



BOARD of DIRECTORS

Thursday, January 8, 2026
4:30 PM

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Chair Kyle Muncy, Ryan Aylesworth, Dwight Codr, Mario Conjura, Nathan Fuerst, Chris Kueffner, Nick Lanza, Toni Moran, Dan Prokop, Ron Schurin, Sean Vasington, Emily Wicks

Staff Present: Steve Ferrigno

1. Call to order

Chair Kyle Muncy called the meeting to order at 4:31.

2. Opportunity for public to comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of minutes from November 6, 2025

Chris Kueffner moved to approve the minutes from November 6, 2025. Toni Moran seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved.

4. Report by the Executive Director

The Directors did a round of brief introductions and welcomed new members Dan Prokop and Mr. Kueffner. Sean Vasington entered the meeting at 4:36 PM.

Steve Ferrigno discussed the upcoming Taste 2 Towns restaurant week and the completion of the parking survey. He also summarized progress on Betsy Paterson Square activation and the Parents' Night Out program.

Mr. Ferrigno said that the Gameday Shuttle has continued to grow in ridership and once again reached one hundred riders at the most recent men's basketball game. He also discussed the Tuesday Tunes concept to support downtown restaurants and maximize their patronage while UConn is in session.

Mr. Ferrigno provided business updates on the grand opening of Campus Mart and the newly renovated McDonalds location. He also discussed the expansion of Action Packed in Downtown Storrs.

Additionally, Mr. Ferrigno updated the Directors on the upcoming writing internship with MDP in Fall of 2026, as well as plans to publish articles in the Mansfield Connections magazine.

Ms. Moran suggested that the Gameday Shuttle be expanded to include arts and cultural events at the Jorgensen Center. The Directors discussed Maple Fest and where it might fit best in the Town of Mansfield. Mr. Kueffner and Mr. Ferrigno also discussed parking in Downtown Storrs. Mr. Muncy summarized plans for the new UConn Brewing Innovation partnership with Urban Lodge for a classroom and restaurant space in the former bookstore location.

5. Reports from the Committees

A) Festival

Emily Wicks announced that the 2026 Celebrate Mansfield Festival will take place on September 26, scheduled to coincide with UConn Family Weekend.

B) Governance

There were no updates from the Governance Committee.

C) Finance & Growth

Mario Conjura updated the Directors on progress related to the MDP investment strategy.

D) Public Spaces Working Group

There were no updates from the Public Spaces Working Group.

6. Executive Session – (CGS) SS 1-200(6) – for the purposes of employee matters

Dwight Codr entered the meeting at 4:58 PM. Ms. Moran moved to enter Executive Session in accordance with (CGS) SS 1-200(6) – for the purposes of employee matters. Nick Lanza seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered Executive Session at 4:59 PM.

The Board exited Executive Session at 5:14 PM. Ms. Moran moved to authorize the Executive Director to redefine the position of Events Coordinator as Program Coordinator and offer the position to the incumbent. Mr. Kueffner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Correspondence and Communications



There were no updates to the correspondence and communications.

8. Adjourn

Mr. Kueffner moved to adjourn the meeting. Emily Wicks seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
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