

CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
Minutes of the 100th Annual Meeting
September 7, 2023
The Lake House, 66 Central Ave, Wolcott, CT

I. Welcome and Highlights

Michael Giardina, chair of the Board of Trustees, and Julie Loughran, president and CEO welcomed attendees to the Foundation's 100th Annual Meeting. Mr. Giardina and Ms. Loughran shared highlights from 1923, the year the Foundation was founded, and throughout the Foundation's 100-year history. Mr. Giardina and Ms. Loughran recognized donors, volunteers, staff and nonprofit leaders in attendance and shared highlights from the year noting:

- \$6.3M distributed in grants to nonprofit organizations
- More than 400 local students received scholarships totaling over \$1M
- More than 20 new charitable funds
- Many new legacy donors that have included the Foundation in their estate plans
- Supporting several leadership, organizing, advocacy and community building efforts

Ms. Loughran acknowledged attendee Ingrid Manning, the Foundation's first employee and first CEO who worked with the Foundation about 30 years and helped shepherd tremendous growth of assets and increase its impact with the community.

II. Presentations

a. Mission in Action and Centering Equity

Trustee Rabbi Eric Polokoff shared highlights from their terms on the board, focusing on the process and development of strategic and racial equity plans to guide the Foundation's work. Rabbi Polokoff noted growth and development to-date, as well as a continued commitment.

Wanda Correa, vice president for community impact, shared examples and highlights of day-to-day work and shifts of putting the Foundation's mission into action.

b. Power of Collective Giving

Mark Berardi, Chris Rempfer, Amanda Pulawski, Kathy Taylor, and Elnor Morell shared highlights and recent grants and awards from the Foundation's collective giving opportunities including:

- i. Pride in the Hills Funds
- ii. Women's Giving Circle
- iii. The Waterbury Black Giving Circle
- iv. Trustee Fund

Elnor Morell presented the 2023 Trustee Fund awards to NEST, St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Waterbury, and the Litchfield Land Trust for their work to support The Station.

III. Business Meeting

a. Call to order – Michael Giardina called the meeting to order and reviewed membership criteria.

b. Approval of minutes – Mr. Giardina referred members to the posted minutes

from the 99th Annual Meeting of the Foundation, which was held in person at the Litchfield Community Center and virtually on Zoom on August 11, 2022, and called for a motion to approve the minutes.

MOTION to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

c. Election of Trustees

Kathy Bower, chair of the Governance Committee, conducted the election of trustees.

Ms. Bower introduced first-term and second-term nominees. Mr. Giardina placed into nomination Tony Ciocca, Jessica Ocasio, and Chris Rempfer for an initial three-year term ending in 2026. Ms. Bower placed Dr. Rebecca Eleck-Bruce, Deborah Foord, and Subira Gordona into nomination for a second three-year term ending in 2026.

Ms. Bower formally offered all of the nominees for a vote by members and called for a motion.

MOTION to elect the nominees as trustees to the Connecticut Community Foundation for a three-year term. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

d. Departing Trustees and Gratitude

Michael Giardina acknowledged departing trustees Barbara Bradbury-Pape, Elizabeth Johnson, and Rabbi Eric Polokoff for their work with the Foundation.

Kathy Bower offered gratitude for all new, current and past trustees, committee members, and volunteers of the Foundation.

e. Adjournment – Mr. Giardina adjourned the business portion of the annual meeting.

IV. Closing Remarks

Mr. Giardina and Ms. Loughran provided closing remarks focusing on the Foundation's future. Ms. Loughran recognized the following:

- Martha Bernstein, for serving as the chair of the year-long centennial observance and celebration.
- Investment consultants, Shale Lapping and Neha Patel of IPEX for their sponsorship and attendance at the event.
- Nick Cutroneo, guitarist for the event and the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra for coordinating music throughout the event.
- The Foundation's staff for their work on the event.

Ms. Loughran offered reflections on her ten years of service at the Foundation and noted she was planning to step down from her role in the summer of 2024. Ms. Loughran shared inspiring thoughts, continued commitment and gratitude for colleagues, trustees, volunteers, and donors.

V. Adjournment - Mr. Giardina adjourned the annual meeting.

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Attendees of the 2023 Annual Meeting and Summer Social

Foundation Members

Barbara Bacewicz	Michael Giardina	Donna Palomba
Jack Baker	Brian Henebry	John Palomba
Pam Baker	Bruce Humiston	Adrienne Parkmond
Joseph Baxer	Nancy Humiston	Mary Pavone
Martha Bernstein	Kristen Jacoby	David Pelletier
Kathy Bower	Doug Johnson	Rabbi Eric Polokoff
Barbara Bradbury-Pape	Megan Johnson	Ellen Polokoff
Kathy Brochhausen	Brian Jones	Tina Reardon
Chris Brooks	Alfred Joyell	Chris Rempfer
Tony Ciocca	Elaine Lau	Rick Richardson
William Cohen	Dick Lau	David Robinson
Isabelle V. Curtiss	Julie Loughran	Edwin Rodriguez
Becky Eleck-Bruce	Ingrid Manning	David Rotatori
Judith Eslami	Wayne McCormack	Lisa Shappy
Ann Merriam Feinberg	Betty McCormack	Cathy Smith
Michael Feinberg	Cindy Merrick	James Smith
Margie Field	Elnor Morrell	Jean Solomon
Deborah Foord	Sean Mosley	Kathy Taylor
Brendan Foulois	Vita Muir	Don Thompson
Deborah Fuller	Peter North	JoAnne Torti
Leigh Funderburk	Selim Noujaim	Kippy West
Mark Funderburk	Linda Noujaim	Saran White
Avery Gaddis	Jessica Ocasio	
Ron Garfunkel	Tomas Olivo	

Other Attendees

Julitza Acevedo	Jorge Evangelista	Dawn Owens
Nancy Acevedo	Tanya Feoktistova	Frank Parafati
Sarah Alexander	Fiona Foulois	Neha Patel
Shawn Alexander	Marcia Fowler	Paul Pernerewski
Jackie Aviles	Roslyn Gilhuly	Kim Pernerewski
Antron Bailey	Wady Guadalupe	Tricia Poirier
Cindy Bartholomew	Andy Gumkowski	Ali Psomas
Gary Beaulieu	Audrey Harrell	Amanda Pulawski
Karrie Beaulieu	Chelsey Harris	Michael Reardon
Mark Berardi	Yoellie Iglesias	Tallitha Richardson
Dean Birdsall	David Jones	Dolly Rodriguez
Ian Blake	Lara Langer	Pamela Rotatori
Arlanda Brantley	Shale Lapping	Barbara Ryer
Peter Brochhausen	Lisa Lettieri	Derek Santiago
Althea Marshall Brooks	Deborah Lockhart	Elma Solomon
Alecia Brown	Melissa Lopata	Gabriela Sousa
Robert Burns	Kate MacKinney	John Sousa
Akia Callum	John Markelon	Susan Stiller
Josh Carey	Otis Maynard	Bilal Tajildeen
Ellen Carter	Chris Mcguire	Kevin Taylor
Fernando Cerdena	Patrick McKenna	Dandrea Thomas
Wanda Correa	Jackie Miller	Giovanna Trocchi Giardina
Cheryl Darby	Maybeth Morales-Davis	Allan Vega
Sarah Edelson Baskin	Francine Nido	Carmen Velori
Francesca Evangelista	Matthew Ocasio	