

**VERMONT AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

A meeting of the Vermont Agricultural College Board of Trustees of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College was held on Friday, May 16, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. in the Chittenden Bank Room (413), at the Dudley H. Davis Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chair Shap Smith, Secretary Stephanie Jerome, John Bartholomew, Lucy Rogers, Tristan Toleno, and Catherine Toll¹

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair Carol Ode, Scott Beck, and Monique Priestley

PERSONS ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Trustee Jason Maulucci, Vice President for Legal Affairs & General Counsel Sharon Reich Paulsen, Executive Director of Government Relations Wendy Koenig, Chief of Staff to the President Johnathan D'Amore, and Vice Provost for Enrollment Management Jay Jacobs

¹Joined the meeting via remote conferencing.

Vice Chair Shap Smith called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Smith presented the October 26, 2024, meeting minutes for approval. A motion was made, seconded, and voted to approve the minutes as presented.

Election of Officers

A motion was made to re-elect Carol Ode as Chair, Shap Smith as Vice Chair, and Stephanie Jerome as Secretary. The motion was seconded, and it was unanimously voted to approve the appointments. Each officer will serve a one-year term, effective immediately.

Legislative Update

Executive Director Koenig reported that in the FY 2026 General Fund Budget, UVM achieved a 3% increase to our appropriation and gained \$750K in one time funds for the V-GaN Tech Hub. She noted that given recent federal actions may impact funding in the next budget year.

Trustee Jerome mentioned that with so many new members in the legislature who don't know UVM well that may be helpful to schedule research and Miller Farm tours for them in the off season. All agreed to that notion.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Jerome, Secretary