

COLUMBUS STATE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MINUTES **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Mitchell Hall | Crane Room (2nd Floor)
November 15, 2023 | 6:00 PM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS

James Fowler, Chair
John Ammendola, Vice-Chair
Corrine M. Burger, Immediate Past-Chair
Sandy Doyle-Ahern
Terri Meldrum, Esq.
Jerome Revish
Rick Ritzler

CALL TO ORDER

The Columbus State Community College Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Immediate Past-Chair Corrine Burger at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

- Corrine Burger
- Sandy Doyle-Ahern
- Terri Meldrum, Esq.
- Jerome Revish
- Rick Ritzler

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

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

SWEARING-IN OF REAPPOINTED TRUSTEE

Mr. Charles Noble, General Counsel, administered the Oath of Office to reappointed Trustee Corrine Burger, who will serve her term through August 31, 2029.

OPENING REMARKS FROM IMMEDIATE PAST-CHAIR BURGER

Past-Chair Burger shared comments regarding the start of her new term, the college's 60th anniversary, and State of the College.

OPENING REMARKS FROM PRESIDENT HARRISON

President Harrison introduced the student speaker, Gage Brunswick, a military veteran who is pursuing an associate degree with plans to obtain a bachelor's degree in computer science. Mr. Brunswick shared his story of military service, his passion for serving the veterans community, and his interest in computer science in his academic and community service pursuits. President Harrison thanked Mr. Brunswick for his military service and leadership on campus with veteran students. President Harrison also thanked Scott Nichols, administrator – student life, for his mentorship.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Doyle-Ahern moved, Member Revish seconded, that the Sept. 21, 2023, minutes be approved as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Doyle-Ahern, Meldrum, Revish, and Ritzler

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Burger

CONSENT AGENDA

Past-Chair Burger shared the consent agenda items, which were discussed at the Nov. 9, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting:

- Resolution to End the Practice of Transcript Withholding
- Adoption of FY23 Efficiency Report

Member Ritzler moved, Member Meldrum seconded that the consent agenda be approved, as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Burger, Doyle-Ahern, Meldrum, Revish, and Ritzler

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE TWO MONTHS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

This item was presented to the Board for information only.

PERSONNEL INFORMATION ITEMS

This item was presented to the Board for information only.

2024 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

This item was presented to the Board for information only.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

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

- **Chief Information Officer:** Dr. Jennifer Anderson will be taking on an expanded role as vice president and chief information officer beginning Jan. 1, 2024. Her expanded portfolio includes Information Technology and the Office of Institutional Effectiveness.
- **State of the college:** State of the College was a great commemorative event, an opportunity to tell the college’s story, and a chance to communicate the path forward.
- **60th anniversary:** President Harrison shared that this occasion was an important moment to celebrate and reflected on the work that has been done at Columbus State over the past six decades.
- **ODHE highlights national IT center:** In a statewide report, the Ohio Department of Higher Education highlighted Columbus State’s recent announcement that it will lead the National IT Innovation Center. The National Science Foundation provided a \$7.5 million grant for NITIC to spur training and rapid job growth for in-demand IT careers.
- **College top-ranked in Ohio for transfers:** A U.S. Department of Education report cites Columbus State as Ohio’s leading institution for transfers. Columbus State had the highest transfer rate among community colleges in Ohio. The college also was part of the No. 1 transfer partnership, along with Ohio State University, with the highest transfer rate between 2- and 4-year institutions.
- **Google program graduates first class:** Google and Columbus State graduated the first class of 14 students in the Skilled Trades and Readiness (STAR) program on Nov. 8, 2023. Google partnered with Columbus State and central Ohio construction businesses to conduct a five-week course, ending with a full-time job for participants.

- **Discovery District SID honors artwork:** Columbus State and the Ohio Arts Council were honored with the 2023 Aesthetic Contribution Award for the Vortex artwork created by Jeanine Centuori and Russell Rock, which is installed north of Mitchell Hall.
- **Mitchell Hall wins architecture award:** Columbus State received an AIA Columbus merit award for its interior design work. The award noted that Mitchell Hall was the most rigorous in planning, execution, and detail.
- **Columbus Workforce Hub update:** The steering committee meeting, which met earlier on Nov. 15, continues to develop a regional workforce strategy for Central Ohio. Next steps are to complete a strategy document in the first quarter of 2024.
- **Ohio Center for Advanced Technology:** Columbus State is seeking funding partners to support the Ohio Center for Advanced Technology, which will support the college’s work to quadruple the number of engineering technology students preparing for careers in the semiconductor, biotech, and EV fields.
- **Progress report on capital plan:** President Harrison provided an update regarding progress made on the college’s capital plan that is tied to the bond issue and Issue 21.

Dr. Rebecca Butler, Executive Vice President, shared an update on the college’s student success work. The college will complete a comprehensive evaluation of its student success work around scalable interventions that accelerate the number of people completing degrees and certificates and close equity gaps. The college will ensure evaluation metrics and outcomes align with national best practices and state share of instruction requirements. Dr. Butler shared proposed changes in the college’s key metrics of student success.

Dr. Jennifer Anderson, Vice President – Institutional Effectiveness, provided an update on Workday Student. After signing contracts in early September, the college has begun the project planning phase. The college has aligned its strategic priorities with the Workday project plan and success criteria. Project leadership consists of a steering committee, strategic leadership team, project team members, and workstream leads.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Ritzler shared the following nominations:

Board of Trustees Officers

- James Fowler as Chair
- John Ammendola as Vice Chair
- President Harrison as Secretary

- Aletha Shipley as Treasurer
- President Harrison and Jan Ellis as Deputy Treasurers
- Corrine Burger as Immediate Past-Chair

Board Representatives to Affiliated Entities and Other Groups

- Terri Meldrum as representative to the Foundation Board
- Jerome Revish as delegate to the Ohio Association of Community Colleges
- Sandy Doyle-Ahern and Rick Ritzler as representatives on the Columbus State Community Partners Board.

Member Doyle-Ahern moved, Member Meldrum seconded that the Board approve the officers for 2024, as proposed.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Burger, Doyle-Ahern, Meldrum, Revish, and Ritzler

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Past-Chair Burger communicated thanks to Chair Fowler and Vice Chair Ammendola for their continued leadership of the board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member Ritzler moved, Member Meldrum seconded, that the Board of Trustees adjourn to executive session at 7:16 p.m. in accordance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code to consider details relative to security arrangements and emergency response protocols.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Burger, Doyle-Ahern, Meldrum, Revish, and Ritzler

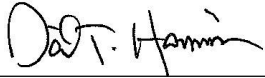
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees convened from executive session at 7:54 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



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

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