

COLUMBUS STATE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Friday, February 19, 2021

Virtual Meeting – Hosted on Zoom

8:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Columbus State Community College Board of Trustees meeting was held on Friday, February 19, 2021 on Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chair R. Anthony Joseph at 8:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: R. Anthony Joseph, Chairperson
Corrine M. Burger, Vice-Chairperson
Robert P. Restrepo, Jr., Immediate-Past Chair
James R. Fowler
Stephanie Green
Terri Meldrum
Jerome Revish
Rick Ritzler
Dr. Richard D. Rosen

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE:

President Harrison advised that the record should show that notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with provisions of Section §121.22(F) of the Ohio Revised Code.

OPENING REMARKS FROM CHAIR JOSEPH:

Chair Joseph welcomed, Mr. Almar Walter, Columbus State's inaugural Vice-President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Chief Diversity Officer. He commended President Harrison for leadership approach he has taken with the College related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. He also expressed gratitude towards Dr. Desiree Polk-Bland for her innovative leadership approach in leading the executive search process for the Vice-President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Chief Diversity Officer role.

OPENING REMARKS FROM PRESIDENT HARRISON:

President Harrison echoed Chair Joseph’s gratitude for Dr. Desiree Polk-Bland’s leadership related to the executive search process. He shared that today, Friday, February 19th, 2021 marks the first day of the College’s participation in the Racial Equity and Leadership Academy (RELA). The academy is hosted by Achieving the Dream and The University of Southern California’s Race and Equity Center. He shared that the College has both long-term and short-term diversity, equity, and inclusion goals; participation in RELA will support the College in reaching goals.

President Harrison acknowledged that February marks Black History Month, and that the College has several events to celebrate Black History; these events include the annual African American Read-in Chain, and the 25th Annual Poets in Black poetry event. Dr. Crystal Clark, Professor, English, has led the Annual Poets in Black poetry event since its inception twenty-five years ago. He thanked Dr. Crystal Clark for her leadership.

He welcomed Ms. Tenisha McKay (Associate of Science), Student Ex-Officio to the Board of Trustees. Ms. McKay officially joined the Columbus State Board of Trustees in January 2021, and was offered the opportunity to introduce herself to the Board.

Ms. Tenisha McKay thanked Chair Joseph, President Harrison, and the members of the Board for the opportunity to serve as the 2021-2021 Student Ex-Officio to the Board of Trustees. She shared that she is eager to learn from the Board members and to be the liaison to the College’s student body. In closing she shared that she currently serves as Chief of Staff to Columbus State’s Black Student Union (Student Organization), and Vice President of Communications to Phi Theta Kappa.

In closing President Harrison welcomed, Mr. Almar Walter, Vice-President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Chief Diversity Officer to the College. Mr. Water was offered the opportunity to introduce himself to the Board.

Mr. Walter shared that he has had a great first-week at the College, and he has been delighted to meet faculty, staff, administrators, and students during his onboarding. He shared that he is excited to play a role and to be a partner to diversity, equity, and inclusion work at the College.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Member Restrepo moved, Member Ritzler seconded that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole held on Friday, January 22, 2021, be approved, as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Members Joseph, Burger, Restrepo, Fowler, Green,
Meldrum, Revish, Ritzler, Rosen

NAYS: None

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 (FOR BOARD APPROVAL):

Discussion was held at the Committee of the Whole, no further discussion was held.

Member Ritzler moved, Member Rosen seconded, that the Board of Trustees accept the Basic Financial Statements Report of the Independent Auditors as of June 30, 2020, for the College and the discretely presented component unit (the Foundation) as presented by Plattenburg & Associates, Inc.

A vote was taken which resulted in:

AYES: Members Joseph, Burger, Restrepo, Fowler, Green, Meldrum, Revish, Ritzler, Rosen

NAYS: None

APPROVAL OF AMENDED RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES (FOR BOARD APPROVAL):

Ms. Aletha Shipley, Senior Vice-President, Chief Financial Officer, shared that the Franklin County Budget Commission must certify tax rates to each subdivision or other taxing unit by March 1 for taxing authorities having a July 1 to June 30 fiscal year and by September 1 for all other taxing authorities under the Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.35. Also, the Commission is required to issue an official certificate of estimated resources under Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.35 and amended official certificates of estimated resources under Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.36. Because the authority for the College did not exist until well after March 1 for Tax Year 2020, Collection Year 2021, this Amended Resolution is required to authorize the Franklin County Auditor to put the tax rates on the tax duplicate for current year, calendar year 2021, collections.

Member Fowler moved, Member Burger seconded, that the Board of Trustees approves the Amended Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies.

A vote was taken which resulted in:

AYES: Members Joseph, Burger, Restrepo, Fowler, Green, Meldrum, Revish, Ritzler, Rosen

NAYS: None

REVISE CURRENT POLICY NO. 3-05, VACATION (FOR BOARD APPROVAL):

Mr. Richard Hatcher, Vice-President, Administration, shared that the policy revisions for No. 3-05, Vacation are occurring due to the College periodically conducting a review of Chapter 3 Policies to ensure relevance, implement updates due to mandates based on federal and/or state law changes and to provide relief during extenuating circumstances.

Member Burger moved, Member Green seconded that the Board of Trustees accepts the revisions to the Policy No. 3-05, Vacation, as presented, with an effective date of March 1, 2021.

A vote was taken which resulted in:

AYES: Members Joseph, Burger, Restrepo, Fowler, Green,
Meldrum, Revish, Ritzler, Rosen

NAYS: None

NEW POLICY NO. 3-48, PARENTAL LEAVE (FOR BOARD APPROVAL):

Discussion was held at the Committee of the Whole, no further discussion was held.

Member Revish moved, Member Fowler seconded, that the Board of Trustees approves the creation of Policy No. 3-48, Parental Leave, as presented, with an effective date of March 1, 2021.

A vote was taken which resulted in:

AYES: Members Joseph, Burger, Restrepo, Fowler, Green,
Meldrum, Revish, Ritzler, Rosen

NAYS: None

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF ANF FOR THE SEVEN MONTHS ENDED
JANUARY 31, 2021 (FOR BOARD INFORMATION):**

The Financial Statements are presented to the Board for informational purposes only.

PERSONNEL INFORMATION ITEMS:

The Personnel Information Items are presented to the Board for informational purposes only.

REVISED FISCAL YEAR 2021 OPERATING BUDGET (FOR FEBRUARY DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL IN MARCH):

Ms. Kelly Wier, Associate Vice-President, Resource, Planning and Analysis, presented on the FY 2021 Revised Operating Budget. Highlights from her presentation included analysis and discussion of Federal Awards to Address COVID-19 FY21 Revised Budget, and FY22-FY23 State Budget updates.

The Board of Trustees will vote on approval during the March 2021 Board meeting.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

Enrollment Update

Mr. Allen Kraus, Vice-President, Enrollment Services and Marketing and Communications, provided an enrollment update. Highlights from his presentation included a review of summer and fall enrollment results, spring '21 enrollment results, a closer look at enrollment by race/ethnicity, challenges for the two-year sector, and implementation and mitigation plans.

OLD BUSINESS:

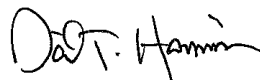
There were no items to bring before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were no items to bring before the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 A.M.



Dr. David T. Harrison
Secretary, Board of Trustees