

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT AND STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE**

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College was held on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in room 351 Waterman Building, via remote conferencing.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Ron Lumbra, Vice Chair Cynthia Barnhart, Secretary Catherine Toll, Susan Brengle, Kevin “Coach” Christie<sup>1</sup>, Frank Cioffi, Matt Devost, Carolyn Dwyer, Katelynn Giroux, Jodi Goldstein, Jennifer Ha, Stephanie Jerome, Donald McCree, Carol Ode, Kristina Pisanelli, Lucy Rogers, Tristan Toleno, and Samuel Young

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Dineen, R. Stanton Dodge, President Suresh Garimella, Ed Pagano, Monique Priestley, Shap Smith, and Governor Phil Scott

ALSO PARTICIPATING: Vice President for Legal Affairs & General Counsel Sharon Reich Paulsen

<sup>1</sup> Joined the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Chair Ron Lumbra called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**Approval of previous minutes**

A motion was made, seconded, and it was voted to approve the minutes from the June 25, 2024, board meeting as presented.

**Executive session**

At 4:03 p.m., Chair Lumbra entertained a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and contracts. He noted the session is anticipated to last approximately 45 minutes and that action is anticipated following.

Trustees and Vice President for Legal Affairs & General Counsel Sharon Reich Paulsen were invited to remain.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 4:54 p.m.

**Other business**

Chair Lumbra introduced the following resolution for approval:

**Resolution regarding appointment of an interim president**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of the individual discussed today in executive session as interim president on terms consistent with those discussed today, effective at the conclusion of President Garimella's service as president of UVM.

A motion was made, seconded, and the resolution was unanimously approved.

Chair Lumbra introduced the following resolution for approval:

**Resolution regarding presidential compensation**

BE IT RESOLVED, that President Garimella's FY 2025 base salary be adjusted prior to the conclusion of his term as UVM's president on the same basis as other non-represented staff salaries are adjusted, if and when those staff salary adjustments take effect.

A motion was made, seconded, and the resolution was unanimously approved.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Lumbra, Chair