



Connecticut Milk Promotion Board

State of Connecticut
Department of Agriculture
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

July 16, 2025

1:00 PM

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Members Present: Art Spielman; Seth Bahler, Jon Hermonot; Michael Puglisi

Members Absent: Commissioner Hurlburt; Kies LaVack

DoAg Staff: Ally Hughes

Guests: Wilson Camelo; Vanessa Alarcon; Mercedes Sanchez; Heidi Harkopf; Kiley Cairns; Michael DeAngelis; Adriana Kuropas, Erin Wholey

1. Welcome and Call to Order 1:02 by Chairman Bahler.
2. **Public Comment (3-minute limit per speaker)**
 - a) No public comment.
3. **Review and approval of:**
 - a) Regular Meeting Minutes for April 23, 2025, motion for approval by Jon Hermonot, seconded by Art Spielman. No discussion. All in favor, motion carried.
4. **Unfinished Business**
 - a) New England Dairy provided their Final Report Presentation for Farmer Engagement.
 - b) New England Dairy provided their Final Report Presentation for Consumer Nutrition and Education. Discussion ensued.
 - c) Camelo provided their Final Report.
 - d) Annual Update from Dairy Management Inc. was provided.
5. **Financial Report/Budget Update**
 - a) Update on the financial report provided by Ally Hughes. Motion to accept the report made by Jon Hermonot, seconded by Art Spielman. Discussion ensued. All in favor, motion carried.
6. **New Business**
 - a) Motion to accept and pay the New England Dairy invoice for Farmer Engagement totaling \$48,953.54 made by Jon Hermonot, seconded by Art. No discussion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - b) Motion to accept and pay the New England Dairy invoice for Consumer Nutrition and Education totaling \$80,980.23 made by Jon Hermonot, seconded by Michael Puglisi. No discussion. All in favor, motion carried.
 - c) Motion on a budget of \$5,000 for the Board Coordinator to replenish promotional items made by Michael Puglisi, seconded by Jon Hermonot. No discussion. All in favor, motion carried
 - d) Suggestions on farmers to fill board vacancy. Ally Hughes recapped that per statute the person needs to be a CT licensed milk producer and a member of a dairy cooperative. The board suggested a farmer from the northwest corner of the state such as Ethan Arsenault from Cannan View Dairy or a Jacquier. Feedback to be provided to Commissioner Hurlburt for consideration and an appointment letter.

7. Adjourn motion made by Art Spielman, seconded by Jon Hermonot. Meeting adjourned at 2:13 pm

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Ally Hughes, AMIR II, on July 17, 2025.