



Connecticut Milk Promotion Board

State of Connecticut
Department of Agriculture
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2026

1:00 PM

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Members Present: Seth Bahler, Jon Hermonot, Art Spielman, Commissioner Hurlburt, Kies Orr-LaVack

Members Absent: Michael Puglisi

DoAg Staff: Rebecca Eddy

Guests: Kiley Cairns, Heidi Harkopf, Amanda Aldred

1. Welcome and Call to Order 1:05 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 October 15, 2025. Motion to accept the minutes made by Jon Hermonot, second by Art Spielman. 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.
- b) CT Interscholastic Athletic Association Update. Discussion ensued.

5. Financial Report/Budget Update

- a) Rebecca Eddy 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) Action on Farmer Engagement invoice totaling \$24,861.82. Motion to approve for payment made by Jon Hermonot, seconded by Kies Orr-LaVack. All in favor, motion carried.
- b) Action on Consumer Nutrition and Education invoice totaling \$30,830.11. Motion to approve for payment made by Jon Hermonot, seconded by Art Spielman. All in favor, motion carried.
- c) Action on CIAC invoice totaling \$7,565.00. Motion to approve for payment made by Jon Hermonot, seconded by Art Spielman. All in favor, motion approved.
- d) Seth Bahler shared efforts to hold a Dairy Day at Capitol on April 14 from 12-3 pm to promote impact of dairy.
- e) Rebecca Eddy asked to add an item for new business regarding participation in Ag Day at the Capitol on March 18. Art Spielman motioned to approve up \$1,500 to cover costs associated with the event including registration, permits, and product. Second, by Jon Hermonot. No discussion, all in favor, motion approved.
- f) Commissioner Hurlburt shared PA 490 update.

7. Motion to adjourn by Art Spielman, seconded by Jon Hermonot. Meeting adjourned at 2:28 pm

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Rebecca Eddy, Director of Communications on January 21, 2026.