COLUMBUS STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# MINUTES
# BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Friday, July 17, 2026 | 8:00 AM
Center for Workforce Development | Room 325

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS



## 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 (Virtual)
- Corrine M. Burger (Virtual)
- James Fowler (Virtual)
- Jean M. Halpin
- Traci L. Martinez, Esq.
- Jerome Revish (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.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Member Ritzler moved**, Member Halpin seconded, that the Board of Trustees adjourn to executive session in accordance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code to consider the appointment, employment or compensation of a public employee or official.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

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| AYES: | Doyle-Ahern, Ritzler, Ammendola, Burger, Fowler, Halpin, Martinez, and Revish |
| NAYS: | None |
| ABSTENTIONS: | None |

The executive session started at 8:02 a.m. The public session reconvened at 9:07 a.m.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Member Ritzler moved**, Member Halpin seconded, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Friday, May 22, 2026 be approved as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

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| AYES: | Doyle-Ahern, Ritzler, Ammendola, Burger, Fowler, Halpin, Martinez, and Revish |
| NAYS: | None |
| ABSTENTIONS: | None |

**Member Halpin moved**, Member Ritzler seconded, that the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held on Thursday, May 28, 2026, be approved as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

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| AYES: | Ritzler, Ammendola, Fowler, Halpin, and Martinez |
| NAYS: | None |
| ABSTENTIONS: | Doyle-Ahern and Revish |
| NOT PRESENT: | Burger |

## ADOPTION OF CURRICULAR ITEMS

President Harrison called on Chief of Staff Rob Messinger to present the proposed action item, which would approve four new courses, and provide an update on other policy matters.

Mr. Messinger reported that the College is on track with all implementation steps related to Senate Bill 1 and House Bill 96.

Among other updates related to SB1 implementation steps, he said that the College had published its course syllabi before the Autumn 2026 deadline, would launch a new American Civics Course by Autumn 2027, and was completing its 2026 report on low-enrollment degree programs. The low-enrollment report will include four degree programs that the College is working to consolidate with similar programs: Electrician AAS, Operating Engineer AAS, Mobile Application Design AAS and Logistics Engineering Technology AAS, as well as one program that is too new to have three years of data: Data Analytics, Analysis & Visualization AAS.

Mr. Messinger also reported that the College would be bringing forward several reviews of the General Education curriculum, as required by HB96. In Autumn 2026, the College will present an overview of its current General Education curriculum, and by March 31, 2027, the College will present recommendations to the Board related to four areas that the legislation specifies for possible inclusion in the General Education requirements.

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

## APPROVAL OF BOND RESOLUTION

President Harrison called on Vice President, Business Services and Chief Financial Officer Matthew Stiffler, to present the proposed action item, which would adopt a resolution providing for the authorization and issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed $75,000,000 of Columbus State Community College, Ohio Facilities Construction and Improvement Bonds, Series 2026.

Mr. Stiffler reported that the proposal bond issue relates to the $300 million approved by Franklin County residents in 2020 to support the College’s capital plan. This issue represents the final $75 million of that voted authority and would be used to support renovations of classrooms and labs from November 2026 through March 2029.

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

## PROPERTY TRANSFER TO COLUMBUS STATE COMMUNITY PARTNERS

President Harrison asked Kieran Sherry, Executive Director of Planning, Design & Construction, to present the proposed action item, which would transfer ownership of three College-owned properties on Grant Avenue to Columbus State Community Partners and authorize the President to execute all necessary documents.

Mr. Sherry reported that the transfer supports an affordable housing project known as Opportunity Pointe that will be privately financed and owned. The properties include the College's shipping, receiving and storage functions, which are being relocated to 408 N. 6th Street – an ideal location and size for these operations. In May 2026, the Board approved the transfer of the three other parcels associated with the Opportunity Pointe housing project.

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

**RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY**

The Board tabled the proposed action item for the Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for July 23, 2026.

**INFORMATION-ONLY ITEMS**

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

- Capital Project Report
- Financial Statements as of and for the Ten Months Ended May 31, 2026
- Personnel Information Items

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

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