

**UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

A meeting of the University of Vermont Board of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2019, at 3:00 p.m., via conference call.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Ron Lumbra, Vice Chair David Aronoff, Secretary Briar Alpert, Otto Berkes, David Daigle, and Donald McCree.

ABSENT: Cynthia Barnhart, Robert Brennan, and Jodi Goldstein.

PERSONS ALSO PARTICIPATING: President Suresh Garimella and Vice President for Legal Affairs & General Counsel and Chief of Staff to the President Sharon Reich Paulsen.

Chair Ron Lumbra called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made, seconded, and voted to approve the October 25, 2019 meeting minutes.

Executive Session

At 3:02 p.m., the Chair entertained a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the evaluation and appointment of a public officer. President Garimella and Vice President Reich Paulsen were invited to remain. The meeting was re-opened to the public at 3:23 p.m.

Other Business

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to appoint Trustee Cynthia Barnhart to an additional six-year term, commencing when her current term expires on March 1, 2020. Chair David Daigle informed the University of Vermont Board that he would step down as chair and resign from his seat on the University of Vermont Board of Trustees at the end of February 2020. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to appoint Vice Chair Ron Lumbra, whose term otherwise would expire at the end of February 2020, to fill the final two years of the term being vacated by Chair Daigle. Vice Chair Lumbra did not participate in the vote regarding the extension of his term on the board.

Members of the board then engaged in a discussion regarding diversity. Chair Daigle and Vice Chair Lumbra both acknowledged the importance of diversity on the board, including, specifically, the University of Vermont Board of Trustees.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Briar Alpert, Secretary