

MINUTES

COTC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 21, 2021

8:30 a.m.

J Gilbert Reese Center Ballroom F&G

Present from Fiduciary Board: Mr. Andy Crawford, Mr. Bruce Hawkins, Mr. Robert Montagnese, Ms. Marion Sutton, Mr. Paul Thompson and Barry Riley, board emeritus

Absent: Mr. Steven Cohen, Mr. J. Park Shai, Ms. Cheryl Snyder, 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 JUNE 22 BOARD MEETING

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 22 board meeting. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BE IT RESOLVED: the Central Ohio Technical College Board of Trustees approves the minutes from the June 22 board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 17 BOARD MEETING

Ms. Sutton made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 17 board meeting. Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BE IT RESOLVED: the Central Ohio Technical College Board of Trustees approves the minutes from the August 17 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 – June, July & August

John and Mary Alford Science and Technology Building Capital Campaign	\$4,289.88
The Officer Thomas W. Cottrell, Jr. Award	620.00
The Elizabeth Barnhart Award for Nursing Excellence	375.00
The Radiologic Science Technology Alumni and Friends Scholarship	210.00
The Faculty & Staff Premier Scholarship	57.00
The COTC Student Emergency Grant	35.00
The Marilyn C. Tritt Scholarship	25.00
The COTC Alumni Scholarship	10.00

Gift in Kind: 1 – Original oil on canvas painting entitled “Firebird”
 To be displayed in the John and Mary Alford Center for Science and Technology building
 Value: \$ 6,500.00

Kim Manno explained the connection between the artist and the John and Mary Alford building the canvas is currently hanging in.

CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT VOUCHERS

Mr. Crawford made a motion to approve the payment vouchers. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BE IT RESOLVED: the Central Ohio Technical College Board of Trustees acknowledges and approves the following vouchers. This approval is considered “Then and Now” certificate per O.R.C.section 3357.10 and 5705.41(d).

Vender	Voucher#	Inv. Date	Amount	Description
Elite Preparedness	V0204678	4/4/21	\$4,980	Cadet Training
Life in Layers Productions	V0205540	6/24/21	\$10,500	Donor Wall Videos

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OSUN BOARD REPORT – Tara Houdeshell

PACE-Setter Project

Ohio State Newark joined the John N. Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education’s PACE-Setter (Pedagogy, Advising and Curriculum Excellence) Project. This initiative will help the campus analyze student performance in high-enrolled courses with very low completion rates and grade-point averages and then use the results to redesign courses, help faculty enhance their pedagogies, improve advising and other forms of student support, and revise curricula.

Enrollment

Ohio State’s autumn 2021 enrollment data was shared indicating that of all the regional campuses, Newark was the least affected with regard to lower enrollment.

President Johnson and Provost Gilliam Visits

Ohio State University President Johnson and Provost Gilliam each visited campus in two separate visits in early September. They were both very enthusiastic about being in Newark and met with faculty, staff and students. Some of President Johnson’s highest priorities are providing a debt-free bachelor’s degree and strengthening the university’s commitment to diversity by examining how regional campus faculty hirings fit into the university’s overall hiring strategy to support diversity and inclusion.

University Distinguished Service Award

Former Ohio State Newark advisory board member Dr. Tom Hall will be recognized with one of the university’s highest honors, the University Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Hall will be honored with this award at Ohio State’s December commencement ceremony.

gathering. New students and second-year students will be invited to a more casual event that will be held outside in the amphitheater.

NEW BUSINESS

Program Inactivation – Dr. Eric Heiser

Dr. Heiser reminder the board of information previously shared at the August 17 board meeting where he provided background information about program areas we have not been strong in delivering but where there is still a need. The Associate of Applied Science in Emergency Management Technology and the Paramedic certificate. These will be shifted to C-TEC and we will provide any support we can.

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to approve the inactivation of the Association of Applied Science in Emergency Management Technology and the Paramedic certificate effective immediately and does authorize the college to submit notification to the Ohio Department of Education and to the Higher Learning Commission. No students are currently enrolled in either program. Mr. Crawford seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BE IT RESOLVED: In accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3357.09, the COTC Board of Trustees is entrusted to develop and adopt, pursuant to the official plan, technical college curricular programs. Based upon the recommendation of administration, the COTC Board of Trustees approves the inactivation of the Associate of Applied Science in Emergency Management Technology and the Paramedic certificate effective immediately and does authorize the college to submit notification to the Ohio Department of Education and to the Higher Learning Commission. No students are currently enrolled in either program.

Board Rule 3357:3-1-03 Meetings and Committees Revision– Dr. Jackie Parrill

Dr. Parrill reported that provisions included in the budget bill was to adopt a policy to allow boards to meet virtually with certain exceptions. This expired on June 30, 2021. Proposed changes were shared with the board that going forward effective September 30, 2021 there would be exceptions made for board attendance with at least 1/3 in person for a quorum. A revision to our current board rule was shared for consideration.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the changes as indicated. Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BE IT RESOLVED The recent passage of House Bill 110 permits boards of trustees to adopt a policy that would allow trustees to occasionally attend meetings electronically. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3357.09, the COTC Board of Trustees approves the amendment to board rule 3357:3-1-03 - Meetings and committees of the board of trustees to authorize trustees to attend meetings via electronic means.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dr. Berry provided a state of the college update. OSU has a vaccination mandate, but COTC does not currently have one in place. We are currently exploring an incentivization. Enrollment update for COTC with a HC of 2,654 and an FTE of 1307.53. We will be offering 2nd term course offerings to help boost fall enrollment. An Enrollment Summit is planned for tomorrow to dive a little deeper. When we rightsized our CCP enrollment, we took a hit in our enrollment numbers. David Brillhart shared budget implications. CARES Act funds will help get us squared away.

As part of our 50th anniversary outreach and engagement, shirts were provided to all staff, faculty and board members. Kim Manno and Suzanne Bressoud provided a briefing on 50th anniversary plans.

September 17 gala was postponed to April 9 in hopes we can celebrate together in person. An outdoor drive-in movie will be held in the Warner parking lot on Saturday, October 9 and open to the community. Service club presentations have been scheduled for Kim and Dr. Berry in Newark and our extended campus communities. The Berry Rumble ice cream has been shared with staff, faculty, and students in Newark and on each of our extended campuses.

Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Diagnostics Medical Sonography proposal. HLC onsite next week for a site visit. Thanks for those board members who can attend lunch with the HLC team on Monday.

Chronical of Higher Education will be interviewing Drs Berry and Heiser to hear about ways we have helped our students through the pandemic. The interview will focus on our student success presentations which have taken place recently.

Good conversations with 2 third party providers. We are working with drones (a one to two-year program) and CDL Truck driving (non-credit 4-6 weeks) to deliver certificate programs. Currently exploring both items as possible new offerings.

Brian Boehmer provided updates on the Founders Hall renovation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Montagnese informed the board that we received notification yesterday from the Governor's office that Steve Cohen will not be re-appointed to our board. Mr. Cohen is a governor appointee. He has been a dedicated trustee who has served on our board since 2014. We plan to offer some recommendations to the Governor's office for consideration for his replacement.

Next meeting in person October 19 at 8:30. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m. Let Jan Tomlinson know 48 hours in advance if you are unable to attend this in person meeting.

Rob Montagnese
Chairman

MISSION STATEMENT

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