

# COLUMBUS STATE

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## COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### **MINUTES**

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

Mitchell Hall | Crane Room  
Friday, June 20, 2025 | 8:00 AM

### **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 Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Friday, June 20, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Chair Ammendola at 8:00 a.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present:

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

### **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 recognized trustee Jean Halpin, who recently joined the Board, and thanked her for her service. He also introduced new staff ex-officio Dustin Iacovone, a learning designer in Human Resources.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Member Fowler** moved, Member Doyle-Ahern seconded, that the minutes of the regular meeting of the of the Board of Trustees, held on March 27, 2025, be approved as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Revish and Ritzer

**Member Martinez** moved, Member Ritzler seconded, that the minutes of the board planning retreat of the Board of Trustees held on Friday, May 16, 2025, be approved as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Halpin

### **TENURE APPOINTMENTS AND FIRST PROMOTION IN RANK**

President Harrison introduced the discussion, led by Martin Maliwesky, Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer. The proposed action item requests that the Board of Trustees grant tenure and promote 11 individuals at the beginning of the 2025-2026 contract year.

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

### **NAMING OF SPACES ASSOCIATED WITH OHIOHEALTH HALL**

President Harrison introduced the discussion, led by Katy Trombitas, Vice President of

Advancement. The proposed action item requests that the Board of Trustees accept the recommendations of the Naming Advisory Committee and approve the names of eight spaces associated with OhioHealth Hall.

Columbus State is developing OhioHealth Hall, a new academic building, to support the College's healthcare sector strategy, which relies on people, space, and equipment to double enrollment in the health sciences over 10 years. The spaces being named reflect philanthropic contributions in support of that strategy.

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

### **OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026**

President Harrison introduced the discussion, led by Senior Vice President and CFO Aletha Shipley, Deputy Chief Financial Officer Matthew Stiffler and Karen Riley, director of resource planning & analysis. The proposed action item requests that the Board of Trustees approve the FY26 operating budgets for the Columbus State Community College District, Auxiliary Enterprises and Plant Fund, while providing authority for the president to adjust expenses commensurate with revenue fluctuations as long as net operational revenues, total auxiliary net income and net plant fund revenue are maintained.

President Harrison noted that the FY26 Operating Budget is a balanced budget that does not utilize the Recovery Reserve to fund current operations and that the College also achieved a balanced budget for FY25 – a year earlier than planned. The FY26 Operating Budget continues the College's focus on student success, positioning personnel and support resources to drive strategic initiatives.

The FY26 Operating Budget includes revenue assumptions for the College's allotment of State of Instruction funding and ability to adjust tuition rates based on the As Passed by the Senate version of Sub. H.B. 96, the State's FY26-FY27 biennial budget. The state budget is still pending and is expected to be finalized by June 30, 2025.

Chair Ammendola congratulated the College team for achieving a balanced budget in both Fiscal 2025 and Fiscal 2026. Immediate Past-Chair Jim Fowler added his thanks and called out the financial leadership of Ms. Shipley over many budget cycles, saying the Board has great confidence in the work of her team.

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

### **TUITION RATE ADJUSTMENTS FOR FY26 AND FY27**

President Harrison introduced the discussion, led by Mr. Stiffler. The proposed action item requests that the Board of Trustees approve tuition rate adjustments for the FY26 and FY27 operating budgets up to the amounts authorized through H.B. 96 as enacted.

The As Passed by the Senate version of Sub. H.B. 96, the state's FY26-FY27 biennial budget, currently provides community colleges authority to increase the in-state tuition rate in both FY26 and FY27 by \$10 per credit hour. This legislation is still pending and will be finalized in the coming weeks.

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

### **APPROVAL OF FY2026 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION**

President Harrison introduced the discussion, led by Aletha Shipley, Senior Vice President of Business Services and CFO. The proposed action item requests that the Board of Trustees approve the FY2026 Annual Appropriation Resolution, which establishes the required appropriation for the Bond Retirement Fund to meet debt service obligations for fiscal year 2026.

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

### **LOW-ENROLLED COURSES AND PROGRAMS REPORT**

President Harrison introduced the discussion, led by Dr. Maliwesky. The proposed action item requests that the Board of Trustees adopt the Low Enrollment Course and Program and Duplicate Program Report.

Section 3345.35 of the Ohio Revised Code requires that the boards of trustees of each state institution of higher education evaluate all courses and programs based on enrollment and duplication with other state institutions of higher education. The report, which was last required in 2022, must be submitted to the Ohio Department of Higher Education by Sept. 1, 2025.

The report identified:

- 44 that courses met the Chancellor's definition of a low-enrolled course.
- 41 programs that met the Chancellor's definition of a low-enrolled programs. Of these, 16 were degree programs and the rest were certificate programs. Eight of the 16 degree programs have already been eliminated or merged into other programs, three are being considered for potential mergers with other programs and five support critical workforce needs.
- 15 programs, based on Classification of Instructional Programs, that duplicate other higher education programs in the region. The College is a leader in program completion in most of these programs.

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

### **REVISIONS TO POLICY 3-43, DISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT/AND RELATED RETALIATION**

President Harrison introduced the discussion, led by General Counsel Charles Noble. The proposed action item requests that the Board of Trustees adopt the revised Policy 3-43, Discrimination and Related Retaliation, effective June 19, 2025.

The last substantive updates to Policy 3-43 were made over 10 years ago. The proposed revisions include language to align with the Ohio CAMPUS Act, which became effective in October 2024, as well as other updates.

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

### **INFORMATION-ONLY ITEMS**

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

- Capital project report
- Financial statements through May 2025
- Personnel information items

### **CURRENT UPDATES**

President Harrison introduced Ms. Trombitas to provide an update on the Columbus State Foundation and other advancement activities. Trombitas shared that the College and Foundation raised \$23.5 million in Fiscal Year 2025, including major philanthropy and grants from Bloomberg Philanthropies, the National Science Foundation ATE RISE Consortium, the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation and Intel. Ms. Trombitas also shares information about the College's statewide leadership that supports other community colleges and career technical centers.

President Harrison deferred updates on Student Success and Columbus State Community Partners to future meetings.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Member Doyle-Ahern moved**, Member Burger seconded, that the Board of Trustees adjourn to executive session at 8:46 a.m. in accordance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code to consider the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit- for-use property in accordance with section 505.10 of the Revised Code and the appointment, employment, or compensation of a public employee or official.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

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

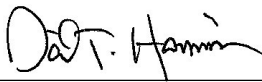
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

The regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole reconvened from executive session at 9:26 a.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

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

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