

COLUMBUS STATE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MINUTES **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Thursday, Sept. 25, 2025 | 6:00 PM
Mitchell Hall | Crane Room, 250 Cleveland Ave.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS

John Ammendola, Chair
Sandy Doyle-Ahern, Vice-Chair
James Fowler, Immediate-Past Chair
Corrine M. Burger
Jean M. Halpin
Traci L. Martinez, Esq.
Jerome Revish
Rick Ritzler
Lorina W. Wise, Esq.

CALL TO ORDER

The Columbus State Community College Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Chair Ammendola at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

- John Ammendola
- Sandy Doyle-Ahern
- Corrine M. Burger
- Jean M. Halpin
- Traci L. Martinez, Esq.
- Jerome Revish
- Rick Ritzler
- Lorina W. Wise, Esq

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.

OPENING REMARKS FROM CHAIR AMMEDOLA

Chair Ammendola noted the “excitement and transformation in the air” on campus, with autumn semester underway and a variety of high-profile events over the past week.

He called out in particular the recent partnership with The Ohio State University to create Buckeye Bridge, which will enable more Columbus State graduates with associate degrees to complete a bachelor’s degree at Ohio State. “What an amazing opportunity for students here at Columbus State,” he said.

Chair Ammendola also congratulated the College on hosting the recent Ohio Department of Higher Education’s trustees conference, the groundbreaking for OhioHealth Hall, and enrollment increases at the College.

OPENING REMARKS FROM PRESIDENT HARRISON

President Harrison introduced the new student ex-officio, Gillian Desormeaux, and asked her to share her story with the Board. Ms. Desormeaux noted that she grew up in Baltimore, Ohio, in a low-income environment and had initially believed that “a college education was not for me.” But she has excelled at Columbus State since enrolling in the spring of 2024. Ms. Desormeaux is seeking an Associate of Arts in Communication and plans to pursue a bachelor’s degree at Ohio University in journalism, with a goal of becoming an essayist. “Columbus State has made that a very attainable goal,” she said.

President Harrison noted that the audience for tonight’s meeting includes many faculty and staff members. He asked Senior Vice President and Chief Academic Officer Martin Maliwesky to help acknowledge the invited guests.

Dr. Maliwesky first recognized faculty who earned tenure and first promotion this year, as approved by the Board in June. They include:

- Said Chaouki, Allied Health Professions
- Marja Davis, Applied Sciences and Human Services,
- Christopher Deem, Aviation and Automotive Technology
- Susini Desilva, Biological and Physical Sciences
- Robert Everett, Aviation and Automotive Technology
- Peter Morgan, Humanities
- Andrew Moss, Applied Sciences and Human Services
- Tara Pepple, Nursing

- Kayla Robinson, Biological and Physical Sciences
- Naava Schottenstein, Biological and Physical Sciences
- Sacha Tadros, Health Professions and Wellness

Dr. Maliwesky then recognized the faculty and staff who are recommended for emeritus status. These individuals are recommended based on outstanding service to the College for at least 15 years. At the previous Committee of the Whole meeting, the Board reviewed a pending action item to approve emeritus status and placed it on the Consent Agenda for approval tonight. The recommended individuals are:

- Professor Judith Anderson, English
- Professor Beth Barnett, Mathematics
- Professor Sharon Barnewall, Biological and Physical Sciences
- Dawn Blair, Student Services
- Professor Holly Finnegan, English
- Gregory Goodhart, Assistant Dean, Arts & Sciences
- Assistant Professor William Highley, Design, Construction and Trades
- Tracy La Mar-Nickoli, Human Resources
- Professor April Martin, Nursing
- Professor Scott Millsap, Language and Communications
- Patrice Ross, Chair, Humanities
- Professor Julia Shew, Mathematics
- Frank Sugar, Columbus State Police

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Ammendola shared the consent agenda items, which were discussed at the Sept. 19, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting:

- Awarding of Emeritus Status
- Implementation Plan: American Civics Course
- New Policy 13-16, Intellectual Diversity
- Tuition Waiver for College Credit Plus Nonpublic Students
- Construction Manager at Risk Contract - GMP Amendment 2: OhioHealth Hall
- Property Acquisition – Right-of-Way Associated with OhioHealth Hall
- Utility Easements Required for OhioHealth Hall
- Construction Manager at Risk Contract - GMP Amendment 2: Franklin Hall
- Property Acquisition – 408 N. 6th Street

Trustees declined to hold any further discussion.

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

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Ammendola, Burger, Doyle-Ahern, Halpin, Martinez, Revish,
Ritzler, Wise

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

INFORMATION-ONLY ITEMS

The following items were presented to the Board for information only:

- Capital Project Report
- Financial Statements as of and for the One Month Ended July 31, 2025
- Personnel Information Items

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Harrison shared that Chef Joshua Wickham, chair of the college’s Hospital Management and Culinary Arts program, recently won the National Chef Educator of the Year Award from the American Culinary Federation.

He also shared an update about the College’s proposed partnership with the YMCA of Central Ohio to locate a YMCA on the downtown campus that also provides drop-in childcare. Columbus State students are currently voting on a proposed student fee that would fund the project. If students support the initiative, the College plans to bring forward a proposal to the Board for its consideration, followed by a request to the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

President Harrison reported that Columbus State recently hosted U.S. Education Secretary Linda McMahon and Sen. Bernie Moreno for a tour of an engineering technology lab and discussion of the College’s workforce education programs.

President Harrison noted that in addition to the Ohio State/Buckeye Bridge announcement, OhioHealth Hall groundbreaking, and ODHE conference, the College also recently hosted leaders of Nationwide Children’s Hospital and Nationwide for events on campus.

Workday update: He then introduced Jennifer Anderson, vice president of information technology and chief information officer, to share an update on the College’s Workday Student implementation. Dr. Anderson reported that the College is focused on ensuring that Workday is not simply a technical solution but rather an “engine that gets us where we want to go.” The project team is focused on transformational objectives, including an improved student experience with actions such as course scheduling, planning and registration; strategic management of the new student enrollment funnel; implementation of case management advising; a clear student communication strategy; and data and reporting.

Columbus State was one week from its first “go live” date of the Workday implementation,

which involves student-application functions. Additional elements of Workday Student will move to production in March 2026 and beyond. Dr. Anderson highlighted the project leadership team, the intentional focus on training, Workday’s role as an implementation partner and other lessons thus far in the project.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Ammendola discussed the annual process of establishing a Nominating Committee to recommend Board officers for the following year, as well as other responsibilities as needed. He proposed that the Nominating Committee this year consist of Member Burger, Member Fowler and President Harrison.

Trustees declined to hold any further discussion.

Member Martinez moved, Member Wise seconded, that the nominating committee be approved as recommended.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Ammendola, Burger, Doyle-Ahern, Halpin, Martinez, Revish,
Ritzler, Wise

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Chair Ammendola asked President Harrison to convene the Nominating Committee and bring back recommendations for consideration at the November Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chair Doyle-Ahern moved, Member Burger seconded, that the Board of Trustees adjourn to executive session 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: Ammendola, Burger, Doyle-Ahern, Halpin, Martinez, Revish,
Ritzler, Wise

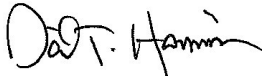
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

The Executive Session started at 6:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of the Board reconvened at 7:52 p.m. There being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. T. Harrison", is written over a horizontal line.

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

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