

COLUMBUS STATE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MINUTES **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Mitchell Hall | Crane Room (2nd Floor)
Thursday, September 21, 2023 | 6:00 PM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS

James Fowler, Chair
John Ammendola, Vice-Chair
Corrine M. Burger, Immediate-Past Chair
Sandy Doyle-Ahern
R. Anthony Joseph, Esq.
Terri Meldrum, Esq.
Jerome Revish
Rick Ritzler

CALL TO ORDER

The Columbus State Community College Board of Trustees meeting was held on Thursday, September 21, 2023, in the second floor Crane Room at Mitchell Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chair James Fowler at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

- James Fowler
- John Ammendola
- Sandy Doyle-Ahern
- Terri Meldrum, Esq.
- Jerome Revish
- Rick Ritzler

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.

SWEARING IN OF REAPPOINTED TRUSTEES

Mr. Charles Noble, General Counsel, administered the Oath of Office to re-appointed Trustee Rick Ritzler, who will serve his new term through Aug. 31, 2029.

OPENING REMARKS FROM CHAIR FOWLER

Chair Fowler congratulated Trustee Ritzler on his reappointment to the Board of Trustees.

Chair Fowler noted that the Board of Trustees had recently completed its annual performance evaluation of President Harrison. He said that the Board of Trustees has tremendous confidence in President Harrison and the vision that he, the leadership team, the faculty, and the staff have developed and will unfold in the future. Chair Fowler highlighted examples of President Harrison's leadership in local workforce development; in the College's health sciences partnership with OhioHealth; the pending introduction of the College's first bachelor's program, in Nursing; execution of the capital investment plan, and continued focus on student success.

OPENING REMARKS FROM PRESIDENT HARRISON

President Harrison welcomed everyone attending the meeting to celebrate faculty and staff being awarded emeritus status. He asked Dr. Kelly Hogan, Associate Vice President in Academic Affairs, to introduce the 16 individuals recommended for emeritus status.

President Harrison introduced D'Tron Driessen, the new student ex-officio, who shared his story. Driessen graduated from Fort Hayes Metropolitan Education Center with honors. He received a full-ride scholarship to Columbus State through the Columbus Promise program. He plans to attend a four-year institution to obtain both bachelor and master's degree in theater and music education.

President Harrison recognized and congratulated the faculty members who were awarded tenure and first promotion at the May Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Fowler provided the Board with the opportunity for further discussion of proposed action items that had been previously discussed at the Sept. 15, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting:

- Awarding of Emeritus Status
- Design Services Contract Award: Eibling Hall 204 Vacuum Renovation
- Rescind Policy 1-02 and Adopt New Policy 1-02
- Tuition Waiver for College Credit Plus Students Attending Nonpublic High Schools

Trustees declined to hold any further discussion.

A roll call vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Members Ammendola, Doyle-Ahern, Fowler, Meldrum, Revish, and Ritzler

NAYS: None

PERSONNEL INFORMATION ITEMS

This item was presented to the Board for information only.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Harrison shared recent highlights with the help of members of the Columbus State leadership team. President Harrison shared the following:

- **C-Suite Awards:** President Harrison congratulated Trustee Corrine Burger for being honored by *Columbus Business First* with the 2023 C-Suite Award in the CEO or equivalent local office or operation category.
- **S&P Global Ratings:** President Harrison shared that S&P affirmed and raised the College’s rating for General Receipts from AA to A+. All other ratings remained unchanged. Aletha Shipley, Senior Vice President/CFO of Business Services, provided highlights of the process. Columbus State has the highest rating for its sector.
- **Updates about the “Summer of Columbus State”:** President Harrison provided an overview of notable events and announcements that have occurred in recent months, including a visit by U.S. Education Secretary Miguel Cardona, Columbus State being named as the anchor of one of the five national workforce hubs, the OhioHealth partnership that will double healthcare graduates, the second year of the Columbus Promise program, First Lady Jill Biden’s visit to launch the workforce hub, a \$2 million commitment by the City of Columbus’ to extend the Success Bridge housing security program, the National Science Foundation’s announcement that Columbus State as the lead institution in the National IT Innovation Center, and the pending opening of the College’s child care center. President Harrison provided additional context about the national IT center:
 - Columbus State will launch and lead a new \$7.5 million national center focused on information technology and training for in-demand tech jobs. The purpose is for Columbus State to be a national convener and resource for best practices to help other colleges improve their programs.
- **K-12 Summit:** Columbus State held a K-12 summit on Sept. 20 to highlight academic pathways being created to prepare for careers working for Intel and other technology companies. Among other topics, the summit highlighted the launch of Columbus State’s Semiconductor Fundamentals one-year certificate.
- **Budget:** President Harrison reminded the Board that the FY24 budget process was completed in May with uncertainties about the state budget, which was still being completed. In addition, the College had just implemented Workday’s HR and Finance systems, which changed our budget systems. President Harrison said that as the year has progressed, the College is learning that some assumptions need to be revisited. In

particular, he noted that enrollment is higher than expected, but revenue from the State Share of Instruction was overestimated and health care costs were underestimated. The College is reviewing these factors and any adjustments that will need to take place.

President Harrison said the College will present a budget update at the January meeting.

- **Workday:** Columbus State has come to an agreement with Workday to implement the Student module. President Harrison thanked Chair Fowler for his guidance related to Workday and Dr. Jennifer Anderson, Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness, for her leadership during this process.
- **Columbus State Community Partners:** President Harrison announced the College had hired Zach Woodruff as its Chief Real Estate Development Officer, effective Dec. 1.
- **60th Anniversary:** President Harrison shared the college is celebrating its 60th anniversary this academic year. Katy Trombitas, Vice President of Advancement, shared that the Columbus State Foundation has partnered with Homage to produce a Columbus State T-shirt. A portion of the sales will support our Student Emergency Fund.

President Harrison asked Allen Kraus, Vice President of Enrollment Management & Marketing Communications, to provide an enrollment update.

- **Enrollment update:** Mr. Kraus shared that overall, the student headcount is up 6.1% compared to the previous autumn, and students are taking 5.3% more credits. He detailed additional information by segment, including undergraduate students, high-school students taking courses through the College Credit Plus program, academic pathways and demographics. Among undergraduate students, enrollment growth exceeded 10% in Computer Science, Information Technology & Design; Construction Trades & Design; Engineering, Manufacturing & Engineering Technology; and Health Sciences.

President Harrison asked Dr. Rebecca Butler, Executive Vice President, to provide updates about the strategic plan refresh and the New Albany location.

- **Strategic Plan Refresh:** Dr. Butler shared that the college is pursuing overarching goals of achieving 10,000 completers per year through enrollment growth and student success strategies as well as a continued focus on equitable student outcomes. She highlighted the four pillars of the strategic plan: student success, workforce development, community impact and our people. Dr. Butler said the college would be implementing the strategic plan through specific action steps that include aligning goals to strategic priorities and measuring progress.
- **New Albany:** Dr. Butler said the New Albany Accelerated Training Center is preparing to open and a grand opening event would occur soon. Initial training options will be in patient access, pharma manufacturing, biotech bootcamp, IT workforce certification, and serving non-native speakers/ESL populations.

President Harrison asked Kieran Sherry, the College's new Executive in Residence, to share an update on the capital planning process. Mr. Sherry has been supporting the College in a part-time capacity for several months.

- **Capital Planning:** Mr. Sherry said that the College is seeking to contract with an owner's

representative for the OhioHealth Center for Health Sciences and a company to provide program management services in the next few months. He also detailed the governance envisioned for the health sciences building and the college's capital program management.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no old business items.

NEW BUSINESS

Each year the Board appoints a three-person nominating committee to recommend officers for the following calendar year. Chair Fowler recommended Trustee Burger, Trustee Ritzler, and President Harrison form the nominating committee for Board officers for 2024.

Member Ammendola moved, Member Doyle-Ahern seconded the appointment of Trustee Burger, Trustee Ritzler, and President Harrison to the Nominating Committee, as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Members Ammendola, Doyle-Ahern, Fowler, Meldrum, Revish, and Ritzler

NAYS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

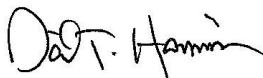
No members of the public sought to speak.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.



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