

Minutes of the special meeting of the board of trustees of Edison State Community College, State of Ohio, held at 1973 Edison Drive, Piqua, OH 45356, December 12, 2024.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Tyeis L. Baker-Baumann, called the special meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 1:30 PM.

ROLL CALL: Present: Tamara Baird Ganley, Tyeis L. Baker-Baumann, Philip E. Dubbs, Elizabeth S. Gutmann, Gary V. Heitmeyer, and James C. Oda  
Absent: Douglas L. Fortkamp, Thomas P. Milligan

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

INTRODUCTIONS: Chad A. Beanblossom, Harold Hitchcock, James E. Lehmkuhl, Kara A. Myers, Dr. Melissa Wertz, all ESCC administrators; Christopher D. Spradlin, President; Heather M. Lanham, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Spradlin updated the Trustees on the success of the November 19<sup>th</sup> Regional Workforce Summit. The 25 attendees explored ways to strengthen the College's partnerships with organizations in the region and to better equip students with the career readiness skills that will help them succeed on the job.  
  
President Spradlin also followed up on the discussion from the November board meeting regarding redundancy and backing up critical college information, stating that all data and information are in the cloud with our individual vendors, who have redundancies in place. There is no concern with data security or retrieving data if systems go down. Ellucian software is used for Student Services, Accounting, Payroll, Registration/Records, employee information. The Ellucian software is hosted on the premises with old hardware. Backups are completed daily and stored in the Annex 600 building, which is next to the Edison State baseball field. There is a risk of losing data from a natural disaster or a bad actor.  
  
President Spradlin thanked Trustee Elizabeth Gutmann for her outstanding service to the Board since 2018, informing the group that today is her last meeting, as her term expires January 17, 2025. President Spradlin stated, "Trustee Gutmann, we wish you all the best in your future endeavors, and we will miss you greatly!" Trustee Gutmann thanked everyone and wished everyone luck, stating that she was happy to have experienced Edison State's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary while serving on the Board.

APPROVAL OF BOARD ACTION  
FY 2025 121224 –  
APPROVAL TO  
WITHDRAWAL  
FROM THE  
HEALTH  
CONSORTIUM: Chair Baker-Baumann presented the following item for approval:  
  
A. BOARD ACTION FY 2025 121224 – Approval of Withdrawal from the HEALTH Consortium.  
  
President Spradlin asked Ms. Kara Myers, Director of Human Resources, to give the background of this action item. Ms. Myers explained that in keeping with the College's strategic plan, better options are being pursued for Edison State employees in terms of benefits providers. The College is required to inform the consortium of the possibility of withdrawing by December 15, 2024, which is why this item is coming before the Board today. This does not guarantee that the College will withdraw, but approval of this action item will allow them the possibility.

With no additional corrections, additions, or deletions to the action item, Trustee Gutmann moved, seconded by Trustee Baird Ganley, to approve BOARD ACTION FY 2025 121224 – Approval of Withdrawal from the HEALTH Consortium.

On roll call vote with Trustees Gutmann, Baird Ganley, Baker-Baumann, Dubbs, Heitmeyer and Oda voting aye, the Chair declared the motion carried.

TRUSTEE  
COMMITTEE  
REPORTS:

Nominations/Awards Committee Report:

Committee Chair Heitmeyer Reported:

- According to Ohio Revised Code, it is necessary for the Board of Trustees to annually appoint a Chair and Vice Chair.
- The Nominations/Awards Committee recommends that Chair Tyeis Baker-Baumann be re-appointed as Chair of the Edison State Community College Board of Trustees for the 2025 calendar year.
- Trustee Baker-Baumann has agreed to the nomination.
- The Nominations/Awards Committee recommends Vice Chair Douglas Fortkamp be re-appointed as Vice Chair of the Edison State Community College Board of Trustees for the 2025 calendar year.
- Trustee Fortkamp has agreed to the nomination.
- The vote will take place during the January 22, 2025 Board meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: All present wished each other a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to come before the board, Chair Baker-Baumann declared the meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

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

  
Chairman

  
Board Secretary