

**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 21, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the Chittenden Bank Room (413) at the Dudley H. Davis Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Carol Ode, Vice Chair Shap Smith, Kevin Christie, Stephanie Jerome, Catherine Toll, Lucy Rogers, and Samuel Young

MEMBERS ABSENT: Monique Priestley and Tristan Toleno

ALSO PARTICIPATING: President Suresh Garimella, Provost Patrica Prelock, Vice President for Finance & Administration Richard Cate, Vice President for Legal Affairs & General Counsel Trent Klingerman, Chief of Staff to the President Jonathan D'Amore and Executive Director of Government Relations Wendy Koenig

Chair Carol Ode called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m.

Approval of minutes

A motion was made, seconded and voted to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2023, meeting.

Strategy for 2024 legislative session

Chair Carol Ode asked that Executive Director of Government Relations Wendy Koenig update the board on the strategy for the upcoming 2024 Vermont legislative session. Executive Director Koenig reported that UVM has asked the Governor's administration for a 3% increase to the university's general fund appropriation and \$25M over five years to fund the Vermont Cancer Initiative that resides within the Larner College of Medicine. UVM will also pursue budget adjustment funding for the Upskill and the Green Mountain Job and Retention programs.

The conversation then shifted to potential issues for the upcoming session including: board composition; housing/enrollment cap; energy policy; areas of collaboration with Vermont State University; health care/mental health; and public safety. Legislative trustees were reminded of the opportunity to drop by to talk with Executive Director Koenig in the cafeteria in the State House on most Fridays to keep abreast of all issues related to UVM, as well as monthly meetings with Speaker of the House Jill Krowinski. Trustee Christie asked that trustees try and combine multiple issues where possible and use UVM's expertise to help solve state challenges.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Toll, Secretary