COLUMBUS STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Friday, September 18, 2026 | 8:00 AM
Center for Workforce Development | Room 325

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS

Sandy Doyle-Ahern, Chair
Rick Ritzler, Vice-Chair
Corrine M. Burger
Vinita J. Clements
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 meeting was called to order by Sandy Doyle-Ahern at 7:59 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

- Sandy Doyle-Ahern
- Rick Ritzler
- Vinita J. Clements
- James Fowler (Virtual Attendance)
- Jean M. Halpin
- Jerome Revish
- Lorina W. Wise

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 Vinita J. Clements to the Board and thanked her for her service. He also introduced the new faculty ex-officio, Antoinette Perkins, president of the Columbus State Education Association, and student ex-officio, Carl Basila.

President Harrison asked Vice President and CFO Matthew Stiffler to share news about updated ratings from S&P Global Ratings and Moody's Ratings. Mr. Stiffler said that S&P has upgraded the College to AA+ from AA, reflecting analysts' view that Columbus State is well-positioned in the market and exhibits a strong depth of partnerships. Mr. Stiffler reported that Moody's maintained an overall rating of Aa3, a general receipts rating of Aa3 and a general obligations rating of Aa1. Both S&P and Moody's included a "stable" outlook.

President Harrison noted that Brown Hall would be dedicated after the Committee of the Whole meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Halpin moved, Member Revish seconded, that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Committee of the Whole, held on Friday, July 17, 2026, be approved as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES:	Doyle-Ahern, Ritzler, Clements, Fowler, Halpin, and Revish
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	Wise

AWARDING OF EMERITUS STATUS

Martin Maliwesky, Senior Vice president of Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer, introduced the proposed action item, which recommended emeritus status to 13 retired individuals in recognition of their outstanding service to the College.

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

CURRICULAR ITEMS

Dr. Maliwesky introduced the proposed action item, which recommended that the Board approve 11 curricular changes consistent with the College's approval process.

Of note, Dr. Maliwesky said that the curricular items include the course POLS 1101 – Introduction to American Government and Civics Literacy, which is required under the provisions of Ohio

Revised Code 3345.382 (approved in Senate Bill 1). The course is designed to satisfy General Education requirements for students completing bachelor's degrees at Columbus State and other Ohio public institutions and, for eligible College Credit Plus students, Ohio's high school American Government requirement. Following Board approval, the course will be submitted to ODHE for review before implementation in Summer 2027.

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

LOCAL ADMINISTRATION OF STATE CAPITAL PROJECTS

Rob Messinger, Chief of Staff, introduced the proposed action item, which would authorize the College to notify the chancellor of higher education that the College intends to administer, without Ohio Facilities Construction Commission oversight, capital facilities projects in which the total amount of funds appropriated by the General Assembly does not exceed $4 million.

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

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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

- Capital Project Report
- Financial Statements as of and for the One Month Ended July 31, 2026
- Personnel Information Items

CURRENT UPDATES

— Enrollment: Allen Kraus, Vice President of Enrollment Services, Marketing & Communications, reported that enrollment for Autumn 2026 semester still being finalized before the college's official census date for reporting purposes. He will provide a more in-depth presentation at the Board meeting.

— Columbus State Foundation: President Harrison shared that the College was recently awarded $4 million Title III grant in partnership with Marion Technical College. The U.S. Department of Labor is administering the grant on behalf of U.S. Department of Education.

— Columbus State Community Partners: Zach Woodruff, Chief Real Estate Development Officer and Executive Director of Columbus State Community Partners, presented an overview of both college and CSCP capital projects. He shared progress reports about various projects as well as the timeline for upcoming recommendations for Board actions. Among the projects discussed were Franklin Hall, Brown Hall, Union Hall, OhioHealth Hall, Automotive Technology, the Innovation Hub, Ohio Center for Advanced Technologies (OCAT), Columbus State YMCA and Downtown ALDI. Mr. Woodruff also noted that the college was conducting a study to inform a comprehensive parking strategy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member Ritzler moved, Member Wise seconded, that the Board of Trustees adjourn to executive session in accordance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code to consider details relative to security arrangements and emergency response protocols.

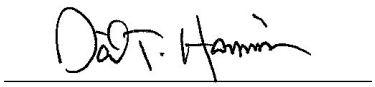
A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES:	Doyle-Ahern, Ritzler, Clements, Fowler, Halpin, Revish, Wise
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None

The executive session started at 9:00 a.m. The public session reconvened at 9:22 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.



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

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