

# COLUMBUS STATE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## **MINUTES** **BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Franklin Hall | Pete Grimes Boardroom  
March 22, 2024 | 8:00 AM

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS**

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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Columbus State Community College Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order by Chair Fowler at 8:00 a.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present:

- James Fowler (virtual)
- John Ammendola
- Corrine Burger
- Sandy Doyle-Ahern
- 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 PRESIDENT HARRISON**

President Harrison expressed gratitude to the Board of Trustees for their support for the proposed Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program. This month, members of the Board shared their support with the accreditation review team from the Higher Learning Commission and then voted to formally approve the BSN degree program during a special meeting on March 8, 2024.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Member Burger** moved, **Member Doyle-Ahern** seconded, that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Committee of the Whole, held on Thursday, January 19, 2024, be approved as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Revish

**Member Ammendola** moved, **Member Burger** seconded, that the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Friday, March 8, 2024, be approved as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Ammendola, Burger, Fowler, Martinez, Ritzler, and Wise

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Doyle-Ahern and Revish

**AMENDED AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES (CY2024)**

President Harrison introduced Ms. Kelly Weir, Associate Vice President for Resource Planning and Analysis, who presented the proposed action item, which requests that the Board of Trustees approves the Amended Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies for CY2024.

The Franklin County Budget Commission must certify tax rates to each subdivision or other taxing unit annually under Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.35. Also, the Commission is required to issue an official certificate of estimated resources under Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.35 and amended official certificates of estimated resources under Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.36.

The Board approved an initial resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies for Tax Year 2023, Collection Year 2024, on March 23, 2023. After the county completed its general reappraisal process, which occurs every six years, the assessed millage necessary for the College’s bond issue has decreased. This Amended Resolution updates the tax rates for current year collections.

*The Committee of the Whole agreed to refer this item to the Board of Trustees for approval.*

**AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES (CY2025)**

Ms. Weir also shared details of the proposed action item for CY2025.

This Resolution is required to authorize the Franklin County Auditor to put the tax rates on the tax duplicate for calendar year 2025 collections based on amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission.

*The Committee of the Whole agreed to refer this item to the Board of Trustees for approval.*

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT: EXTERNAL SPEAKER PROJECT (APPROVED FEBRUARY 14 THROUGH OFF-CYCLE DELEGATED AUTHORITY)**

This item was presented to the Board for information only.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 31, 2024**

This item was presented to the Board for information only.

**PERSONNEL INFORMATION ITEMS**

This item was presented to the Board for information only.

**CURRENT UPDATES**

- **Columbus State Foundation:** Katy Trombitas, Vice President for Advancement shared that the Foundation is on track to meet its fundraising goals for the fiscal year. Ms. Trombitas provided special acknowledgement for gifts received from Nationwide Insurance and a fund established by the family of a former student.
- **Columbus State Community Partners:** Zach Woodruff, Chief Real Estate Development Officer, shared an update about Opportunity Pointe, the affordable housing project being developed in partnership with Woda Cooper Companies Inc. Woodruff reported that Woda Cooper had applied to the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) for a tax credit that will

enable the development to move forward. A decision from OHFA is expected in May.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Member Ammendola moved**, Member Burger seconded, that the Board of Trustees adjourn to executive session at 8:11 a.m. in accordance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code to consider the purchase of property for public purposes and to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation for a public employee or official.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

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

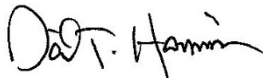
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

The regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole reconvened from executive session at 9:44 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.



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

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