

**COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
550 East Spring Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43216

**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
Monday, June 7, 2004

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Columbus State Community College held on Monday, June 7, 2004, was called to order by Chairman Smith in the Board Room of Franklin Hall at 12:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mr. Dwight E. Smith, Chairman  
Mr. Matthew G. Kallner, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. William A. Antonoplos  
Ms. Suzanne Stilson Edgar  
Dr. Susan C. Finn  
Ms. Paula A. Inniss  
Mr. Michael C. Keller  
Ms. Priscilla D. Mead

Absent: *[One Vacancy]*

**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE:**

President M. Valeriana Moeller (Board Secretary) stated that the record should show that notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the provisions of Section 121.22 (F) of the Ohio Revised Code.

**CHAIRMAN'S OPENING STATEMENT:**

We are here today to make a decision regarding the single item on today's agenda. I would like to briefly share a few thoughts about our expansion plans for a second campus to be

located in Delaware County. Copies of this statement will be available to anyone desiring to have one at the conclusion of this meeting.

I have spoken with several people in our community this week who have expressed concern about Columbus State's commitment to the city of Columbus, and specifically to the downtown area. I have shared with these individuals a few important thoughts. First, as evidenced by the recent groundbreaking for a new academic center and our plans to build a new bookstore on Cleveland Avenue, we are absolutely committed to downtown Columbus. It is extremely important that everyone in our local community understands that the mission of Columbus State Community College is to deliver affordable and high-quality education for our service area, which includes four counties—Franklin, Delaware, Madison, and Union. Somewhere in the discussions it seems to have gotten lost that we must support all of our constituents in this geography. Delaware County is the fastest-growing county in Ohio and the 16th fastest-growing county in the country. To ignore this growth and this opportunity simply would not be prudent. Everyone I spoke with, without exception, clearly agrees that the needs of Delaware County should be addressed. I believe that having an organization, specifically Columbus State Community College, with a significant investment and commitment to Columbus should take the lead on addressing the needs of Delaware County in order to best serve our four-county regional community in the best possible way.

Lastly, the Board of Trustees and the team at Columbus State are completely committed to providing the highest quality education to all of our students at all of our locations, as we have in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

I would now like to hear the comments and thoughts of my fellow trustees. Thank you.

Member Kallner noted that last week the land purchase action was removed from the agenda because there were still questions regarding it. All of the Board members have received many telephone calls and have had discussions with many people. Mr. Kallner is in support of this purchase with the knowledge that the Board remains unwavering in its commitment to the downtown campus.

Member Mead observed that Columbus State Community College has been very accomplished in meeting the changing needs of the community. Many changes have taken place in the last twenty years, with development of the community expanding greatly, both geographically and in the workforce training needs of its citizens. The fact that the college is able to serve a large population in central Ohio in convenient locations is very forward thinking, and the college must continue to try to serve the emerging needs of the community. Ms. Mead is in support of this action, which is part of a long-range plan for the college.

Member Finn echoed her support of the previous comments. The Board has discussed the growth of the college for a long time and believes that we must not stand still—we must grow. It is important to reach out to new opportunities so that the college can thrive.

Member Antonoplos endorsed this land purchase, indicating it is a vote for the students of the future. Twenty years from now, it will be apparent that this is a correct decision. As a resident of Delaware County, he is personally aware of many students from that area coming to Columbus State who would benefit from a closer campus. He reiterated his support for the local community and for this action.

**LAND PURCHASE IN DELAWARE COUNTY:**

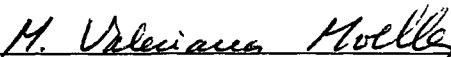
**Member Finn moved**, Member Antonoplos seconded, that the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of property in Delaware County and authorize the President to execute the purchase provided all contractual contingencies are satisfactorily met, and authorize a transfer of up to \$5,600,000 from the unallocated fund balance to the Land Acquisition board account.

A vote was taken which resulted in:

AYES: Members Antonoplos, Edgar, Finn, Inniss, Kallner, Keller, Mead, Smith  
NAYS: None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

  
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M. Valeriana Moeller  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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