



# Connecticut Milk Promotion Board

State of Connecticut  
Department of Agriculture  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2025

1:00 PM

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Members Present: Seth Bahler, Jon Hermonot, Commissioner Hurlburt, Michael Puglisi, Kies Orr-LaVack

Members Absent: Art Speilman

DoAg Staff: Ally Hughes, Cyrena Thibodeau

Guests: Kiley Cairns, Heidi Harkopf, Amanda Aldred

- 1. Welcome and Call to Order 1:04 pm by Chairman Seth Bahler.**
- 2. Public Comment (3-minute limit per speaker)**
  - a) No public comment
- 3. Review and approval of:**
  - a) Regular Meeting Minutes for July 15, 2025. Motion to accept the minutes made by Jon Hermonot, second by Michael Puglisi. No discussion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 4. Unfinished Business**
  - a) New England Dairy Quarterly Reports on farmer engagement, consumer nutrition and education and media contracts. Discussion ensued.
- 5. Financial Report/Budget Update**
  - a) Ally Hughes provided an update on the financial report. Motion to approve the budget made by Jon Hermonot, seconded by Commissioner Hurlburt. No discussion. All in favor, budget approved as presented.
- 6. New Business**
  - a) Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) proposal was presented to the board by Ally Hughes. Motion to accept the proposal as presented for \$22,695 made by Kies Orr-LaVack, seconded, by Jon Hermonot. Discussion ensued. All in favor, motion carried.
  - b) Nomination for 2026 Innovative Dairy Farmer of the Year Award, presented by International Dairy Foods Association. Jon Hermonot made a motion to nominate Oakridge Dairy, seconded by Michael Puglisi. No discussion. All in favor, motion carried.
  - c) Motion to accept 2026 meeting dates for January 21, April 15, July 15, October 21 made by Jon Hermonot, seconded by Michael Puglisi. All in favor, motion carried.
  - d) Ally Hughes asked to add an item for new business regarding coverage while away on leave. Cyrena Thibodeau and Rebecca Eddy will be covering work done by the board.
- 7. Motion to adjourn by Jon Hermonot, seconded by Kies Orr-LaVack. Meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm**

*Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Ally Hughes, AMIR II on October 16, 2025.*