

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the board of trustees of Edison State Community College, State of Ohio, held at 1973 Edison Drive, Piqua, OH 45356, September 27, 2023.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair James C. Oda, called the June meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 2:03 PM.

ROLL CALL: Present: Tamara Baird Ganley, Philip E. Dubbs, Douglas L. Fortkamp, Gary V. Heitmeyer, Thomas P. Milligan, and James C. Oda

Absent: Tyeis L. Baker-Baumann, Elizabeth S. Gutmann, Darryl D. Mehaffie

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Trustee Milligan led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS: Chad A. Beanblossom, Jill, Bobb, Macy Guillozet, Dr. Richard Hanes, Dr. Paul Heintz, Harold Hitchcock, James E. Lehmkuhl, Dr. Melissa A. Wertz, all ESCC administrators; Kiala Clarke, Vickie Kirk, William Loudermilk, Hannah Shirk, all ESCC faculty; Naomi Cantrell, ESCC employee; Christopher D. Spradlin, President; Heather M. Lanham, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Dr. Rick Hanes, VP of Advancement, Strategic Planning, & Partnerships, introduced new employee Naomi Cantrell, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President of Advancement. Dr. Paul Heintz, Dean of Arts and Sciences, introduced new faculty member Kiala Clarke, Instructor of Chemistry. Vickie Kirk, Associate Professor of Allied Health, introduced new faculty member Hannah Shirk, Phlebotomy Coordinator and Instructor of Medical Technology.

TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES: Trustee Dubbs read the College's mission statement. Chair Oda asked the trustees to review the commitments of the board.

Chair Oda asked if any of the items on the consent agenda presented a conflict of interest to any of the trustees. None were noted at this time.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Spradlin updated the Trustees on enrollment numbers and campus initiatives, new hires, as well upcoming campus events.

President Spradlin informed the Board that the Charger Showcase that took place on September 16th at the Dayton Dragon's stadium went very well. Both the Edison State softball and baseball teams got the opportunity to play a game on the field. President Spradlin thanked Justin McCulla, Athletic Director, and Christina Raterman, Director of Advancement, for all of the hard work they put in to make this event a success.

President Spradlin recognized Trustee Mehaffie for being appointed to the Ohio Arts Council.

President Spradlin reminded the Trustees that the State of the College Address will be held on October 4th at 8:30am and that the Board and Foundation Board annual holiday dinner will take place on November 16th at 6:00pm.

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance/Audit Committee Report:

Committee Chair Milligan Reported:

- Committee Chair Milligan deferred to CEO James Lehmkuhl.

- Mr. Lehmkuhl reported that this is the one meeting out of the year where there are no financial statements to report, as the business office is awaiting the finish of the audit. The audit should be completed in early October.

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
AGENDA:

Chair Oda presented the following consent agenda item for approval:

- Approval of June 28, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of August 30, 2023 Board Retreat Minutes
- BOARD ACTION FY 2024 092723 – Approval of 2024 Board Meeting Schedule
- BOARD ACTION FY 2024 092723 – Statement on Ending the Withholding of Student Transcripts
- BOARD ACTION FY 2024 092723 - Support of the Implementation of an ADN to BSN Degree

With no additional corrections, additions, or deletions to the consent agenda, Trustee Fortkamp moved, seconded by Trustee Milligan, for approval of the consent agenda.

On roll call vote with Trustees Fortkamp, Milligan, Baird Ganley, Dubbs, Heitmeyer, and Oda voting aye, the Chair declared the motion carried.

PRESENTATION:

Dr. Melissa Wertz, Provost, presented on the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Accreditation Criteria. Dr. Wertz reported:

- The College is currently preparing for an HLC accreditation visit on February 26-27, 2024.
- Accreditation confirms an institution's eligibility to receive federal student financial aid as well as overall institutional quality and academic program quality.
- The College must prove five criteria for accreditation:
 1. Mission
 2. Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct
 3. Teaching and Learning: Quality, Resources, and Support
 4. Teaching and Learning: Evaluation and Improvement
 5. Institutional Effectiveness, Resources, and Planning
- HLC reviewers will visit campus in February in order to conduct interviews with Edison State faculty, staff, students, administration, and members of the Board of Trustees

TRUSTEE OPEN
FORUM:

50th Anniversary Updates

- Trustee Oda reported that the Disc Golf Tournament will take place on September 30th.
- Trustee Oda also informed the Board that the 50th anniversary events will culminate with an Anniversary Gala on May 11th, which is the day after commencement.
- The Gala will also be utilized as the kick-off for a capital campaign to raise funds for the new nursing wing.

OACC

- Trustee Dubbs reported that the next OACC Governing Board meeting will be held in person in Columbus on December 7th.

Trustee Comments

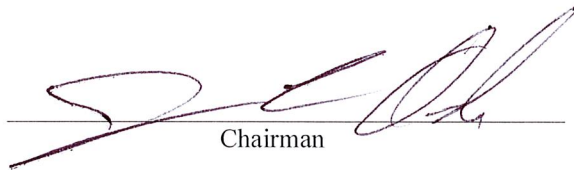
- Chair Oda thanked the staff at Edison State for sending a flower arrangement to his wife Cathy as she recuperates at home from her injuries after a fall.

Celebrations

- Trustee Dubbs celebrated that his wife Shirley has turned a corner and is now considered healthy enough to schedule her knee surgery, which she has been waiting to have for over a year.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to come before the board, Chair Oda declared the meeting adjourned at 2:52PM.

“The undersigned hereby certify that this meeting was conducted in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.”


Chairman


Board Secretary

