

**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 20, 2022 at 3:00 p.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, Johannah Donovan, Stephanie Jerome, Lucy Rogers, Catherine Toll, and Samuel Young

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Christie

ALSO PARTICIPATING: President Suresh Garimella and Executive Director of Government Relations Wendy Koenig

¹ Joined by phone.

Chair Carol Ode called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Approval of minutes

A motion was made, seconded and voted to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2022 meeting.

Election of officers

A motion was made to re-elect Carol Ode as Chair, Shap Smith as Vice Chair, and John Bartholomew 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

Chair Carol Ode and Executive Director Wendy Koenig detailed the process for which a new \$10M increase to the base appropriation was received, representing an almost 25% increase. Trustees also engaged in discussion about legislation regarding board composition. This conversation is expected to extend into the next legislative session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bartholomew, Secretary