

COLUMBUS STATE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

Friday, January 16, 2026 | 8:00 AM
Center for Workforce Development | Room 325

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present:

- Sandy Doyle-Ahern, Chair
- Rick Ritzler, Vice Chair
- John Ammendola, Immediate Past Chair
- Corrine M. Burger (virtual)
- James Fowler
- Jean M. Halpin
- Traci L. Martinez, Esq.
- 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 welcomed Trustee Doyle-Ahern and Trustee Ritzler to their new roles on the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Fowler moved, **Member Ammendola** seconded, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Friday, November 14, 2025, be approved as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: Martinez

APPROVAL OF SERIES 2026 BOND RESOLUTION

Matthew Stiffler, vice president of business services and chief financial officer, presented the proposed action item to approve a new series of General Receipts Bonds that will be the primary funding source for a new Columbus State YMCA building on the college’s downtown campus.

The College has developed a proposed partnership with the YMCA of Central Ohio that would create a state-of-the-art YMCA facility that would support student and community wellness, including drop-in childcare for student parents. In November 2025, the Board approved the creation of a student Recreation Fee, starting in the Autumn Semester 2028, that will provide a dedicated revenue stream to support the development and operation of the Columbus State YMCA.

The Series 2026 Bond Resolution provides for the authorization, issuance and sale of an amount not to exceed a maximum aggregate principle amount of \$36.0 million of General Receipts Bonds for purposes of (i) paying a portion of the cost of the Columbus State YMCA project and (ii) paying all or a portion of the costs in connection with the issuance of such General Receipts Bonds.

The College is likely to issue the bonds in fall 2026. The timing of the issuance will be determined based on prevailing market conditions and the development schedule of the Columbus State Committee of the Whole | Jan. 2026 | Page 3 Columbus State YMCA project.

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

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO REIMBURSE

Mr. Stiffler presented the proposed action item, which is related to the Series 2026 Bond Resolution and funding of the Columbus State YMCA project.

Facility design is currently scheduled to begin in February 2026, while the bonds are expected to be sold and funding received in October 2026. Given this timeline, the College may incur certain expenditures related to the design costs of the facility before the bonds are sold. The Resolution of Intent to Reimburse will enable the College to use proceeds of the bond obligations to reimburse the College for up to \$2.0 million in expenses advanced from its existing funds.

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

REVISED FISCAL YEAR 2026 OPERATING BUDGET

Mr. Stiffler presented the proposed action item to approve the revised FY26 General Fund budget, the revised FY26 Auxiliary Fund budget, and a new reserve allocation to fund up to \$2.0 million of design and construction costs related to the Columbus State YMCA project.

The revised FY26 General Fund budget adjusted revenues based on updated projections related to enrollment growth that was lower than expected, variations in the relative growth of different student populations and other factors. Expenses were revised to align with updated projections and to maintain a balanced budget.

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

APPROVAL OF ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION

Mr. Stiffler presented the proposed action item, which would seek approval of alternative tax budget information, which is an annual requirement that enables the Franklin County Budget Commission to certify tax rates.

The action item relates to the Columbus State Community College, Ohio Facilities Construction and Improvement Bonds, Series 2020 and Series 2024, including principal outstanding at the beginning of the next calendar year and the principal and interest payments due on the bonds during the next calendar year.

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

REVISED PROJECT OVERVIEW: AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY NEW BUILD

Kieran Sherry, executive director of Planning, Design, and Construction, presented the proposed action item, which includes a revised plan and revised estimated total budget to expand and modernize the home of the College’s Automotive Technology program.

The College now plans to build a new, pre-engineered facility for the Automotive program at the southwest corner of East Spring Street and Jefferson Avenue instead of renovating portions of Delaware Hall. The College determined that the new-build project will produce a better outcome for the Automotive Technology program while retaining flexibility to determine the best and highest use of large sections of Delaware Hall.

The revised estimated total project budget is \$27.2 million, which includes acquisition costs related to the purchase of 183 Jefferson Avenue. In addition to the budget, the College is requesting a 5% material threshold on the total project cost, or \$1.4 million. The project will be funded with bond proceeds approved by Franklin County residents.

With Board approval, design work is anticipated to start in the first quarter of 2026. The project is expected to open by summer 2028.

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

**CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK CONTRACT - GMP AMENDMENT 3:
OHIOHEALTH HALL**

Mr. Sherry presented the proposed action item, which would authorize the College to enter into the third and final guaranteed maximum price (GMP3) amendment related to OhioHealth Hall.

The Board in May 2024 approved a \$59.3 million Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) contract for OhioHealth Hall, a new 80,000-square-foot classroom and laboratory building devoted to healthcare education. The CMR process includes the development of contract amendments that further specify the GMP and other details of project phases. The GMP3 for the OhioHealth Hall totals \$1.6 million.

After the presentation, 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 as of and for the five Months Ended November 30, 2025

- Personnel Information Items

CURRENT UPDATES

Executive Vice President Rebecca Butler and Senior Vice President for Student Success Desiree Polk-Bland presented a student success update. Dr. Butler shared that the College will be presenting a new version of the student success dashboard in May.

Dr. Polk-Bland explained that the College is involved in a national Scaling Shortened Academic Terms Initiative that includes 15 other colleges across four U.S. states. The four-year initiative is designed to help students achieve increased persistence and momentum, improved time-to-completion, better access for working adults and stop-out students, and workforce-aligned credential acceleration. The College's student success work related to shortened academic terms is being aligned with the timeline of the larger project.

President Harrison deferred updates on the Columbus State Foundation and Columbus State Community Partners to future meetings but asked Chief of Staff Rob Messinger to share an update on implementation of new state requirements.

Mr. Messinger reported that Columbus State is up to date on its implementation plan for Senate Bill 1 requirements, including the actions the Board took in November to address faculty policies. Since then, the College delivered a 5-year Institutional Cost Report to the Ohio Department of Higher Education in December. The College continues to work on other pending SB1 requirements related to publishing syllabi and making additional state reports.

Outside of SB1, Mr. Messinger said that the College will bring a proposed Board Action in March to seek adoption of a curricular approval process, as required by provisions contained in the state budget. The state now requires that the Board establish a process to related to its "ultimate authority to establish new academic programs, schools, colleges, institutes, departments, and centers at the institution." The College is consulting with peer institutions and the Ohio Department of Higher Education on this topic.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member Ritzler moved, Member Martinez seconded, that the Board of Trustees adjourn to executive session in accordance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code to "prepare for, conduct, or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment; and 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; and to consider the employment or dismissal of a public employee or official."

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Minutes – Committee of the Whole Meeting
January 16, 2026

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

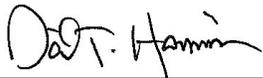
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

The regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole reconvened from executive session at 9:57 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 am.



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

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