

# COLUMBUS STATE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## **MINUTES** **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Mitchell Hall | Crane Room (2nd Floor)  
Thursday, March 23, 2023 | 6:00 PM

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS**

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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Columbus State Community College Board of Trustees meeting was held on Thursday, March 23, 2023, in the second floor Crane Room at Mitchell Hall. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Stephanie Green at 6:00 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present:

- James Fowler
- Stephanie Green
- John Ammendola
- Sandy Doyle-Ahern
- R. Anthony Joseph, Esq, (Virtual)
- Terri Meldrum, Esq.
- Jerome Revish
- Rick Ritzler

### **CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE**

President David 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**

President Harrison introduced Ella Bwonya, Student Ex-officio, to welcome the student guest speaker, Khalid Ali.

Mr. Ali, a native of Kenya, is a Biology major at Columbus State on track to graduate in summer 2023. Mr. Ali served on the planning committee of the Collegiate Leadership Conference of Ohio (CLCO). Mr. Ali plans to continue his education in Biology at The Ohio State University, where he will specialize in Neuroscience. Mr. Ali aspires to open a clinic for children with brain issues and open a free school program in America and Africa.

President Harrison noted that the May 2023 Board of Trustees meeting will be held at the Delaware Campus. He also proposed that the Board of Trustees reschedule the meeting currently planned for Nov. 16, 2023, to Nov. 15, 2023, due to a scheduling conflict. This schedule change will be presented as an action item at the May 2023 meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Member Ammendola moved**, Member Meldrum seconded that the Board approve the January 26, 2023, minutes as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Members Ammendola, Doyle-Ahern, Green, Fowler, Joseph, Meldrum, Revish, and Ritzler  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINS: None

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Fowler provided the Board with the opportunity for further discussion of proposed action items that had been previously discussed at the Mar. 17, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting:

- Approval of Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies
- Approval of Construction Contract: Davidson Hall Exterior and Roofing Upgrades
- Approval of Construction Contract: Moeller Hall Exterior Foundation Repair
- Approval of New Policy, 7-16 Student Religious Accommodations

Trustees declined to hold any further discussion.

**Member Ritzler moved**, Member Revish 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

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 31, 2023**

This item is presented to the Board for information purposes only.

### **PERSONNEL INFORMATION ITEMS**

This item is presented to the Board for information purposes only.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Harrison shared several recent highlights with the help of several members of the Columbus State leadership team:

- **Columbus Promise 5K:** Katy Trombitas, Vice President for Advancement, shared information about the Columbus Promise 5K, an event associated with the OhioHealth Capital City Half and Quarter Marathon. The 5K was recently renamed to highlight and provide financial support to the Columbus Promise program.
- **Superintendent in Residence:** President Harrison shared that Dr. John Kellogg will join our team this summer as Superintendent in Residence, focusing on regional collaboration on student success and career pipelines. Dr. Kellogg currently serves as Superintendent of the Westerville City School District. This is a joint position at Columbus State and the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio.
- **DREAM conference:** President Harrison shared that 26 Columbus State faculty and staff members attended Achieving the Dream's annual DREAM conference in Chicago in February. The conference, which included Columbus State participants in several panels, provided learning and engagement opportunities about equitable student success work.
- **Affordable housing roundtable:** President Harrison and Dr. Desiree Polk-Bland, Vice President of Student Affairs, participated in an affordable housing roundtable with U.S. Rep. Mike Carey in February. During the roundtable, Dr. Polk-Bland shared how Columbus State has worked to address housing needs as part of our student success work.

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- **Media coverage:** As reflected in a number of recent articles, Columbus State is building momentum to address the region’s workforce needs. President Harrison shared coverage by the Columbus Dispatch, Business First and the Brookings Institution about the college’s work to build the talent pipeline for the advanced manufacturing industry, including Intel. He also highlighted national media coverage about evolving trends involving workforce requirements and college degrees.
- **Higher Education Budget Overview:** President Harrison shared an update on the state’s biennial budget process and other legislation under consideration by the Ohio General Assembly. The college continues to work with the Ohio Association of Community Colleges to advocate for state support of our student success and workforce development missions. Among the top OACC budget priorities are establishing state support for short-term workforce education programs, increasing financial aid awards for community college students and creating a statewide innovative waiver pilot program to enable more students to pursue credentials in high-demand areas.
- **Workday status update:** Dr. Jennifer Anderson, Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness, shared that the College was preparing to launch the Workday Human Capital Management system on Sunday, March 26. The go-live date for the Finance system is April 1.
- **Student success update:** Dr. Anderson shared her annual presentation on the College’s student success work, including data on graduation rates (28% for new first-year, full-time students that the 2018 starting cohort) and the “big five” metrics that track student progress. She shared performance levels among different student demographics, enrollment trends and data on adult learners (individuals 25 and older).

### OLD BUSINESS

There were no items to bring before the Board.

### NEW BUSINESS

There were no items to bring before the Board.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation.

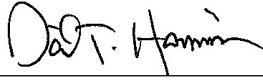
### EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.



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David T. Harrison, Ph.D.  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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