

COLUMBUS STATE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Delaware Campus, 5100 Cornerstone Drive

Moeller Hall, Rooms 111-112

Thursday, March 27, 2025 | 6:00 PM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS

John Ammendola, Chair

Sandy Doyle-Ahern, Vice Chair

James Fowler, Immediate-Past Chair

Corrine M. Burger

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 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

- John Ammendola
- Sandy Doyle-Ahern
- James Fowler
- Traci L. Martinez, Esq.
- 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 AMMENDOLA

Chair Ammendola thanked leaders and staff at the Delaware campus for hosting the Board for

tonight's meeting. He provided a reminder that the Board has adjusted its regular meeting calendar so that the meetings originally planned for May have been rescheduled to take place in June to more closely align with the state budget process. Chair Ammendola shared the Board's appreciation with entire Columbus State team for its focus on student success, fortitude and resilience during a time of change.

OPENING REMARKS FROM PRESIDENT HARRISON

President Harrison shared that the Delaware campus is celebrating its 15th anniversary, having officially opened for classes in September 2010. Dr. Harrison asked Mr. Dale Gresson, executive administrator of the Delaware Campus and Regional Learning Centers, to share some thoughts about the campus. Mr. Gresson said that the Delaware Campus faculty and staff are ready to seize the moment as Delaware County and surrounding communities continue to experience population growth.

President Harrison welcomed student ex-officio Ms. Fatima Muhammad, who introduced the student speaker, Ms. Amber Schiavone. Ms. Schiavone is a biology major who attends classes at the Delaware campus and plans to become a pediatric ophthalmologist. Ms. Schiavone spoke about overcoming challenges on her career path. She expects to transfer to a four-year university and begin optometry school in the fall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Martinez moved, and Member Wise seconded, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Friday, January 17, 2025, be approved as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Ammendola, Doyle-Ahern, Fowler, Martinez, and Wise

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Member Martinez moved, and Member Wise seconded, that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Thursday, January 23, 2025, be approved as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Ammendola, Doyle-Ahern, Fowler, Martinez, and Wise

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ACTION ITEMS

President Harrison called on members of the College's leadership team to present action items for the Board's consideration.

Policy Revisions to Reflect Bachelor's Degrees

Dr. Martin Maliwesky, senior vice president of academic affairs and chief academic officer, presented the action item, which updates policies in Chapter 1 – Board Operations and Chapter 5 – to reflect that bachelor's degrees have been added to the College's degree offerings.

Member Fowler moved, and Member Doyle-Ahern seconded, that the action item be approved as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Ammendola, Doyle-Ahern, Fowler, Martinez, and Wise

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

External Renaming of the New Health Sciences Building

Ms. Katy Trombitas, Vice President of Advancement, presented the action item, which asks the Board to authorize the external naming of the new health sciences building to be OhioHealth Hall.

Member Wise moved, and Member Martinez seconded, that the action item be approved as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Ammendola, Doyle-Ahern, Fowler, Martinez, and Wise

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Agreement with Columbus State Community Partners

Mr. Charles Noble III, general counsel, presented the action item, which asks the Board to authorize the extension of the Agreement between Columbus State Community College and Columbus State Community Partners for an additional five years.

Member Martinez moved, and Member Fowler seconded that the action item be approved as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Ammendola, Doyle-Ahern, Fowler, Martinez, and Wise

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Accounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies (CY2026)

Ms. Aletha Shipley, senior vice president of business services and chief financial officer, presented the action item, which asks the Board to approve the resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies (CY2026).

Member Martinez moved, and Member Wise seconded, that the action item be approved as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Ammendola, Doyle-Ahern, Fowler, Martinez, and Wise

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

INFORMATIONAL – ONLY ITEMS

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

- Capital Project Report, which includes the general contractor contract for the WD Administrative Office Renovation project. This contract was previously approved by the Board through the off-cycle delegated authority process.

- Financial Statements as of and for the Five Months Ended January 31, 2025
- Personnel Information Items

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Harrison shared updates on a variety of topics and called on other College leaders to share information. Topics included:

- **Congratulations** to Trustee Burger, who recently announced her retirement from JPMorganChase after 34 years with the company. President Harrison also congratulated the College's senior project analyst, Mr. Marcus Jackson, for being named to *Columbus Business First's* 40 Under 40 list.
- **Federal, State policy developments**: President Harrison provided updates about higher-education policy discussions that may affect the College. He reiterated that the College remains focused on the "true north" of helping every Columbus State student succeed.
- **Columbus Promise announcement**: In partnership with the City of Columbus, Columbus City Schools, and I Know I Can, the College recently announced the next phase of the Columbus Promise program.

Statewide CCP Waiver: President Harrison shared that the College recently led efforts with the Ohio Department of Higher Education to secure a statewide waiver that will expand opportunities for high-school students to participate in College Credit Plus for advanced manufacturing pathways. He credited Ms. Lauren Jones, senior director of K-12 partnerships, for working with other community colleges to obtain the waiver.

- **Central Ohio Compact Summit**: The College and the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio will host K-12, higher education, employer and workforce leaders on May 15, 2025, for the Central Ohio Compact. The session will focus on collaborating to enhance the workforce credentials throughout the region.
- **Commencement**: President Harrison shared that Bishop Timothy J. Clarke, senior pastor of First Church of God, will be the speaker at the May 9 commencement ceremony.

President Harrison invited Dr. Rebecca Butler, executive vice president, to present an update about student success. Dr. Butler shared solid momentum, as reflected in results from the College's Autumn 2024 enrollment, gateway course success and adult student performance. Dr. Butler also shared details of the Delaware Campus strategy, which is designed to foster 10% annual growth. In Autumn 2025, the Delaware Campus will see expanded program offerings, a rebranding for marketing and recruiting purposes, and additional data analysis to assess outcomes for students who take 50% or more of their classes at the Delaware campus.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no items.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no items.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

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

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