

# COLUMBUS STATE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## **MINUTES** **BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING**

Franklin Hall | Pete Grimes Boardroom  
March 8, 2024 | 8:00 A.M.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS**

James Fowler, Chair  
John Ammendola, Vice Chair  
Corrine Burger, Immediate Past Chair  
Sandy Doyle-Ahern  
Traci L. Martinez, Esq.  
Terri Meldrum, Esq.  
Jerome Revish  
Rick Ritzler  
Lorina W. Wise, Esq.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Columbus State Community College Board of Trustees meeting was called to order by Chair Fowler at 8:00 a.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present:

- James Fowler
- John Ammendola
- Corrine Burger
- Traci L. Martinez (virtual)
- Terri Meldrum (virtual)
- Rick Ritzler
- Lorina W. Wise (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.

**OPENING REMARKS FROM CHAIR FOWLER**

Chair Fowler said that the Board’s consideration of formal action to approve the College’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree follows years of Board support for the program.

He said that leadership had briefed the Board about the potential for a BSN program multiple times, including in November 2021 at the beginning of the planning process and most recently at the January 2024 meeting. On March 4, 2024, Board members directly shared their support for the BSN with the Higher Learning Commission, the national accreditation body now reviewing the program.

**OPENING REMARKS FROM PRESIDENT HARRISON**

President Harrison thanked the Board for their support of the BSN program and this “historic moment for the College.” He said the College is prepared to execute the plan and meet the workforce needs of this moment.

**APPROVAL TO OFFER BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE PROGRAM**

Dr. Martin Maliwesky, Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer, presented the proposed action item.

Columbus State Community College currently offers four academic degrees —the Associate of Science, Associate of Arts, Associate of Applied Science and Associate of Technical Studies — along with certificates and other workforce credentials. The proposed Board Action to authorize the College to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree includes information about the budget, staffing, space requirements, enrollment projections, timeline and employer support associated with the program. The College is seeking the necessary accreditation approval for the BSN.

Member Ammendola moved, Member Burger seconded, that the action item be approved as presented.

A vote was taken, which resulted in:

AYES: Fowler, Ammendola, Burger, Martinez, Meldrum, Ritzler and Wise

NAYS: None

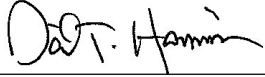
ABSTENTIONS: None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session was held.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 a.m.



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

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