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**Board of Regents
Meeting:
*New Chair &
Members,
President Obama,
and Excel CT***

Chairing the Board of Regents January 17 meeting was its new chairman, Nicholas Donofrio. Mr. Donofrio has served on the BOR since 2011, but Governor Malloy appointed him as chair on December 12, 2013. According to his biography, “Nicholas M. Donofrio led IBM’s innovation and technology strategies from 1997 until his retirement in October 2008...Mr. Donofrio holds a master’s degree in electrical engineering from Syracuse University and a bachelor’s degree in the same discipline from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.” Please go [here](#) to read his complete biography.

The January 17 meeting was also the first for JoAnn Price, who was also appointed by Governor Malloy on December 12. Ms. Price is a co-founder and managing partner of Fairview Capital Partners, Inc., a leading private equity investment management firm based out of West Hartford. She replaced Zac Zeitlin, who moved out of state. To read Ms. Price’s complete biography, please visit [here](#).

Also joining the Board of Regents as an ex-officio member is Stephen Adair (CCSU, Sociology), who was elected to serve as the Chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee. Dr. Adair’s biography can be viewed [here](#).

President Gray spoke about his attendance at President Obama’s Summit on Wednesday, January 16. The focus of the summit was access to higher education. The BOR will be hosting a few workshops in the fall on access and remediation as part of this initiative.

In addition, Dr. Gray gave a lengthy presentation on Excel CT (beginning approximately 18 minutes into the [video](#)), but most of it has been shared previously during his campus visits and has been reported on in the news. A few items Dr. Gray mentioned that have not been

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previously shared on a widespread basis include:

- Looking to change the state budget appropriation process so only one appropriation is given to the system (currently there is a separate appropriation for CSU, the Community Colleges, Charter Oak, and the Board of Regents)

- Encouraging university faculty to aggressively go after grant money as a means to bring additional revenue for the system

Following Dr. Gray's presentation, the Board of Regents held a discussion (about 43 minutes into the [video](#)). The discussion began with Chairman Donofrio saying that the system needs world class faculty.

The Board of Regents meeting can be viewed on CT-N [here](#).