

COLUMBUS STATE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Friday, June 26, 2020

Virtual Meeting – Hosted on Microsoft Teams

2:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Columbus State Community College Board of Trustees meeting was held on Friday, June 26, 2020, virtually on Microsoft Teams. The meeting was called to order by Chair R. Anthony Joseph at 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: R. Anthony Joseph, Chairperson
Dr. Richard D. Rosen, Vice- Chairperson
Robert P. Restrepo, Jr., Immediate – Past Chair (Joined at 2:29 p.m.)
Matthew J. Borges
Corrine M. Burger
Lisa Gossett
Stephanie Green
Rick Ritzler

Absent: James R. Fowler

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.

DAVID T. HARRISON Ph.D. **PRESIDENT**

OATH OF OFFICE FOR TRUSTEE STEPHANIE GREEN:

Ms. Jackie DeGenova, Deputy General Counsel, administered the Oath of Office to Stephanie Green, Fifth Third Bank.

OPENING REMARKS FROM CHAIR JOSEPH:

Chair Joseph welcomed Trustee Green to the Board of Trustees. Chair Joseph read aloud the Board of Trustees' letter of support to remove the College's Christopher Columbus Statue. The letter was signed by Chair, R. Anthony Joseph and Vice-Chair, Dr. Richard Rosen on, June 18th, 2020.

Chair Joseph read aloud the following:

“President Harrison, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Columbus State Community College, we write today to express for the record the Board's unqualified support for the position the College has taken on its obligation to confront systemic racism and for its decision to remove the statue of Christopher Columbus. As trustees, we are appreciative of and grateful for the thoughtful, long-term dialogue that preceded this outcome, for the efforts of numerous College stakeholders in seeing through the difficult work associated with the undertaking, and for the students, faculty, and staff who patiently worked and waited for this moment.

This is a difficult time, in our community and far beyond. This decision did not arrive easily and is not without contention, and the resulting action will not resolve all of our challenges. The significance of the moment is, however, both substantial and historic. The members of the Board of Trustees are proud to stand in support of Columbus State in this moment and in the College's ongoing work to ensure equal opportunity for every member of our community.”

Chair Joseph congratulated Dr. Harrison on his tenth year of presidency at Columbus State Community College. He expressed his gratitude towards Dr. Harrison's extraordinary leadership and his skillful ability to build teams and drive the College's Mission forward. President Harrison celebrated ten years of leadership in June 2020.

In his closing remarks, Chair Joseph stated that Diversity, Equity and Inclusion continues to be a key focus area for the College as well as an obligation that the Board of Trustees need to support and promote at every opportunity.

OPENING REMARKS FROM PRESIDENT HARRISON:

Dr. Harrison thanked Chair Joseph for his congratulatory remarks. He expressed gratitude on behalf of his wife, Mrs. Tracy Harrison and himself for the decade of time in Columbus and his service to Columbus State Community College. Dr. Harrison stated that he believes he and his team are just getting started.

He thanked the Board of Trustees for their support and leadership with the removal of the College’s Christopher Columbus Statue. The statue was successfully removed and safely stored by means of private funding.

In closing he welcomed Trustee Stephanie Green to the Board of Trustees, and shared the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting schedule.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Member Borges moved, Member Ritzler seconded, that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole held on Friday, May 22, 2020, be approved, as presented.

A vote was taken which resulted in:

AYES: Members Joseph, Rosen, Borges, Burger, Gossett, Green,
Ritzler

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Restrepo

OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021:

Ms. Kelly Weir shared details on the College’s Operating Budget for the 2021 Fiscal Year.

Member Gossett moved, Member Green seconded, that the Board of Trustees approve the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021, as presented.

A vote was taken which resulted in:

AYES: Members Joseph, Rosen, Borges, Burger, Gossett, Green,
Ritzler

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Restrepo

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION:

President Harrison requested that the Board of Trustees approve the creation and funding of Columbus State Community College’s Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. The requested

action represents multi-year start-up funding for the Office. This will enable the college to appoint a Chief Diversity Officer, reporting to the President, with sufficient staffing to develop plans and measures, execute training, and inform policy. Staffing will include both permanent roles and fellowship opportunities for faculty, staff, and students.

Member Rosen moved, Member Burger seconded, that the Board of Trustees authorize the College to allocate \$3,000,000 from the Student Success and Innovation Fund, as referenced in the Board Action for the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021, to establish an Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

A vote was taken which resulted in:

AYES: Members Joseph, Rosen, Borges, Burger, Gossett, Green, Ritzler

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Restrepo

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED MAY 31, 2020:

Details of the financial statements for the eleven months ended May 31, 2020 were reported on by Ms. Aletha Shipley.

Member Ritzler moved, Member Gossett, seconded, that the Board of Trustees approves the Financial Statements as of and for the eleven months ended May 31, 2020, as presented.

A vote was taken which resulted in:

AYES: Members Joseph, Rosen, Borges, Burger, Gossett, Green, Ritzler

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Restrepo

OLD BUSINESS:

There were no items to bring before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were no items to bring before the Board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No public participation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Member Rosen moved, Member Ritzler, seconded, that the Board of Trustees adjourns to Executive Session at 2:29 p.m. to consider the purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding, and to prepare for, conduct, or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions or their employment.

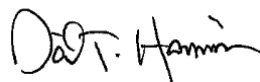
A vote was taken which resulted in:

AYES: Members Joseph, Rosen, Restrepo, Borges, Burger,
Gossett, Green, Ritzler

NAYS: None

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees reconvened from Executive Session at 4:00 p.m.

There being no further items to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.



Dr. David T. Harrison
Secretary, Board of Trustees