

Board of Control
January 16, 2019

The Statutory Meeting of the Board of Control was held on this day at the Government Office Building, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT 06103.

Present: Messrs. Andreadis, Fikrig, Jones, Larson, Royer, and Acting Commissioner of Agriculture Ms. Melody Currey and Ms. Maroney. Messrs. Jeffrey Beckham (DAS), Bowsza (DoAg), Carlton Grodotzke (DAS), Jeff Capone (FIA), Last, and White were present by invitation.

Absent: Ms. Nichols.

The meeting was convened by Vice President Terry Jones at 10:06AM.

Minutes: On a motion by Dr. Fikrig, seconded by Ms. Maroney, the minutes of the October 17, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

Dr. Andreadis nominated the following slate of officers:

Election of Officers:

- President Governor Ned Lamont
- Vice President Terry Jones
- Secretary Paul Larson
- Director, Treasurer, and Attorney for Investments Theodore Andreadis
- Executive and Finance Committee Terry Jones
- Theodore Andreadis
- Dana Royer

Dr. Andreadis moved the slate of officers for 2019. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fikrig and passed unanimously.

Future Meeting Dates:

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| April 10, 2019 | Wednesday | New Haven | 10:00AM |
| August 7, 2019 | Wednesday | Hamden | 1:00PM |
| October 16, 2019 | Wednesday | Windsor | 10:00AM |
| January 15, 2020 | Wednesday | Hartford | 10:00AM |
| (snow date January 17, 2020) | | | |

New Trust/Research Funds: Dr. Andreadis announced three new trust/research funds from John and Marilynn Anderson, the estate of George Stephens, and the estate of Victor Triolo.

Fiduciary Investment Advisors: Mr. Jeff Capone reported on the Board's investment results through December 31, 2018. He also made recommendations for the new trust/research funds. Mr. Larson moved to invest the new smaller donations and trust funds with Schwab to be reported on quarterly at the Board of Control meetings. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maroney and passed unanimously.

Update on New Position Recruitment: Dr. Andreadis reported that Dr. Sara Nason has been hired in the Department of Environmental Sciences to conduct research on environmental chemistry of pollutants in soil and aquatic systems, incorporating high-resolution mass spectral techniques.

Status of Building Projects:

- Valley Laboratory Renovation and Addition: The architectural contract for the project was approved by the State Properties Review Board on December 10, 2018. There is a design phase kickoff meeting on January 22, 2019.
- Jenkins-Waggoner Greenhouse Renovations: Mr. Grodotzke, DAS-Construction Services, gave an update on the project. The project is scheduled to be advertised for bidding on March 15, 2019. The project completion date is September 2019.
- Security – Slate Laboratory: A project to install a card-access security system is underway. The cost will be approximately \$60,000 and funded by DAS-Statewide Security.
- New Phone System/Virtual Servers: A new phone system (VoIP) will be installed at all four agency locations. The agency will join the state's Enterprise Technology Network with virtual servers located in Groton, CT and Springfield, MA. This project will reduce operating costs and increase efficiency agency-wide.

Louis A. Magnarelli Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program: Dr. Jason White, Vice Director, reported on the program. There have been four awards since inception. The most recent award was to Drs. Washington da Silva and Nubia Zuverza-Mena in the Departments of Plant Pathology and Ecology and Analytical Chemistry. The title of the research project is "Using Nanoparticles to Deliver dsRNA for Controlling Destructive Plant Viruses."

Board of Control Audit – Fiscal Year 2018: The Board of Control audit was distributed and reviewed. The annual audit was performed by Seward & Monde, CPA, of North Haven. The audit contained no audit recommendations or findings.

Update – J-1 Visa (Exchange Visitor Program): The Station was approved to sponsor J-1 Exchange Visitors in May 2017 with an allotment of five sponsorships per year. The agency will

have sponsored ten exchange visitors through May 2019. The Station will be reapplying for another two-year authorization through 2021 and will request ten J-1 sponsorships per year.

Staff Changes: Dr. Andreadis reviewed staff changes since the last Board of Control meeting.

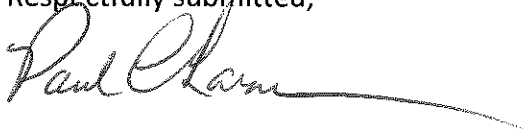
Mr. Larson moved that an Executive Session be held to discuss Board funds, real estate, personnel, and the Director's report. Messrs. Last and White were invited to attend. The motion was seconded by Ms. Maroney and passed unanimously at 12:04PM.

The Executive Session adjourned at 12:24PM and the Public Meeting resumed.

Mr. Larson moved that the hourly pay rate range for Environmental Protection Seasonal Resource Assistants (5101VR) be \$10.10-\$14.00, consistent with the position job description approved by the Department of Administrative Services. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fikrig and passed unanimously.

Dr. Fikrig moved that the Public Meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Dr. Royer and passed unanimously at 12:29PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul C. Larson, Secretary