

# COLUMBUS STATE

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## COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
Mitchell Hall | Crane Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
Thursday, November 17, 2022 | 6:00 PM

### CALL TO ORDER:

The Columbus State Community College Board of Trustees meeting was held on Thursday, November 17, 2022, in the second floor Crane Room at Mitchell Hall. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair James Fowler at 6:00 p.m.

### ROLL CALL:

Present: James Fowler, Vice Chair  
R. Anthony Joseph, Esq., Immediate-Past Chair  
John Ammendola, Trustee  
Sandy Doyle-Ahern, Trustee  
Stephanie Green, Trustee  
Terri Meldrum, Esq., Trustee  
Jerome Revish, Trustee  
Rick Ritzler, Trustee

Absent: Corrine M. Burger, Chair

### CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE:

President Harrison advised that the record should show that notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with provisions of Section 121.22(F) of the Ohio Revised Code.

### OPENING REMARKS

Vice Chair Fowler shared that the Board of Trustees had completed President Harrison's annual performance review. On behalf of the board, Vice Chair Fowler expressed "tremendous confidence" in President Harrison's leadership and service to the college and broader community.

President Harrison introduced Stephanie Knotts, student ex-officio, to share her Columbus State story. Ms. Knotts described her life's experiences and said that Columbus State offered the flexibility and affordability that allowed her to access higher education and succeed. She has made the Dean's List

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every semester and is heavily involved on campus, including as an active member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and the National Society of Leadership and Success. Ms. Knotts will graduate from Columbus State in Spring 2023 and plans to transfer to The Ohio State University to finish her undergraduate degree and eventually obtain a master’s degree in social work.

President Harrison then introduced the Columbus State team that recently placed third in the Community College Innovation Challenge, a student competition sponsored by the National Science Foundation and National Association of Community Colleges. The team of Ms. Adina Beaufort, Mr. Bryce Byington and Mr. Ben Fisher worked on a project to use augmented reality to enhance hands-on learning, providing better outcomes and retention rates. The team was supported by Mr. David Cofer, Director of Partnerships and Programs; Mr. Chris Dennis, Assistant Professor of Engineering Technology; and Ms. Kaylor Sines, Supervisor in the Office of Talent Strategy.

President Harrison introduced Mr. Rob Messinger, who recently began as Chief of Staff in the Office of the President. Mr. Messinger joins the college from The Ohio State University, where he served in multiple leadership and communication roles, including serving the Chief Financial Officer, the Provost, and presidential initiatives.

**APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2022, MINUTES:**

Vice Chair Fowler provided the Board with the opportunity for discussion of the September 22, 2022, minutes, but no further discussion was needed.

**Member Ammendola moved,** Member Green seconded that the Board approve the September 22, 2022, minutes as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Members Ammendola, Doyle-Ahern, Green, Meldrum, Revish, and Ritzler

NAYS: None

ABSTAINS: Members Fowler, Joseph

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO CAPITAL EXPENDITURES POLICY 9-02:**

Policy 9-02 was last updated in 2005. The proposed revision adds language to address the approval of overages on capital expenditure estimates that have been approved by the Board of Trustees. The proposed revisions include a general cleanup of the policy language and removes redundant language. Procedures related to the policy have been updated and will be implemented subsequent to the Board of Trustees approval of the revised policy.

President Harrison noted that this action item had been moved from the consent agenda to add a materiality threshold clause to the policy after discussion at the November 2022 Committee of the

Whole meeting. Vice Chair Fowler provided the Board with the opportunity for further discussion of revisions to Policy 9-02, but no further discussion was required.

**Member Meldrum moved,** Member Ammendola seconded that the Board approve the revisions to Policy 9-02 as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Members Ammendola, Doyle-Ahern, Fowler, Green, Joseph, Meldrum, Revish, and Ritzler

NAYS: None

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

Vice Chair Fowler provided the Board with the opportunity for further discussion of proposed action items that had been previously discussed at the September 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting:

- 2023 Dates for Committee of the Whole and Board of Trustees Meetings
- Approval of the Naming of Facilities in the School of Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts, Mitchell Hall
- Approval of Adoption of FY22 Efficiency Report
- Approval of Property Acquisition
- Approval of Construction Contract, External Emergency Speaker Replacement
- Approval of Construction Contract, Moeller Hall Geology Lab
- Approval of Construct Contract, Center for Technology and Learning Lab Upgrades
- Approval of Revisions to Employment Policy 3-02
- Approval of Revisions to Payroll Policy 3-07
- Approval of Revisions to Sick Leave Policy 3-10
- Approval of Revisions to Family and Medical Leave Policy 3-36
- Approval of Revisions to Promotion and Tenure Policy 5-19
- Approval of Revisions to Operational Budget Policy 9-01
- Approval of Revisions to Financial Reports Policy 9-07
- Approval of Adoption of New Free Speech Policy 13-15.

Trustees declined to hold any further discussion.

**Member Joseph moved,** Member Green seconded that the Board approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Members Ammendola, Doyle-Ahern, Fowler, Green, Joseph, Meldrum, Revish, and Ritzler

NAYS: None

**APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022:**

The Financial Statements as of and for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2022, were presented to the Board for information purposes only.

**PERSONNEL INFORMATION ITEMS:**

The Personnel Information Items were presented to the Board for information purposes only.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

President Harrison shared several recent highlights with the Board of Trustees and, with members of his leadership team, provided updates about Columbus State enrollment for Autumn Semester 2022, evidence of K-12 learning loss during the pandemic and information about the first cohort of Columbus Promise students.

*Recent highlights*

- **Student success stories in the news:** The college was featured in several recent articles in The Columbus Dispatch that highlight Columbus State’s focus on student success. On Nov. 13, the newspaper reported the strong start of the Columbus Promise program. A Nov. 15 story focused on the “Reconnect to Complete” program, which enables students who have paused their education to return to college to complete their degree.
- **Honda and workforce development:** Columbus State was one of three higher education institutions invited to participate in an announcement by Honda, LG Energy Solution and JobsOhio about a \$4 billion investment to manufacture electric vehicles in Ohio and build a battery plant in Fayette County. The investments will create 2500+ jobs. President Harrison noted that Columbus State is contributing to statewide workforce-development efforts.
- **Serving military families:** Chancellor Randy Gardner of the Ohio Department of Higher Education recently recognized Columbus State with the Collegiate Purple Star Award, which is awarded to schools that demonstrate a significant commitment to students and families connected to our nation’s military. Columbus State has more than 1,000 military members and veterans among our students, faculty and staff.

- **Leadership development:** As part of Columbus State’s commitment to the next generation of leaders, the college recently hosted the ACE Women’s Network-Ohio conference, which offers professional development and networking opportunities to women in higher education.
- **Supporting student voting:** The national nonpartisan group ALL IN named Columbus State a “most engaged campus for college student voting.” President Harrison thanked Jonathan Kreger, a Professor of Political Science, and Diana Wisse, Senior Director of Student Affairs, for their efforts in supporting voter engagement work.
- **Board engagement with students:** President Harrison thanked Vice Chair Fowler, who will be a speaker at an early December leadership workshop designed for business technology students. President Harrison expressed gratitude that Board members are so willing to share their expertise, wisdom, and leadership with students.

#### *Autumn Enrollment Report*

Mr. Allen Kraus, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management & Marketing and Communications, shared that 25,272 students were enrolled in autumn 2022 for a total of 195,159 credit-hours. Mr. Kraus described enrollment trends for all students, traditional undergraduates and high school students enrolled in College Credit Plus. The college continues to experience strong enrollment in College Credit Plus, which now represents 28% of total headcount enrollment.

#### *Learning Loss*

Mr. Kraus and Dr. Rebecca Butler, Executive Vice President, shared information that further details the learning loss experienced by K-12 students during the pandemic and discussed how those trends would affect college readiness levels among incoming Columbus State students in years to come. The college will continue to respond to the situation by adapting programming and support services.

#### *College Promise*

Dr. Desiree Polk-Bland, Vice President of Student Affairs, updated the Board on the Columbus Promise program, which allows Columbus City Schools graduates to attend Columbus State at no cost to the student. The inaugural cohort, which started in autumn semester 2022, includes 629 students from 20 Columbus City Schools. Students can participate for up to six semesters.

Dr. Polk-Bland described the demographics, enrollment levels and other details of the first cohort. Columbus State has established a team of advisors, coaches, counselors and others who provide a suite of services to support their success. President Harrison said that Columbus Promise represents the college’s largest-ever student success initiative.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

There were no items to bring before the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There were no items to bring before the Board.

**ANNUAL ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD:**

Immediate Past-Chair Joseph shared the following nominations from the Nominating Committee to be voted on by the Board: James Fowler as Chair, Stephanie Green as Vice Chair, President Harrison as Secretary, Aletha Shipley as Treasurer, President Harrison and Jan Ellis as Deputy Treasurers, Corinne Burger as Immediate Past-Chair, Jerome Revish as a Board of Trustees Ex Officio for the Foundation Board with John Ammendola as an alternative, and Rick Ritzler and Terri Meldrum serving on the Columbus State Community Partners board.

Vice Chair Fowler provided the Board an opportunity to discuss these nominations, but no discussion was needed.

**Member Revish moved,** Member Doyle-Ahern seconded that the Board approve the Election of Officers as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Members Ammendola, Doyle-Ahern, Fowler, Green, Joseph, Meldrum, Revish, and Ritzler

NAYS: None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

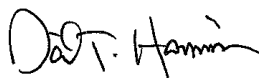
No public participation.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

No executive session was held.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.



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Dr. David T. Harrison  
Secretary, Board of Trustees