

# MINUTES

## COTC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 16, 2021

8:30 a.m.

J Gilbert Reese Center Ballroom F&G

**Present from Fiduciary Board:** Mr. Steven Cohen, Mr. Andy Crawford, Mr. Bruce Hawkins, Mr. Robert Montagnese, Mr. J. Park Shai, Ms. Cheryl Snyder, Ms. Marion Sutton, Mr. Paul Thompson, and Mr. Gordy Yance

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mr. Rob 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 OCTOBER 19 BOARD MEETING

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 19 board meeting. Mr. Cohen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** the Central Ohio Technical College Board of Trustees approves the minutes from the October 19 board meeting.

### ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

Mr. Thompson made a motion to accept the gifts with appreciation. Mr. Crawford 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 – October

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| John and Mary Science and Technology Building Capital Campaign   | \$ 1,452.78 |
| The COTC Diversity Scholarship                                   | 250.00      |
| The COTC Alumni Scholarship                                      | 245.00      |
| The Elizabeth Barnhart Award for Nursing Excellence              | 110.00      |
| The Officer Thomas W. Cottrell, Jr. Award                        | 90.00       |
| The Radiologic Science Technology Alumni and Friends Scholarship | 50.00       |
| The Faculty & Staff Premier Scholarship                          | 45.82       |
| The COTC Student Emergency Fund                                  | 10.00       |
| The Marilyn C. Tritt Scholarship                                 | 10.00       |

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### OSUN BOARD REPORT – Tara Houdeshell

The Ohio State Newark Advisory Board will meet on Thursday, November 18.

- The investiture of Kristina M. Johnson, PhD, as The Ohio State University's 16th president will occur on Friday, November 19. The event will be held at Mershon Auditorium on the university's Columbus campus. A link to watch via livestream will be available closer to the event. A limited number of Ohio State Newark faculty and staff (number limited due to COVID-19) will have the opportunity to watch the livestream at an Investiture Watch Party in the Reese Center. The Investiture will celebrate the institution's progress toward greater excellence in academics, research and creative expression, entrepreneurship and partnership, and service to the state of Ohio, the nation and the world. During her Investiture address, President Johnson is likely to articulate details regarding Ohio State's initiative for a debt-free bachelor's degree, which is included in President Johnson's 10-year plan for the university.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Montagnese reported that this is typically the time of year we call on the Board Development Committee. They are tasked with reaching out to any board member who has a desire to serve in an officer position. If there is anyone who is interested in taking a leadership position starting in January 2022 you should make your wishes known to the Board Development Committee Chair - Marion Sutton. Mr. Montagnese asked that Ms. Sutton be prepared to bring a recommendation for a slate of officers during the January organizational meeting.

Mr. Montagnese reminded the board that this is Mr. Cohen's last meeting. The Governor has not yet announced his plans for replacing Steve on our board. It was suggested we appoint another Vice Chair to carry us through the calendar year. Paul Thompson has accepted the invitation to serve as the Vice Chair for the remainder of the year, at which time, we will appoint new officers during the January 2022 organizational meeting. Rob called for a motion to appoint Paul as our Vice Chair for the month of December. Mr. Cohen made a motion to appoint Paul Thompson as Vice Chair. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** the Central Ohio Technical College Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Paul Thompson to serve as Vice Chair for the month of December due to the vacancy left by previous Vice Chair, Steve Cohen.

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Dr. Berry reminded the board there is an in-person graduation on Friday, December 17 in Adena Hall at 6 pm.

Enrollment update was provided reporting 15% down from last fall. We have held two Enrollment Summits where we focused on four items (Extended Campus Network, Student Segments: CCP/Adult Learners, Class Delivery & Modality, and Recognition & Reputation of COTC). We are exploring having a campus mascot for more distinction. Pataskala Campus – state has offered an opportunity for some workforce funds which will allow us to ask for \$5 million for additional expansion of the campus. We should know by July 2022 if we are eligible for these funds. Enrollment for spring is holding based on where we were last year.

50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration – Extended Campus Town Hall in Knox and Legends of Loyalty recognition of Mark Ramser will be tomorrow from 4:30 – 6 at the Woodward Opera House. We plan to replicate a similar event in Coshocton on February 16 and will recognize Marion Sutton as a Legends of Loyalty recipient.

We have visited several organizations in Newark, Coshocton, Knox, and Pataskala and shared a presentation about the college.

Founder's Hall renovation plans continue as we try to identify where we will temporarily move staff and faculty in preparation for the renovation. Brian will begin offering monthly updates to the board starting in December.

Digital Media Design class is helping create a video holiday card from Dr. Berry which will be shared soon.

Annual Groundhog Breakfast will be held at the Cherry Valley Hotel instead of our campus.

Thank you to Mr. Steve Cohen for his service to the college.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

We have finished the interview process for our first Diversity Equity & Inclusion Officer. We hope to make a decision this week.

Next meeting in person December 14 at 8:30. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m. Let Jan Tomlinson know 48 hours in advance if you are unable to attend these in person meetings.

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Rob Montagnese  
*Chairman*

## MISSION STATEMENT

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