource Generalist II to Human Resource Generalist III.

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 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully,



Joan Nichols
Secretary