

MINUTES

COTC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 19, 2023

8:30 a.m.

J. Gilbert Reese Center Executive Boardroom

Present from Fiduciary Board: Mr. Andrew Guanciale, Mr. Bruce Hawkins, Ms. Sally Heckman, Dr. Mark Law, Mr. Robert Montagnese, Ms. Cheryl Snyder, Ms. Marion Sutton, and Ms. Rhoda Warnock

Absent: Mr. Andy Crawford

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Montagnese called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and informed the board that notice of this meeting has been given in conformity with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

Dr. Law made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 21 board meeting. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BE IT RESOLVED: The Central Ohio Technical College Board of Trustees approves the minutes from the November 21 board meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to accept the gifts with appreciation. Ms. Heckman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BE IT RESOLVED: The Central Ohio Technical College Board of Trustees accepts, with thanks, the following gifts as presented:

Gifts – November

The McConnell Student Emergency Fund	\$ 15,000.00
The COTC Alumni Scholarship	1,320.00
The Walter C. & Iona Kuhn Beroth Scholarship	1,000.00
Community Intercultural Relations Conference Sponsor	1,000.00
Founders Hall Renovation Project	525.00
The John and Mary Alford Center for Science and Technology	383.50
The Radiologic Science Technology Alumni and Friends	140.00
The Faculty and Staff Premier Scholarship	46.00
The COTC Student Emergency Fund	30.00
The Next Generation Challenge Scholarship	10.00
The COTC and Ohio State Newark Veteran's Emergency Fund	10.00

Gift in Kind donation:

Gift in Kind: 1 – Siemens Axion Multix MT X-ray Machine SN1770

Value: \$ 10,142.00

From: Licking Memorial Health Systems

Gift in Kind: 10 – ICU Hospital Beds for the Respiratory Therapy Program

Value: \$ 3,500.00

From: Licking Memorial Health Systems

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ohio State Newark board update - Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

ORC Section 3357.05 Appointment of board of trustees

Dr. Berry shared information about the difference in how our trustees are appointed to the board according to the Ohio Revised Code and shared information about board terms.

Trustee Selection Committee

Ms. Sutton, Chair of the Board Development Committee explained how the process of appointing trustees will change effective January 2024 and shared a list of candidates for the TSC begin considered.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Development Committee

Mr. Montagnese announced that there are two individuals up for re-appointment on the NCDF board. Short bios were provided in the board packet.

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to appoint Douglas F. Mock to serve a three-year term as a trustee of the Newark Campus Development Fund, which will expire December 31, 2026. Mr. Guanciale seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Law made a motion to appoint Seth Patton to serve a three-year term as a trustee of the Newark Campus Development Fund, which will expire December 31, 2026. Ms. Heckman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Defining and Combating Antisemitism

Dr. Parrill added to the college's non-discrimination policy. A copy of the executive order was included in the board packet. Because of the continuation of discrimination on campuses they have asked colleges to adopt such policies. Adopting this will bring us into compliance.

Dr. Law made a motion to adopt the IHRA's working definition of Antisemitism as outlined below. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BE IT RESOLVED: in accordance with Executive Order 2022-06D – Defining and Combating Antisemitism, the COTC Board of Trustees adopts the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's Working Definition of Antisemitism for use in determining violations of policy or regulations prohibiting discriminatory acts. The

definition is as follows, “Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

PRESIDENTS REPORT

- As a small thank you for your service to the college this year, we have provided a small token of our appreciation (COTC logo phone chargers. In addition we have made a donation to our campus food pantry in your honor.
- **Microsoft Open House** - November 28th They are considering a data center in the village of Hebron. They hosted an open house to give the community an opportunity to learn more about the project. They are interested in IT professionals. We have been in the process of re-aligning our IT technology program and looking at our degree pathways. They expressed an interest in student scholarship opportunities.
- **Hard hat tours of Hodges Hall** – Advancement organized several tours in December. Brian gave a brief update.
- **OACC Governing Board meeting** – December 7th - Bruce Hawkins shared comments about the transition from Randy Gardner to Mike Duffey, the new Chancellor coming on board in January. Good news will be formally announced in early spring about the Engineering Promise Program.
- **COTC Annual Alumni Holiday Celebration** – December 7th – The 2023 alumni awards:
 - Outstanding Alumni – James Golden
 - Transitions Alumni – Susan Cooperider (Nursing Instructor)
 - Community Service Alumni – Nick Shuster (Licking County Sheriffs office)
- **Holiday Open House** – Dr. Berry hosted a holiday open house for all COTC and OSUN faculty and staff on December 11th
- **Intel Construction Update** – Attended an event on December 14th where they reported they are on-time and on-task with their project.
- **COTC Autumn Commencement** – December 15th - thanks to all who participated
- **Betty Barnes Memorial** – Held on Saturday, December 16th
- Department of Higher Education funding announcements:
 - Notified on Nov. 7 – **FY24 Choose Ohio First** funding -- \$612,039.96 will be awarded to COTC
 - Notified on December 7 – HB33 of the 135th General Assembly appropriated funding for the **Ohio Work Ready Grant**. COTC will receive \$265,298 in Fiscal Year 2024 under the Work Ready Grant program.

- **Police Academy Graduation** this evening with 10 more cadets receiving their certificates. We will be offering this course in Coshocton again after a long time without.

OTHER BUSINESS

The OSUN Dean Director selection process for all four extended campuses is ongoing. There is hope to have some crossover time with Dr. MacDonald before he transitions back to faculty. We do anticipate OSU asking for feedback from COTC President/Board during the hiring process. They want to see our current partnership relationship continue with the new hire.

Update on the Transit bus route? There is a stop on the hour from 6 – 6 at the Warner Center. It also stops at LMH. With the third tier, Denison will be included. The LC Food Pantry will also be on this stop five days a week.

At this point, we are 10% up in enrollment for spring..

Next meeting will be January 16 with our annual organizational meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:26 am

Rob Montagnese
Chair

Cheryl L. Snyder
Vice Chair

MISSION STATEMENT

To meet the technical education and training needs of students and employers in the area.