

**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 Saturday, October 29, 2022 at 8:30 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 Christie, Johannah Donovan, Stephanie Jerome, Lucy Rogers, Catherine Toll, and Samuel Young

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PARTICIPATING: Executive Director of Government Relations Wendy Koenig

Chair Carol Ode called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

Approval of minutes

A motion was made, seconded and voted to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2022 meeting.

Strategy for 2023 legislative session

Executive Director Wendy Koenig reminded trustees that with 33% turnover in the legislature this year that UVM has an excellent opportunity to introduce the importance of the university and its impact on the state to the general assembly. She also outlined potential issues for legislative action pertinent to UVM including board composition, changes to the ability of colleges and universities to hold transcripts for unpaid debt, and increases in funding for our base appropriation and supplemental asks. The trustees discussed various ways in which we could forward our agenda such as specifically engaging all legislators who are alumni, student presentations to legislative committees, having our trustees meet with new legislators from their counties to advocate for the university and providing county data sheets for information sharing.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bartholomew, Secretary