

# MINUTES

## COTC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 19, 2024

8:30 a.m.

J. Gilbert Reese Center Executive Boardroom

Present from Fiduciary Board: Mr. Andy Crawford, Ms. Sally Heckman, Dr. Mark Law, Mr. Robert Montagnese Ms. Cheryl Snyder, Ms. Marion Sutton, and Ms. Rhoda Warnock

Absent: Mr. Andrew Guancia, Mr. Bruce Hawkins

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair 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. Mr. Montagnese expressed his appreciation to Ms. Snyder who filled in last month.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

Ms. Heckman made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20 board meeting. Dr. Law seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The Central Ohio Technical College Board of Trustees approves the minutes from the February 20 board meeting.

### ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

Ms. Warnock made a motion to accept the gifts with appreciation. Dr. Law 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 – February

Italian Immersion Exchange Program	\$ 96,043.00
Community Intercultural Relations Conference – Sponsor	4,000.00
Blue Line Superhero Run – Sponsor and Registration	3,340.00
The John and Mary Alford Center for Science & Technology	383.50
The COTC Alumni Scholarship	290.00
The Judy Ratliff Stansbury Scholarship	100.00
The Faculty & Staff Premier Scholarship	46.00
The COTC Emergency Fund	30.00
The Radiologic Science Technology Alumni and Friends	20.00
The Next Generation Challenge Scholarship	10.00

## COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

## OLD BUSINESS - None

## NEW BUSINESS

Staff Emeritus – President Berry read a resolution acknowledging Lisa Smith’s 36 years of service to the college and the recommendation to appoint Lisa as Staff Emeritus.

Dr. Law made a motion to appoint Lisa Smith Staff Emeritus. Mr. Crawford seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** the Central Ohio Technical College board of trustees is hereby resolved by authority of the same, to acknowledge Lisa Smith for her 36 years of unselfish, loyal, and dedicated service as a staff member and awards her the Staff Emeritus status.

## PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- **Dr. Rose Cost** calling hours today.
- **Enrollment** – 12% up for spring semester.
- **Annual Extended Campus Town Halls** – thanks to any board members who attended. We plan to provide high level highlights next month but will provide more deeper dive at the board retreat.
  - Follow-up conversations from these Town Halls:
    - Knox (Mayor Starr, Gordy Yance, KCCC Supt.)
    - Pataskala (Group from ETSS mtg on March 18<sup>th</sup>)
  - Press coverage from Coshocton (emailed to board last week)
    - Quick briefing
    - Special presentation at the April board meeting
    - More in-depth discussion planned at board retreat in June
- **Kenyon President** – February 26 had lunch with Julie Kornfeld from Cornell. Interested in possible partnerships.
  - *“Cocktails at Kenyon” March 14 – Jackie and John attended*
- **Johnstown Workforce and Education Forum** – February 26 Good collaborative experience but we can improve on this event. We hope to do a Licking County area schools event.
- **Black Heritage Gala** – February 29 was the 21st anniversary for this event and was well attended.
- **Ann Howard Memorial** – March 2<sup>nd</sup> (college benefactor, 1971 Legacy Society member, Legends of Loyalty recipient) closely connected to LMHS.

- **Knox Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner** March 8 Lifetime Achievement award sponsor.
- **LMHS/CTEC/COTC Healthcare Expo** – Held on March 13 with good participation from our high school students and an open forum in the evening which was open to the public. Great participation from other communities. We need to encourage more local schools participation.
- **Ohio Technical Promise** will probably be announced mid-April. We are prepared to promote this as soon as the Governor releases this information. Engineering pipeline.
- **OSU Newark Dean Candidates** – First of 3-4 candidates was here yesterday. Dr. Berry is scheduled to meet with each candidate virtually and will share his thoughts with the selection committee.

All are encouraged to attend a tour of Hodges Hall following today's meeting.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Licking County Transit and thank you to the leaders in our community for supporting this project. Ms. Synder has experienced this service with very positive results. Great resource for our community. In April, there will be a stop at the Food Pantry.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 16 at 8:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

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Rob Montagnese  
*Chairman*

## MISSION STATEMENT

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