

# President's Report to the Edison State Community College Board of Trustees May 22, 2025

## ➤ President's Office

- The Advance Ohio Higher Education Act takes effect on June 27, 2025. The key requirements for higher ed institutions are as follows:
  - **Governance & Compliance Support**
    - Trustee Training (R.C. 3333.045): ODHE to deliver annual training covering 17 key responsibilities. This training is required for all trustees, with a conference scheduled for September 18, 2025.
    - Statement of Commitment (R.C. 3345.0216): Institutions must adopt and publish a 5-part commitment to free inquiry and intellectual diversity.
  - **DEI Restrictions (R.C. 3345.0217 - 3345.0218)**
    - Prohibits DEI offices, training, scholarships, and DEI-based hiring/promotion practices.
    - Trustees must approve the policy within 90 days; failure to do so may result in the loss of state funds.
    - Complaints must follow the Campus Free Speech policy (R.C. 3345.0215).
    - Certain exceptions apply for legal compliance and research funding; the waiver process is in development.
  - **Curriculum & Instruction**
    - Syllabi (R.C. 3345.029): Starting AY 2026–27, all undergraduate course syllabi must be posted publicly with specific requirements. Reporting is due July 31, 2026.
    - American Civic Literacy Course (R.C. 3345.382): A mandatory 3-credit course for bachelor's degree students beginning with the 2029–30 graduates. Must be OT36-approved and board-approved.
  - **Faculty Policies**
    - Workload (R.C. 3345.45): ODHE to define standards by Sept. 30, 2025. Institutions must adopt compliant policies by Dec. 31, 2025.
    - Evaluation (R.C. 3345.451 & .452): Annual evaluations required, including bias-free classroom assessment. Policies must include appeals and be updated every 5 years.
    - Post-Tenure Review (R.C. 3345.453): Mandatory for institutions with tenure; policies must include an appeals process and be submitted every 5 years.
  - **Program Elimination (R.C. 3345.454)**

- Degree programs with fewer than five graduates per year over 3 years must be eliminated unless a waiver is granted. Applies only to institutions with tenure.
- **Reporting & Transparency**
  - Foreign Influence (R.C. 3345.591): Prohibits most gifts from China; mandates reporting of academic partnerships and foreign gift disclosures to ODHE.
  - 5-Year Cost Summaries (R.C. 3345.80): Institutions must submit detailed cost reports for biennial state funding considerations, starting FY 2027–28.
  - Equal Opportunity (R.C. 3345.88): Institutions must disaggregate and report data by race/sex on discipline, qualifications, and retention.
- **Collective Bargaining (R.C. 3345.455–.456; R.C. 4117.14–.15)**
  - CBAs must comply with SB1 provisions. Faculty at two-year colleges are prohibited from striking.
- **Resources & Communication**
  - ODHE SB1 Website (in development): Forms, templates, FAQs
  - Questions & submissions: [sb1@highered.ohio.gov](mailto:sb1@highered.ohio.gov)

➤ **Academic and Student Affairs**

- As of May 19, headcount for the Summer 2025 Semester is up by 1.3% while credit hour enrollment is down by 2.8%. The Summer 2025 Semester begins on June 2. Final enrollment numbers will be reported at the June Board meeting.
- Edison State Community College and the Miami County Farm Bureau partnered to host the second annual Agriculture Career Fair on March 27, 2025. Over 150 students from local agriculture programs attended, where they visited with local businesses and colleges and learned about career opportunities available in agriculture. Thank you to Brad Lentz, Agriculture Faculty Member, and our Enrollment Management and Advising staff members for their great work in conducting this event!
- On April 26, Edison State held its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Faculty Professional Development event. 40 faculty members came together for discussions on topics important to them. Thank you to Marva Archibald, Leah Baumhauer, Beka Lindeman, Dr. Thomas D. Martinez, Jessica Edwards, Tucker Schneider, Meme Gillum, Brian Murphy, Gail Ahmed, and Kevin Coghlan for presenting topical sessions and facilitating the academic discipline discussions. Also, thank you to Vickie Kirk, Hannah Shirk, Kevin Coghlan, Karen Baker, Chuck Whitney, and the Facilities staff for their efforts in coordinating the event.
- Congratulations to Sarah Burrowes, Enrollment Manager, and her husband on the birth of their son, Arlington Bradley Burrowes, on April 26!
- Congratulations to Dr. Kevin Coghlan, who was recently selected to give a presentation entitled “Peer to Peer Collaboration Through Mentorship” at the upcoming 2025 OATYC Annual Conference!

➤ Advancement

- The College recently conducted the 15th annual Charger Athletics Reverse Raffle fundraiser to support Edison State Athletics. This year's reverse raffle brought in \$12,565.70 for the athletics program through the sale of tickets, a silent online auction, and other activities. The event awarded \$4,700 in prize money to winning ticket holders. The grand prize winner, Park National Bank, donated the funds to the Miami County YMCA.
- The Kroger Company's Zero Hunger/Zero Waste Foundation recently presented Edison State with a check for \$2,000 to support our Charger Station Food Pantry.

➤ Human Resources

- The following faculty and staff members were recognized at the Edison State Employee Celebrations Meeting on April 30:
  - 5 Years of Service
    - Leah Baumhauer
    - Elizabeth Bingham
    - Shane Brake
    - Trisha Elliott
    - Dr. Roger Fulk
    - Jordan Keith
    - Ryan Lusk
    - Mark Wanamaker
    - Dr. Sara Young
  - 10 Years of Service
    - Chad Beanblossom
    - Melissa Cain
    - Michelle Dancer
    - Christina Raterman
    - Dustin Wenrich
  - 15 Years of Service
    - Lisa Hartwig
    - Marci Langenkamp
    - Dr. Thomas D. Martinez
    - Kara Myers
    - Morgan Wick
  - 20 Years of Service
    - Amber Hare
    - Tom Looker
  - 30 Years of Service
    - Chuck Whitney
  - SOCHE Faculty Excellence Award
    - Dr. Kevin Coghlan
  - SOCHE Staff Excellence Award
    - Kimberli Zornes
  - SOCHE Campus Impact Award

- Paige Kiley
- Earned Degrees
  - Ryan Lusk (Master's Degree)
  - Tia Thacker (Bachelor's Degree)
- Completed Specialized Training
  - Lee Harmon
  - Adam DeBrosse
  - Brooke Tiggs
  - Alex Courts
  - Andrea Francis
  - Lisa Hall
- Awarded UVCC Distinguished Alumni
  - Lee Harmon
  - Cindy Frantz

➤ Finance

- The Finance team is working to finalize the FY 26 budget, which will be presented to the Board for approval at the June meeting. Currently, we are awaiting our projected FY 26 SSI funding amount from the state.

➤ Operations/Facilities

- Work has begun on two major summer projects: the North Hall and East Hall Boiler Replacement and the West Hall Renovation. Entrances and areas of West Hall may be closed over the summer.

➤ Staffing Updates

- Positions in the search process
  - Campus Police Officer
  - Dean of Professional and Technical Programs
  - Industrial Technical Training Manager
  - Assistant Dean of Student Affairs
  - Director of Marketing
- Positions recently filled
  - Facilities Services Technician (3<sup>rd</sup> shift) – Scott Smith
  - Director of K-12 Partnerships – Stacey Bean
  - Director of IT Services – Steve Helman
  - Director of Institutional Research and Data Processes – Blake Madden
  - Controller – Jennifer Schemmel
- Positions approved but not posted
  - Director of Facilities

➤ Upcoming Events

- Edison State Board of Trustees Meeting – May 28 (2:00pm)
- Peace Officer Academy Spring Graduation – June 17 (6:00pm)
- Edison State Board of Trustees Meeting – June 25 (2:00pm)