

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, May 28, 2025.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Tyeis L. Baker-Baumann called the May meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 2:01 PM.

ROLL CALL: Present: Tamara Baird Ganley, Tyeis L. Baker-Baumann, Douglas L. Fortkamp, Gary V. Heitmeyer, and James C. Oda

Absent: Philip E. Dubbs, Thomas P. Milligan

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

INTRODUCTIONS: Chad A. Beanblossom, Lee Harmon, Dr. Richard Hanes, Dr. Paul Heintz, James E. Lehmkuhl, Kara A. Myers, Dr. Jeannette Passmore, Dr. Melissa Wertz, Kimberly Zornes, all ESCC administrators; Laura Fox and William Loudermilk, ESCC Faculty members; Christopher D. Spradlin, President; Heather M. Lanham, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES: 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 reported that construction in West Hall began the week of May 19th. It's anticipated to last through mid-August.

President Spradlin gave the Trustees updates on the implementation of Senate Bill 1, thanking Provost Wertz, CFO Lehmkuhl, and Director of Human Resources Myers for working diligently with various representatives of the state in order to understand all of the aspects of this law. The Advance Ohio Higher Education Act, which is now the official name of the law, takes effect on June 27, 2025. President Spradlin discussed the key requirements for higher education institutions contained in this law and answered Trustee questions.

President Spradlin relayed that, 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. Faculty member Brad Lentz, along with the enrollment management and advising staff members helped to coordinate this event.

On April 26, Edison State held its 4th Annual Spring Faculty Professional Development event, led by Dr. Paul Heintz. Forty faculty members came together for discussions on topics important to them.

President Spradlin also shared that 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.

President Spradlin stated that 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.

TRUSTEE
COMMITTEE
REPORTS:

Executive Committee Report

Chair Baker-Baumann Reported:

- The Executive Committee met in order to discuss the results of the annual presidential evaluation.
- The results will be presented to the entire Board during an executive session at the end of today's meeting.
- Any adjustments to President Spradlin's contract and/or annual compensation will be presented to the Board for a vote at the June 25th Board meeting.

Finance/Audit Committee Report:

CFO Lehmkuhl reported on behalf of Committee Chair Milligan:

- Statement of Net Position
 - Cash and cash equivalents – Our cash and cash equivalents amount is up \$1,416,416 when comparing April 2025 to April 2024. This is due to the strong FY 2024 ending cash balance and favorable FY 2025 operating results.
 - Accounts and pledges receivable- Our accounts and pledges receivable are up \$559,018 when comparing April 2025 to April 2024. This increase is attributable to an increase in our CCP receivable from the State and an increase in overall student receivables.
 - Deferred student fee income – Our deferred student fee income is up by \$247,933 when comparing April 2025 to April 2024.
- Statement of Changes in Net Assets
 - Net income is up by \$920,925 when compared to last year like now.
 - Revenues are up by \$199,569 and expenses are down by \$721,356 when compared to last year.
 - Our projected forecast is \$476,199.
- Statement of Cash Flows
 - Our cash since the start of the fiscal year has increased by \$1,509,958.
- Forecast Changes
 - Our projected net income did not change this month but we did have several lines items that did have changes. These changes are as follows:
 - Revenue items:
Capital Appropriation Revenue – We have decreased our forecast for capital appropriations revenue by \$322,796. This decrease is based on updated projections on our annual capital

spend amount.

- Expenses:
Institutional Support – We adjusted our buffer account as a result of the decrease in projected capital appreciation revenue to stabilize our forecast.
- 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.

Treasurer Updates:

- CFO Lehmkuhl reported on the FY 2026 Operating Budget Assumptions:
 - Health insurance costs are currently being finalized. They will more than likely remain flat.
 - A global 3% pay increase is planned.
 - The College will receive an increase in SSI funding.
 - Preliminary information on SSI was received this past Friday evening.
 - Five different versions of the SSI allocation were also received over the weekend.
 - The version that the College is following, the only version that combines the existing formula components and the employment outcomes and technical degree amounts, indicates that our SSI for next year will either be increased by \$779,890 or \$1,053,700 depending on which version of the State's budget will ultimately be approved and signed by the governor.
 - The College plans to do a \$5 tuition increase for next year.
 - Basic operating costs will increase.

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

TRUSTEE
EDUCATION:

Mr. Chad Beanblossom, VP of College Operations, gave the following bi-annual Operations Report:

- Completed Capital projects in FY25 include:
 - Emerson Center/Library/Internet Café renovations
 - South Hall classrooms and labs renovations
 - North Hall window replacement
 - Kitchen renovation
 - FY23/24 Campus Security Grant
- Capital projects still in progress for FY25 include:
 - Modern Classroom project
 - FY25/26 Campus Safety Grant
 - Convocation Center/Locker Room renovations
 - West Hall major renovation
 - North Hall and East Hall boiler replacements
 - Bookstore to Student Center remodel
 - North Hall door replacement

CAREER
PATHWAYS
PRESENTATION:

Ms. Laura Fox, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, presented on the Social & Public Services Pathway:

- There are currently 192 students enrolled in spring 2025 semester, with 8 students graduating this spring.
- Internship Sites include:
 - Sidney Police Department
 - Miami County Probation
 - Miami County and Clark County Sheriffs' Departments
 - Greenville, Troy, Tipp City and Piqua Police Departments
- Current initiatives include:
 - Finding a permanent home for the Virtual Reality system
 - Training instructors to operate the VR system
 - Updating program outcomes
 - Updating course outcomes
 - Updating degree pathway

ACADEMIC
SENATE REPORT:

Mr. William Loudermilk, Professor of English and Academic Senate Chair, reported:

- The Academic Senate met for the final time of this academic year on May 6th.
- There were 50 members in attendance.
- The group received updates from both President Spradlin and Provost Wertz.
- The Advance Ohio Higher Education Act was discussed.
- The group received updates from the Distance Learning Committee concerning the future of online courses.
- Committee appointments were made for AY26.
- The group was able to see the newly created college mace, which will be used for the first time at the May 16, 2025 commencement ceremony. The mace was constructed by faculty member Brian Leingang.

APPROVAL OF
CONSENT
AGENDA:

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

- A. Approval of April 23, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
- B. BOARD ACTION FY 2025 042325 – Approval of Student Fee Changes For Fall 2025
- C. BOARD ACTION FY 2025 042325 – Approval of Insurance Benefits Policy 3358-3-22

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

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

TRUSTEE OPEN
FORUM:

OACC

- Provost Wertz reported on behalf of Trustee Dubbs that the two of them attended the OACC Governing Board meeting on May 21st.
 - The Governing Board discussed HB1 as well as 33 Ohio Revised Codes that were updated.
 - There were two special guests in attendance; Ohio House Representative Tom Young and Ohio Speaker of the House Matt Huffman. Both gentlemen discussed how community colleges can and should be economic engines and the key to filling workforce vacancies.
 - The OACC staff asked those in attendance how The OACC can better

- advocate for community colleges.
- Strategic trends in higher education were discussed.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION:

Chair Baker-Baumann asked for a motion for the board to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Trustee Baird Ganley moved, seconded by Trustee Oda, to go into executive session in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code. On roll call vote with all Trustees voting aye, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Chair Baker-Baumann adjourned to an executive session at 3:01 PM for the purpose stated. In attendance was Tamara Baird Ganley, Tyeis L. Baker-Baumann, Douglas L. Fortkamp, Gary V. Heitmeyer, James C. Oda, and Heather M. Lanham.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Chair Baker-Baumann resumed the public session at 3:30 PM. President Spradlin re-joined the meeting at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Trustees discussed President Spradlin's annual evaluation results, stating that he had a very good year and that they appreciate his hard work on behalf of Edison State.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to come before the board, Trustee Baker-Baumann declared the meeting adjourned at 3:47 PM.

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


Chairman


Board Secretary

