

**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, October 29, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. in the Chittenden Bank Room (413) at the Dudley H. Davis Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Carol Ode, Vice Chair Shap Smith, Secretary John Bartholomew, Kevin “Coach” Christie¹, Johannah Donovan, Stephanie Jerome, Lucy Rogers, Catherine Toll¹ and Samuel Young

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PARTICIPATING: Director of Federal and State Relations Wendy Koenig

¹ Joined by phone

Chair Carol Ode called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m.

Approval of minutes

A motion was made, seconded and voted to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2021 meeting.

Strategy for 2022 legislative session

Chair Ode summarized the plan for the upcoming legislative session, which includes advocating for a general fund base increase of \$10M for UVM after 14 years of level funding. She also indicated that the University will be asking again for \$30M of ARPA funding to modernize our HVAC systems on campus in order to prioritize safety for faculty, staff and students. Director Koenig mentioned that visits with legislators have been taking place this fall to gain support for these initiatives and that the Governor has also been asked to support this increase for UVM.

Legislative summit

After postponing the legislative summit in 2020 due to the pandemic, Director of Federal and State Relations Wendy Koenig suggested that we attempt to host a summit highlighting the UVM Office of Engagement for legislators during the session this winter. The committee agreed and trustee Shap Smith suggested that the summit be physically held in all 14 counties and broadcast simultaneously for all. Director Koenig agreed to vet the idea internally and report back to the committee.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
John Bartholomew, Secretary