

COLUMBUS STATE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

Friday, November 14, 2025 | 8:00 AM
Center for Workforce Development | Room 325

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 was called to order by Chair Ammendola at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

- John Ammendola (Virtual)
- James Fowler
- Corrine M. Burger
- Jean M. Halpin
- 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 noted that this is the first Committee of the Whole meeting in the new executive office suite since the move from Franklin Hall. He thanked his staff for arranging the new meeting space to hold the Whole meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Burger moved, Member Fowler seconded, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Friday, September 19, 2025, be approved as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Ammendola, Fowler, Burger, Halpin, Revish, Ritzler and Wise

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

STUDENT RECREATION FEE

Zach Woodruff, chief real estate development officer, presented the proposed action item, which would establish a student Recreation Fee of up to \$65 per semester for up to 30 years that would begin in Autumn Semester 2028. The fee would apply to all students registered for one or more for-credit classes, excluding College Credit Plus (CCP) and apprenticeship (APPL) students.

The College has developed a proposed partnership with the YMCA of Central Ohio that would create a state-of-the-art YMCA facility on the college's downtown campus that would support student and community wellness, including drop-in childcare for student parents. The Recreation Fee would establish a dedicated revenue stream to support the development and operation of the Columbus State YMCA. The fee will fund debt service on the new Columbus State YMCA and also support an administrative fee paid to the YMCA of Central Ohio to support operations of the new facility, including providing drop-in childcare that would be available to Columbus State students at the Columbus State YMCA.

Mr. Woodruff reported that in September the College asked students to vote on the proposed fee and that more than 90% of ballots cast supported the project. He said the College plans to bring Board Actions in subsequent meetings to formalize the business and real-estate relationship between the College and the YMCA of Central Ohio and to authorize a bond issue. The College will also seek Ohio Department of Higher Education approval of the arrangement that pledges proceeds of the fee to support debt service and the administrative fee for this project. Construction is expected to begin on the new facility in the first quarter of 2027.

After the presentation, the Committee of the Whole agreed to refer this item to the Board of Trustees for approval.

NAMING OF SPACES ASSOCIATED WITH OHIOHEALTH HALL

Katy Trombitas, vice president of advancement, shared the proposed Board Action, which would name spaces associated with OhioHealth Hall as recommended by the Naming Advisory Committee. The spaces are: the Donica Key Student Study Area, Dianne Radigan Wellness Room, Tannous Family Meeting Room, Bank of America Phone Room and Brown-Boyd Lactation Room.

Columbus State is developing a new academic building, OhioHealth Hall, to support a healthcare sector strategy that relies on people, space, and equipment to double enrollment in the health sciences over the next 10 years. In March 2025, the Board approved the external naming of the building and in June 2025, the Board approved the naming of specific indoor and outdoor spaces. The Naming Advisory Committee recommended additional namings in recognition of additional philanthropic contributions.

After the presentation, the Committee of the Whole agreed to refer this item to the Board of Trustees for approval.

BOARD ACTIONS RELATED TO SENATE BILL 1

Martin Maliwesky, Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer, shared that several action items on the agenda are part of the College's response to the passage of Senate Bill 1, which became effective in June 2025. The Ohio Department of Higher Education has established Dec. 31, 2025, as the deadline to complete these policy actions. Dr. Maliwesky noted that the College worked closely with the Columbus State Education Association on these policies.

NEW POLICY 5-20, FACULTY WORKLOAD AND EVALUATION

The proposed Board Action would authorize the adoption of new Policy 5-20, Faculty Workload and Evaluation, effective November 20, 2025. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3345.45, the Board of Trustees of each state institution of higher education must adopt a faculty workload policy consistent with standards developed jointly with the chancellor of higher education, as well as a faculty annual performance evaluation policy and a post-tenure review policy. To address these requirements, the College has adapted and updated existing practices regarding these topics into proposed new Policy 5-20 and related procedures.

Dr. Maliwesky shared that the Policy 5-20 incorporates the College's existing annual faculty evaluation process and implements elements required by Senate Bill 1, including a student evaluation process that uses questions required by state law and College-implemented questions. Policy 5-20 also addresses a post-tenure review process.

After the presentation, the Committee of the Whole agreed to refer this item to the Board of Trustees for approval.

REVISIONS TO POLICY 3-30, SEPARATION FROM EMPLOYMENT

The proposed Board Action would approve revisions to Policy 3-30, Separation from Employment, effective November 20, 2025. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3345.454, the Board of Trustees of each state institution of higher education must adopt a policy on faculty retrenchment. As defined by law, “retrenchment” means a process by which a state institution of higher education reduces programs or services, thus resulting in a temporary suspension or permanent separation of one or more institution faculty, to account for a reduction in student population or overall funding, a change to institutional missions or programs, or other fiscal pressures or emergencies facing the institution.

Dr. Maliwesky shared that revised Policy 3-30 incorporates the College’s existing retrenchment practices into policy.

After the presentation, the Committee of the Whole agreed to refer this item to the Board of Trustees for approval.

REVIEW OF POLICY 5-19, PROMOTION AND TENURE

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3345.45, the Board of Trustees of each state institution of higher education must “review the institution's policy on faculty tenure and update that policy to promote excellence in instruction, research, service, or commercialization, or any combination thereof.” The College recommended no changes to Policy 5-19, Tenure and Promotion, and presented it for information only.

Dr. Maliwesky reviewed Policy 5-19 and the associated Procedure 5-19 (D) with the Board, explaining the tenure and promotion process.

No action was recommended.

REVISED PLAN TO ESTABLISH AN AMERICAN CIVICS EDUCATION COURSE

Dr. Maliwesky shared that in September 2025, the Board approved the College’s plan to establish a course in American civic literacy. Based on Ohio Department of Higher Education feedback, the College has subsequently revised Section 4 to match Ohio Revised Code.

The proposed Board Action would approve the College’s revised plan to establish a course in American civic literacy.

After the presentation, the Committee of the Whole agreed to refer this item to the Board of Trustees for approval.

REVISIONS TO POLICY 13-12, SPACE USE (FORMERLY KNOWN AS PUBLIC USE OF COLLEGE GROUNDS)

General Counsel Charles W. Noble III, Esq. presented the proposed Board Action, which would revise Policy No. 13-12, Space Use, with an effective date of November 20, 2025.

Mr. Noble said Policy No. 13-12 was established in September 2013 and last revised in 2021. The policy promotes the free exchange of ideas and the safe and efficient operation of the College. He said revisions clarify a number of elements of the policy.

After the presentation, the Committee of the Whole agreed to refer this item to the Board of Trustees for approval.

ADOPTION OF FY25 EFFICIENCY REPORT

Rob Messinger, Chief of Staff, presented the proposed Board Action, which would adopt the College's Fiscal Year 2025 Efficiency Report.

Mr. Messinger said that Columbus State's FY25 Efficiency Report reflects the College's commitment to student success and workforce development, while maintaining a focus on affordability, efficiency and innovation. He shared that the College's report will be included in a statewide efficiency report that Ohio statute requires the Chancellor to compile. This year's report is due to the Ohio Department of Higher Education by Nov. 21, 2025.

After the presentation, the Committee of the Whole agreed to refer this item to the Board of Trustees for approval.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION – 183 JEFFERSON AVENUE, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215 (TAX PARCEL 010-006077-00)

Mr. Woodruff presented the proposed Board Action, which would approve the purchase of a 0.15-acre property at 183 Jefferson Avenue; authorize the President to execute the final purchase provided Controlling Board approval; and authorize the release of \$930,000 for this purchase.

He shared that 183 Jefferson Avenue is surrounded by College-owned property, so the acquisition of the property is a strategic purchase that will also enable future development. The College is currently working on plans to relocate the Automotive Technologies program to a new facility that would be built on this part of campus. The College intends to use proceeds from the Series 2020 Facilities Construction and Improvement bond issue to purchase the property.

After the presentation, the Committee of the Whole agreed to refer this item to the Board of Trustees for approval.

CAPITAL PROJECT REPORT

This item was presented to the Board for information only.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

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

President Harrison shared that the Student Success update will be provided in detail at the Board of Trustees meeting and deferred a Foundation update at this time. He asked Mr. Woodruff to provide a short update on Columbus State Community Partners (CSCP).

Mr. Woodruff shared that Opportunity Point, the affordable housing development proposed by Woda Cooper Companies and CSCP, would be seeking approval from the Columbus Downtown Commission next week. That action would then set the stage for the demolition of the “Pink House” in the first quarter of 2026. The College is also working to relocate its shipping and receiving warehouse in the third quarter of 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member Fowler moved, Member Halpin seconded, that the Board of Trustees adjourn to executive session at 9:12 a.m. in accordance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code to “confer with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.”

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Ammendola, Fowler, Burger, Halpin, Revish, Ritzler, and Wise.

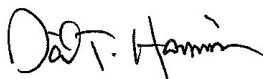
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

The regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole reconvened from executive session at 9:38 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 am.

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

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

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