

# MINUTES

## COTC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 20, 2021

8:30 a.m.

Skype Meeting

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

**Absent:** Mr. J. Park Shai

### 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 MARCH BOARD MEETING

Mr. Hawkins made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16 board meeting. Ms. Sutton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The Central Ohio Technical College Board of Trustees approves the minutes from the March 16 board meeting.

### ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

Mr. Thompson made a motion to accept the gifts with appreciation. Mr. Hawkins 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 – March

One Book/One Community event sponsors	\$ 3,000.00
The Community Intercultural Relations Conference	2,325.00
The COTC/LCSO Blue Line Twilight Run 5K & 10K	800.00
The COTC Student Emergency Grant	510.00
The Radiologic Science Technology Alumni and Friends Scholarship	436.66
The Science and Technology Building Capital Campaign	249.44
The Elizabeth Barnhart Award for Nursing Excellence	100.00
The Officer Thomas W. Cottrell, Jr. Award	90.00
The COTC Alumni Scholarship	20.00
The Laverne A. Messimer Memorial Scholarship	2.50
The Faculty & Staff Premier Scholarship	2.00

## CERTIFICATE OF PAYMENT VOUCHERS

Mr. Crawford made a motion to approve the payment voucher. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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

<b>Vender</b>	<b>Voucher #</b>	<b>Inv. Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
RMB Marketing	V0201713	2/1/2021	\$ 6,112	Purchase of contract names, mailing and opt In email addresses

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**OSUN BOARD REPORT** – no report

## OLD BUSINESS

Brian Boehmer provided an update on the progress of the John and Mary Alford Center for Science and Technology Building which is 95% complete. Final structural inspections are expected next week. Brian covered the various work wrapping up on site. First faculty group will move in early May. The Pataskala campus renovation project is about 85% complete. Brian shared details of ongoing projects toward completion. Furniture arrived on April 19. Various inspections are occurring this week. We anticipate a summer move-in.

## NEW BUSINESS – Founders Hall

### Renaming – Board Resolution of Honor and Appreciation to Louella Hodges Reese

Dr. Berry introduced the proposal to rename Founders Hall in honor of Louella Hodges Reese in recognition and in honor of her many contributions to the college. Rob Montagnese read the resolution (enclosed). Mr. Hawkins made a motion to approve this renaming. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** the Central Ohio Technical College Board of Trustees, with esteemed admiration and grateful regards, recognizes and celebrates the phenomenal dedication and unparalleled generosity of Louella Hodges Reese.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Board fully endorses the renaming of Founders Hall in honor of Louella Hodges Reese.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Reese and that a copy be placed in the permanent record of Central Technical College.

## Project Scope

Brian Boehmer shared the project scope for the Founders renovation. Founders Hall was built in 1968 and holds some history as one of our largest square footage buildings. We started a Master Plan in 2019 with a multi plan report, Brian shared some highlights and programming goals. A project schedule was shared with a January, 2024 completion date.

## **Business Plan & Financing**

David Brillhart indicated that 23.1 million budget is anticipated and funding sources were shared. 12 million in private funding is already secured as well as reserves and capital funding from both Ohio State Newark and COTC. COTC and OSUN will each use \$3 million from their reserves for the bridge financing.

Mr. Thompson shared comments from the finance committee meeting held last week. The committee offers their full support of \$1 million and the bridge money of \$3 million which will be used over time. We fully anticipate the \$3 million being repaid. Mr. Thompson made a motion that Founders Hall be named the Louella Hodges Reese Hall and that we allocate \$1 million from college reserves toward the project, bringing the funding into alignment with current estimated project costs and we designate up to \$3 million of our unrestricted reserves for the purpose of establishing an internal loan for the renovation project to be paid back from private gifts and pledges for the project. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**WHEREAS:** it is the desire of the Board of Trustees to fully renovate Founders Hall which will become known as Louella Hodges Reese Hall, located in Licking County, into classrooms, laboratories, faculty and staff offices and meeting rooms; and

**WHEREAS:** state capital funding has been allocated to both COTC and Ohio State Newark for this renovation project.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that the Board of Central Ohio Technical College allocate \$1,000,000 from college reserves toward the project bringing the project funding into alignment with current estimated project costs.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Board of Central Ohio Technical College designate up to \$3,000,000 of its unrestricted reserves for the purpose of establishing an internal loan for the renovation project to be paid back from private gifts and pledges for the project.

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Dr. Berry acknowledged the passing of Mrs. Reese's daughter, Megan.

We are still waiting to hear from the state on the SSI but are guardedly optimistic.

We are pleased so far with summer enrollment which is up 37% from last year.

The extended campus Town Hall presentations are complete – workforce needs assessments. Thanks to all board members who participated in some of these. Follow-up discussions are now being scheduled. One of these follow-up discussions was with Terry Divelbiss when I toured their facility last week. Thanks to the coordinating team for their efforts.

COSI, OSUN, COTC, The Works, and LC Food Pantry Network co-sponsored an Ohio Distance Learning Initiative – education and food, about 1,200 kits distributed.

Dr. Berry was asked to serve as the emcee for the OACC All-Ohio Academic Recognition virtually next week. Suzanne Bressoud announced that we received nearly 900 votes for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary ice cream votes flavor. Great fun and community engagement. Kim reminded the board of the Gala, Friday, September 17 save the dates going out soon. Family movie night tentatively scheduled for October 9. Drive-in the original Willy Wonka and the Choc. Factory

Dr. Heiser announced commencement will be May 7 (3-5 healthcare programs 5-7 other programs) celebrate our graduates in person. Reese Center auditorium along with their families. No seating...keep them moving and spaced apart.

Dr. Parrill reported a closed pod vaccination clinic for our faculty, staff and students will be on Friday, April 23 from 9 – 11 by appointment.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

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Rob Montagnese  
*Chairman*

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Steve Cohen  
*Vice-Chairman*

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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