



# Connecticut Milk Promotion Board

State of Connecticut  
Department of Agriculture  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2024

1:00 PM

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**Members Present:** Seth Bahler, Jon Hermonot, Michael Puglisi, Sandy Boardman, Kies Orr-LaVack, Arthur Spielman, Commissioner Hurlburt

**Members Absent:**

**DoAg Staff:** Ally Hughes

**Guests:** Wilson Camelo, Ashley King, Heidi Harkopf, Kiley Cairns, Michael DeAngelis, Amanda Aldred

## 1. Welcome and Call to Order

Chairman Bahler called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

## 2. Public Comment (3-minute limit per speaker)

No public comment.

## 3. Review and approval of:

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for July 17, 2024, made by Michael Puglisi, seconded by Jon Hermonot. No discussion. All in favor, motion carried.

## 4. Unfinished Business

New England Dairy provided a quarterly report for Farmer Engagement. Discussion ensued.

New England Dairy provided a quarterly report for Consumer Nutrition and Education. Discussion ensued.

Camelo provided a quarterly report for marketing. Discussion ensued.

## 5. Financial Report/Budget Update

Ally Hughes provided an update on the financial report. Discussion ensued. Motion to accept the budget update was made by Kies Orr-LaVack, and seconded by Sandy Boardman. No discussion. All in favor, motion carried.

## 6. New Business

- a) Nominations for the 2025 Innovative Dairy Farmer of the Year Award, presented by the International Dairy Foods Association

Motion made by Sandy Boardman to nominate Ethan Arsenault of Canaan View Dairy, seconded by Kies Orr-LaVack. Discussion ensued. All in favor, motion carried.

- b) 2025 Meeting Dates

Commissioner Hurlburt motioned to approve January 15, April 16, July 16, and October 15 for 2025 meeting dates with the flexibility that if a quorum can not be obtained, a new date can be flexible, seconded by Jon Hermonot. All in favor, motion carried.

- c) Discussion on FY26-27 contracting

Discussion ensued regarding current contracting requests and key areas of focus. The Board felt that the key areas were sufficient for the next round of contracting. Ally Hughes will move forward to drafting the requests for proposals for the board review in January.

**7. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn made by Kies Orr-LaVack, seconded by Commissioner Hurlburt. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 2:04 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Ally Hughes, AMIR I, on October 16, 2024.*

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