Board of Control April 11, 2018

The Statutory Meeting of the Board of Control was held on this day in the Slate Board Room, CAES, 123 Huntington Street, New Haven, CT.

<u>Present</u>: Governor Dannel Malloy, Messrs. Andreadis, Fikrig, Jones, Larson, Reviczky, Royer and Ms. Maroney and Nichols. Messrs. Last and White and Drs. Shidore and Triplett were present by invitation.

Absent: None.

The members of the Board of Control toured the Jenkins-Waggoner Laboratory with stops at the laboratories of Dr. Lindsay Triplett and Dr. Kim Stoner for research updates in plant pathology and pollinator research.

The Board of Control meeting was called to order by Governor Dannel Malloy, President of the Board, at 10:25AM.

Vice President Terry Jones read the following official statement:

Governor Malloy, on behalf of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (the **first** such station in the United States), I would like to state for the record this board has profound appreciation for your steadfast support of CAES throughout your two terms of office.

During that time, a few highlights include completion of our Griswold Field Laboratory and the renovation and expansion of the Jenkins-Waggoner building in New Haven. We also are very excited for your commitment to moving forward on renovating and expanding our Valley Lab in Windsor.

Most recently, your support to refill two, critically-important scientist positions – fruit virologist and food chemist – is a strategic boost to our long range sustainability.

Thank you for believing in and helping us fulfill our mission: "Putting science to work for society, protecting agriculture/public health and the environment."

Lastly, we appreciate your presence at this board meeting. We believe it is an historic event worth noting since, to the best of our knowledge, it has been 70-80 years since a governor has presided here.

Mr. Jones moved the statement be placed in the permanent record. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nichols and passed unanimously.

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Dr. Andreadis thanked the Governor for attending the meeting and his support of The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station during his tenure as Governor.

Governor Malloy thanked the Board of Control members and the staff of The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station for the good work they perform on behalf of the citizens of Connecticut.

Governor Malloy turned the meeting over to Vice President Terry Jones at 10:42AM.

Minutes: On a motion by Mr. Larson, seconded by Ms. Maroney, the minutes of the January 19, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

<u>Fiduciary Investment Advisors</u>: Mr. Jeff Capone joined the meeting via conference call and reported on the results of the portfolio through March 31, 2018. There were no new recommendations.

<u>Plant Science Day</u>: Dr. Andreadis reported that Plant Science Day will be held on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at Lockwood Farm.

<u>Recruitment of New Scientists</u>: Dr. Andreadis reported that the agency has received authorization to recruit two new scientists. The new positions will be a plant virologist in the Department of Plant Pathology and Ecology and a food chemist in the Department of Analytical Chemistry.

Status of Building Projects:

- Jenkins-Waggoner Greenhouse Renovations: Mr. Last notified the Board that the agency has applied to the Governor's Lead-By-Example Energy Efficiency Program for a grant in the amount of \$147,000. If formally approved, the project budget will be \$450,000. The renovations would begin in the summer/fall of 2018.
- <u>Valley Laboratory Renovation and Addition</u>: The agency is awaiting formal approval of the design firm, TLB Architects, which is before the State Property Review Board. The design phase should begin this spring.

<u>Louis A. Magnarelli Fellowship Program</u>: Dr. Lindsay Triplett introduced Dr. Teja Shidore who presented on "How Pathogens Survive Antibiotic Treatments and Stress." The report covered the first year of the research project. The project was funded by the Board of Control.

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

Ms. Nichols moved that an Executive Session be held to discuss Board funds, personnel, and the Director's report. Mr. Last was invited to attend. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larson and passed unanimously at 11:56AM.

Mr. Larson moved that the Executive Session be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fikrig and passed unanimously at 12:42PM.

Mr. Larson moved that Dr. Megan Linske be promoted from Technician I to Post-Doctoral Research Scientist effective April 13, 2018. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nichols and passed unanimously.

Ms. Nichols moved to adjust the compensation of the Vice Director to better fit the duties and responsibilities required of the position. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larson and passed by majority Yes: 5, No: 0, Abstain: 2.

Mr. Larson moved that the public meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nichols and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:51PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul C. Larson, Secretary