



# Connecticut Milk Promotion Board

State of Connecticut  
Department of  
Agriculture

## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

July 17, 2024

1:00 PM

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Member Present: Seth Bahler; Jon Hermonot; Commissioner Hurlburt; Kies Orr-LaVack;  
Sandy Boardman; Michael Puglisi  
Members Absent: Art Speilman  
DoAg Staff: Ally Hughes  
Guests: Wilson Camelo; Vanessa Alarcon; Mercedes Sanchez; Kily Cairns; Heidi Harkopf;  
Amanda Aldred; Heather Oldani; Michael DeAngelis

1. Welcome and Call to Order at 1:04 by Chairman Bahler
2. Public Comment (3-minute limit per speaker)
  - a) No public comment
3. Review and approval of:
  - a) Motion to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes for April 17, 2024, by Jon Hermonot seconded by Michael Puglisi. No discussion. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Unfinished Business
  - a) New England Dairy Quarterly presented its update for Farmer Engagement from December to date.
  - b) New England Dairy Quarterly presented its update for Consumer Nutrition and Education
  - c) Camelo presented its update for marketing for the fiscal year.
  - d) Heather Oldani of Dairy Management Inc. provided an annual update on work done on a national level. Discussion ensued.
5. Financial Report/Budget Update
  - a) Ally Hughes provided an update and action on the fiscal year-end financial report. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Hurlburt motion to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Kies Orr-LaVack. Sandy Boardman asked if the board was on target to recoup what was spent. Ally Hughes indicated that the board was on track. All in favor, motion carried.
6. New Business
  - a) Sandy Boardman motioned to pay the Farmer Engagement invoice totaling \$35,253.22. Seconded by Jon Hermonot. All in favor, motion carried.
  - b) Michael Puglisi motioned to pay the Consumer Nutrition and Education invoice totaling \$58,906.60. Seconded by Jon Hermonot. All in favor, motion carried.
  - c) Discussion ensued on H5N1. Commissioner Hurlburt asked farmers what they are seeing and how they are dealing with the bird flu in dairy cattle. Each member of the board spoke about their approach and mindset. Further discussion ensued regarding media and

consumers' awareness of the virus.

7. Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Hurlburt. Seconded by Kies Or-LaVack. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Ally Hughes, AMIR I, on July 18, 2024.*