

Board of Control
Hamden, CT
August 6, 2025

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

Present: Messrs. Cohan, Duffy (representing Commissioner Hurlburt), Fikrig, Jones, White, Ms. Maroney and Ms. Nichols. Messrs. Dugas, Dweck, Last, and Ms. Maria Cruz (OPM) and Triplett were present by invitation.

Absent: Mr. Venkitanarayanan

The meeting was convened by Vice President Terry Jones at 1:17 p.m.

Minutes: On a motion by Ms. Maroney, seconded by Ms. Nichols, the minutes of the April 16, 2025 meeting were approved unanimously.

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

Mr. Last introduced Mr. Floyd Dugas, Berchem Moses, PC, who is the attorney representing the Board of Control on legal matters.

Lease/Contract Agreement: The Board of Control approved a five (5) year lease appointing Director Jason White as caretaker at Lockwood Farm. Director White and his family will live in the farmhouse. A certified appraisal was completed, and the lease followed the policy the State of Connecticut uses for state-owned property caretaker leases. Caretaker responsibilities were listed in lease. Attorney Dugas was available to answer questions on the lease. Ms. Nichols moved the approval of the lease agreement, seconded by Dr. Fikrig. The motion passed by the majority with Dr. White abstaining.

Research Report: Dr. Hany Dweck, Assistant Scientist II, Department of Entomology, reported on his research projects. His talk was titled: "Role of Olfaction in the Preference of Spotted Wing Drosophila for Ripe Fruits"

Status of Projects:

- Jenkins Waggoner Greenhouses- The renovations to the Jenkins-Waggoner Greenhouses are complete and they are being used by staff.
- Valley Laboratory- The bid package for the renovation and additions to the Valley Laboratory will be released in August 2025.

CAES-150th Anniversary Update: A celebration dinner is scheduled on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at the New Haven Lawn Club.

House Bill (5015)- Spin-Off Companies: House Bill 5015 was approved by the General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor. The bill allows for CAES staff to commercialize their inventions and discoveries.

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Operating and Capital Budget: Mr. Last reviewed the Agency's appropriated biennial budget. There were two (2) new positions added and funding for PFAS supplies and utility costs. Funding for increased hours for P4 staff was not included. The appropriated capital budget was \$1.2 million. The funds will be used for a pre-design study for the Osborne Library and Slate building renovations. Funding will also be used to replace the rooftop unit on the Johnson-Horsfall building and the central steam boilers.

Royalties/Licensing Agreements: The Experiment Station received \$131,959.45 for Tobacco Licensing and royalty fees in Fiscal Year 2025. Ms. Maroney moved the approval and distribution of royalty payments consistent with the station's policy. The motion was seconded by Dr. White and passed unanimously.

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 Ms. Triplett was invited to attend. The motion was seconded by Dr. White and passed unanimously at 2:39 p.m.

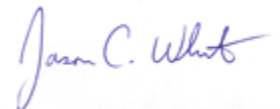
The Executive Session adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Ms. Maroney moved the approval of \$7,500 from Board Funds for Recognition Grant Awards. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nichols and passed unanimously.

Ms. Nichols moved the approval of \$105,000 from Board Funds for Board of Control Research Awards. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maroney and passed unanimously.

Ms. Nichols moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maroney and passed unanimously at 3:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason C. White
Secretary Pro-Tem