

**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, March 3, 2023 at 12:00 p.m., in Conference Room 41 at the Vermont Statehouse, Montpelier, VT.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Carol Ode, Vice Chair Shap Smith¹, Kevin Christie, Stephanie Jerome, Monique Priestley, Tristan Toleno, Catherine Toll, and Samuel Young¹

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lucy Rogers

ALSO PARTICIPATING: President Suresh Garimella¹, Board Chair Ron Lumbra¹, and Executive Director of Government Relations Wendy Koenig¹

Chair Carol Ode called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

¹ Participated by phone.

Approval of minutes

A motion was made, seconded and voted to approve the minutes from the October 29, 2022 meeting.

Emerging issues in the 2023 legislative session

Executive Director of Government Relations Wendy Koenig reported that the university's appropriations request for a 3% increase on the general fund appropriation and the \$3M in one time funds for the PACE upskilling program are on track within the House Appropriations committee. She also discussed Representative Headrick's bill that aims to cap UVM's enrollment. That bill is not being heard this year, and will remain on the wall in House Education. Both the Senate and the House introduced bills on adding faculty to the UVM Board of Trustees, but neither bill had been taken up, and are not likely to pass this year. Executive Director Koenig did mention that such a bill could be attached to another piece of legislation, and that legislative trustees will be kept in the loop moving forward.

Other business

There was informal discussion of housing issues.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ode, Chair