

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, February 26, 2025.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Tyeis L. Baker-Baumann called the February meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 1:58 PM.

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

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

INTRODUCTIONS: Chad A. Beanblossom, Jill Bobb, Lee Harmon, Dr. Paul Heintz, James E. Lehmkuhl, Bruce W. McKenzie, Kara A. Myers, Dr. Jeannette Passmore, Dr. Melissa Wertz, all ESCC administrators; Christina Hughes, Justin McCulla, Laura Quinlisk, all ESCC employees; William Loudermilk, ESCC Faculty member; Christopher D. Spradlin, President; Heather M. Lanham, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Mr. Bruce McKenzie, Chief Marketing Officer & Director of Communications, introduced Christina Hughes, recently hired Web Administrator & Media Design Coordinator.

TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES: Trustee Baird Ganley read the College's mission statement. Chair Baker-Baumann asked the trustees to review the commitments of the board.

Chair Baker-Baumann 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 gave the Trustees an update on the health of Vice President Rick Hanes, stating that his kidney transplant surgery went very well and he is beginning his recovery at home.

President Spradlin stated that team from Edison State (including himself, Trustee Milligan, and Heather Lanham) had a successful visit to Washington, D.C. for the ACCT National Legislative Summit. The team met with Congressman Mike Carey, Senator Bernie Moreno, and Senator John Husted. All expressed support for Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) applications from Ohio colleges. Edison State plans to submit a request for funding for our Engineering Lab and Classroom Renovation project during Congress's fiscal year 2026 CDS cycle.

The President's Office has been tracking the many legislative developments at both the state and federal levels. The most significant is State Senate Bill 1 and its companion bill, House Bill 6. The Senate has passed its version, and the House is now considering that version in addition to its own. These bills are in strong agreement, and they constitute the Advance Ohio Higher Education Act, which lays out new requirements for public colleges and universities. The College is also monitoring the Dear Colleague letter from the U.S. Department of Education, the Ohio operating budget process, and the many Executive Orders coming from the White House.

President Spradlin also informed the Trustees that the "15th Day Count" for the Spring 2025 semester indicated enrollment was down by 4% in headcount and 5% in credit hours when

compared to the 15th Day Count from the Spring 2024 semester. A new enrollment plan is currently being developed for the upcoming summer and fall semesters in response to the spring enrollment data. The plan will be presented to the Trustees at an upcoming Board meeting.

President Spradlin relayed that Edison State was one of 13 new colleges accepted into the Rural Guided Pathways Project, a national initiative of now 28 schools that work together toward student success goals. The National Center for Inquiry and Improvement is providing leadership of the project and describes it as follows: "Colleges that are part of Rural Pathways work with each other, and with community partners in their regions, to implement evidence-based, institution-wide reforms grounded in the guided pathways framework. The project's rural focus and in-depth participation of community partners set it apart from other guided pathways efforts." The project runs from 2025 to 2027 and includes attendance at 6 Institutes, along with visits and meetings with implementation coaches, leadership coaches, and subject matter experts. The kickoff event is the first Institute, March 19-21 in New Orleans.

TRUSTEE
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:

Finance/Audit Committee Report:

Committee Chair Milligan Reported:

- It is worth noting that the increase in cash equivalent is very strong.
- The net income is up and the end-of-year revenue is still forecasted to be strong.

Treasurer Updates

CFO Lehmkuhl reported:

- Statement of Net Position
 - Cash and cash equivalents – Our cash and cash equivalents amount is up \$1,354,901 when comparing January 2025 to January 2024. This is due to the strong FY 2024 ending cash balance and favorable FY 2025 operating results.
- Statement of Changes in Net Assets
 - Net income is up by \$930,691 when compared to last year like now.
 - Revenues are up by \$450,064 and expenses are down by \$480,627 when compared to last year.
 - Our projected forecast is \$654,454.
 - You will notice that our student tuition and fees is down by \$171,982 when compared to FY2024. We have made an adjustment to our forecast due to this decline.
- Statement of Cash Flows
 - Our cash since the start of the fiscal year has increased by \$1,447,059.
- Forecast Changes
 - We did go from a projected net income of \$996,454 to a projected net income of \$658,454 as of January.
 - This change is attributable the following adjustments to our forecast:
 - Revenue items:
 - Student Tuition and Fees – We decreased our forecast for this by \$338,000 due to a 4.69% decline in credit hours for Spring 2025 semester. As our January financial statements indicate, we have already experienced a decline in year-to-date tuition revenue of \$171,982. We are building a buffer into the forecast at this point in the event this decline continues for

summer semester. The administration is working on a strategic enrollment plan to address this decline. This buffer is just an extra precaution to ensure financial stability.

- Federal Grants and Contracts (operating revenue) – We decreased our forecast for this by \$118,300 due to the decline in credit hours for spring semester.
- Federal Grants and Contracts (nonoperating revenue) – We decreased our forecast for this by \$118,300 due to the decline in credit hours for spring semester.
- Expenses:
 - No change to our forecasted expenses at this time.
- SB 6 Ratio – with GASB 68 & 75
 - Based on current projections our SB6 Ratio with GASB 68 and 75 is .6.
- SB 6 Ratio – without GASB 68 & 75
 - Based on current projections our SB6 Ratio without GASB 68 and 75 is a solid 4.1.

With no further discussion, Chair Baker-Baumann declared that the budget reports be filed for audit.

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
AGENDA:

Chair Baker-Baumann presented the following consent agenda item for approval:

- A. Approval of January 22, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
- A. BOARD ACTION FY 2025 022125 – Approval of Student Fee Changes for Fall 2025
- B. BOARD ACTION FY 2025 022125 – Approval of Policy 3358-1-12: Designation of Single-sex Facilities

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

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

TRUSTEE
EDUCATION:

Mr. Justin McCulla, Athletic Director, presented on student life on campus, sharing information on initiatives such as:

- Student organizations
- Athletics
- Market C food court
- Charger Stations
- Library Services
- Tutoring Services
- The Testing Center
- The Online Bookstore
- Extracurricular Activities

CAREER
PATHWAYS
PRESENTATION:

Ms. Laura Quinlisk, Career Pathways Advisor, presented on the Business Pathway. Ms. Quinlisk gave an overview of the degrees available in the business program, including:

- Accounting

- Banking
- Business Management
- Entrepreneurship
- General Business Studies
- Human Resource Management
- Marketing
- Paralegal

ACADEMIC
SENATE REPORT:

Professor William Loudermilk, Academic Senate Chair, reported:

- The Academic Senate last met on February 9th with 44 members in attendance.
- It was a very productive and lively meeting.
- The Senate received an update for Provost Wertz on behalf of President Spradlin who was attending the ACCT NLS in DC at the time.
- The impact of SB1 and HB6 was discussed and how they would affect the syllabi.
- The senate received curriculum committee reports.
- A discussion was had on the need to restructure committee membership, to include adding more committee seats.

TRUSTEE OPEN
FORUM:

ACCT

- Trustee Milligan reported that the team that attended the ACCT NLS had very good meetings in DC. Senator Moreno was particularly interesting and has quite a bit of experience in higher ed. Representative Mike Carey indicated he would be interested in visiting Edison State's Piqua Campus in August.
- Trustee Milligan stated that, as the ACCT Liaison for the Central Region, he has made a connection with OACC and speaks at the OACC quarterly meetings. Mr. Milligan has been encouraging OACC President Avi Zafinni to be sure Ohio Community Colleges are out in front of the Trustee training piece of SB1.
- Ms. Heather Lanham reminded Trustees that the registration for the 2025 ACCT Leadership Congress has opened.

OACC

- Trustee Dubbs reported that the OACC Legislative Day will take place in Columbus on April 8, 2025.

Trustee Comments

- Trustee Baird Ganley relayed that she recently attended a function with Representative Johnathan Newman, who stated he was excited about the tour he had at the Edison State Piqua Campus with President Spradlin and Mr. Hanes. He will keep Edison State in the forefront.

Celebrations

- Chair Baker-Baumann celebrated that the pelicans are back at Grand Lake St. Mary's, and that spring is just around the corner.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to come before the board, Trustee Baker-Baumann declared the meeting adjourned at 3:04 PM.

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

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Chairman

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Board Secretary

