

# MINUTES

## COTC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 22, 2023

8:30 a.m.

J. Gilbert Reese Center Executive Boardroom

**Present from Fiduciary Board:** Mr. Andy Crawford, Mr. Andrew Guanciale, Mr. Bruce Hawkins, Dr. Mark Law, Mr. Robert Montagnese, Ms. Cheryl Snyder, Ms. Marion Sutton, Mr. Paul Thompson, and Ms. Rhoda Warnock

### 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 JUNE BOARD MEETING

Mr. Crawford made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 20 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 20 board meeting.

### ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to accept the gifts with appreciation. Ms. Snyder 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 and July

Founders Hall Renovation Project	\$ 12,500.00
Blue Line Twilight Run 5K/10K sponsorship	755.00
The COTC Emergency Fund	585.00
The Elizabeth Barnhart Award for Nursing Excellence	400.00
The John and Mary Alford Center for Science and Technology	134.07
The Faculty and Staff Premier Scholarship	78.45
The Radiologic Science Technology Alumni and Friends Scholarship	60.00
The COTC Alumni Scholarship	40.00
The Next Generation Challenge Scholarship	25.00

Gift in Kind donation:

Gift in Kind: 100 – Uline Isolation Gowns from LMH to be used by the Surgical Technology Program

Value: \$ 114.00

## CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT VOUCHERS

Ms. Warnock made a motion to approve the voucher as presented and Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Voucher #</b>	<b>Invoice Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
Citicasters	V00224262	6/30/23	\$5,028.12	Streaming and OTT Ads

## COMMITTEE REPORTS – OSUN Board

Ms. Houdeshell reported the OSUN enrollment looks like it could be up by 1%-5%. It is too early to know with great confidence.

The Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology will launch this fall. Over 35 students have enrolled in the program.

A national search for the new dean/director is underway. A search committee has been identified, which will be chaired by the senior vice provost for faculty, Patrick Lauchouarn. Bill MacDonald’s term as Dean and Director will end June 2024.

## OLD BUSINESS – None

## NEW BUSINESS

All governor trustee appointees were invited to the governors’ residence along with Lt. Governor Husted who promoted job development in Ohio. Gov DeWine boasted the importance of the Science and reading programs in Ohio Mr. Montagnese and Ms. Warnock were among the attendees.

Ms. Snyder plans to introduce the Executive Director of Affordable Alliance of Central Ohio to Dr. Berry to talk about possible funds to help students pay for housing while obtaining engineering degrees.

### Founders/Hodges Hall renovation briefing – Brian Boehmer

Construction progress with the renovation of Founder’s Hall was shared. There are plans for new space on the south end of lower level for the OSU Visual Arts Lab to become the Robotics lab. Currently being priced out. OSU to cover 100% of the cost.

Demolition is about 35% complete through construction. Updates provided for each level of the building including outside space. Still on target to meet the next spring completion date. Highlighted a few unexpected conditions. He addressed some concerns over change order inflations, furniture costs, technology costs, supply chain delays. Brian will be back at a future board meeting for further discussions/plans.

Kim Manno from the Development Office provided an update on the campaign for these renovations. We have applied for a grant through OSU to update the patio on west of building and received \$50,000 from OSU and OSUN is matching this. We increased our fundraising goal by \$500,000 to help with these anticipated expenses.

Phase 1 raised 13.5 M. Phase 2 raised the goal to 15,750,000. Currently at 15.3. Proposing we sell auditorium seats for \$5,000 or more will get their name on seats in the auditorium. Kim reminded the board that most gifts are going to NCDF unless you choose to send your dollars directly to COTC.

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Dr. Berry announced the leadership changes in Academic Affairs, Lauren Massie, Dean of Technical Studies and Dr. James Jarc, previously COTC faculty is now the Dean for Technical Studies. Provost Ferenchak introduced the Deans to the board and shared each of their bios.

Happy to report that enrollment is up 8% currently. We continue to monitor these numbers.

The Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services (ETSS) Youth Summit was held on our campus August 11<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Johnson explained about the relationship with this new population group and the various workshops throughout the day for these young people. Great opportunity to show them what COTC and OSUN can offer them in the future.

The Semiconductor curriculum rollout event was held on our campus July 31<sup>st</sup> Lt Gov Jon Husted attended this event along with partners from Jobs Ohio and others.

The COTC Italian Immersion students are back. Vorley and Alvin Taylor were chaperones. There was a small glitch in the beginning of their travels but it was a very impactful trip. A follow-up is planned to de-brief about the trip. The Italian students will be traveling here next year.

Conversation with area mayors (Newark, Pataskala, New Albany) initially. We plan to expand this group to more mayors and meet quarterly to discuss possible partnership and workforce opportunities.

We organized a Public Safety Day on campus and opened to youth, families, and area police, fire, EMS, etc.

Save the date – Legacy and Leaders dinner event will be on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> invitations went out recently.

HLC final report was very positive. Thank you Dr. Parrill for her hard work in the process. Kim Manno and Kim Sibert on their proofreading and Joe Argiro for his assistant in data collection. Next steps --- We are on a 10-year cycle. We have plans to identify and develop a quality initiative project during our upcoming Strategic Plan Council meeting in October.

OSU president search. Dean and Director search. We are watching this process around the search for the next OSU president and Dean and Director. Once they are identified, Dr. Berry will be given an opportunity to meet with the candidates and share the added value of our partnerships.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Next meeting will be September 19

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 am.

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Rob Montagnese  
Chair

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Paul Thompson  
Vice Chair

MISSION STATEMENT

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