

CLARK STATE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 @ 11:30 a.m.

Brinkman Educational Center, Springfield, OH

MINUTES

Directors present: Patti Phillips (Chair), Dr. Jo Alice Blondin, John Brown, Nettie Carter-Smith, Shashi Chadha, Katherine Hoptry, Mitch Hurst, Peggy Noonan, Daragh Porter, Jordan Tyler and Jordan Weideling

Staff present: Christa Bostick, Megan Cummins, Lo Houser, Karen Hunt, Dr. Dawayne Kirkman, Kathy Nelson, Toni Overholser, and Doug Schantz

Guests: SOAR Members Karen Benton, Garrett Fisher, Michael Key and Danielle Williams

Welcome. Chair Patti Phillips welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 11:44 a.m. She said the photo of the Board members will be rescheduled due to some members not able to be in attendance today. She began the meeting with some facts for this day in history and a quote from Colin Powell, "Always do your very best. Even when no one else is looking, you always are. Don't disappoint yourself."

Patti then introduced three new Board members – Eric Henry, Jordan Tyler and Jordan Weideling, and welcomed them to the meeting. She also welcomed three members of Dr. Blondin's SOAR group – Michael Key, Karen Benton, and Danielle Williams. Introductions were made around the table.

Minutes. Bill Brougher presented the minutes from the June 28, 2023 Foundation Board meeting.

John Brown made a motion to approve, Nettie Carter-Smith seconded, and the minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Financials. Kathy Nelson presented the financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2023 showing a fund balance of \$27,153,004. The audit was just completed and there were no findings. The audit report will be presented at the Finance Committee and Foundation Board meetings for approval in January.

A motion to accept the financial statements was made by Katherine Hoptry, seconded by John Brown, and was approved by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance/Audit/Investment Committee. In Chair Bill Brougher's absence, Toni Overholser reported that the Committee met last week and did a deep dive into the financials and restructuring of the reports.

Resource Development Committee. In Chair Sarah Mays' absence, Toni reported that there is no report at this time. The Committee will be meeting next week.

Governance Committee. In Chair Kerry Pedraza's absence, Toni reported that the Committee has not met and there is no report.

Scholarship Committee. Chair Nettie Carter-Smith said the Committee met in September and reported on the following:

- Scholars Perks program is going well; the Committee discussed including CCP students in this program
- The Committee is looking to develop an ad hoc committee to review and clean up the Scholars data
- We currently have 49 mentors over all school districts
- There are currently 45 college-level Scholars
- Karen Hunt is involved with Student Affairs outreach and feels this has helped with connecting with the College Scholars
- Nest Fest took place on September 28 and was well attended

Karen added that she will be scheduling meetings with the Superintendents to update them on the Scholars program. She thanked Michael Key for his help with the College Scholars and said Megan Cummins has done an excellent job with the mentor piece of the program.

Friends of the PACC. Chair Katherine Hoptry reported that the Committee will be meeting next week. The PAC is celebrating its 30th Anniversary and the Committee will be exploring some exciting marketing opportunities for memberships.

Toni Overholser distributed Conflict of Interest forms and Board Member Data forms for 2023-24 and asked they be completed and turned in today.

At 12:03 p.m., Chair Patti Phillips exited the meeting.

STANDING REPORTS

Board of Trustees Report. Peggy Noonan reported on the following from last night's Board of Trustees meeting:

- Dr. Blondin was awarded the Marie Y. Martin Executive Officer Award by the ACCT
- Audit is complete with no findings
- In September, there was a final review of HEERF funding – over \$13 million for students and campus upgrades
- Dr. Kirkman presented enrollment report – nationally enrollment is down but we are remaining flat
- Mike Duffy will become Chancellor when Randy Gardner retires at the end of the year
- There has been a turnaround in nursing program; 96% pass rate for RNs and 100% pass rate for LPNs

President's Report. Dr. Blondin gave the following College updates:

- Clark State received the Mabel K. Edmonds Excellence in Equity Award for our partnership with Fresh Abilities
- Dr. Blondin is in the Ohio Business Top 500

- Clark State received a \$200,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation to increase our training of underserved populations in our CDL program; there are currently 7,000 unfilled positions in Ohio; this is a direct result of our relationship with Rep. Mike Turner
- Dr. Blondin was asked to be on the advisory board for the HLC Credential Lab
- Achieving the Dream coach will be visiting Monday and Tuesday next week
- State Board of Nursing visit here yesterday and today; applying for an LPN to RN Bachelor of Science Degree
- We are tracking Senate Bill 104
- Board social will be held Oct 26

Director's Report. Toni Overholser reminded everyone that the annual retreat follows this meeting; she will give a Scholars Program review at that time.

- Lo Houser, Director of Project Jericho, thanked everyone who supported ChalkFest this year. 85 artists participated, 8 were Project Jericho youth, and 5 were Clark State students. Other projects include creating art with mothers engaged with the Family Treatment Court docket, woodworking with young men in Juvenile Court's Specialized Drug Court Docket, and Bucket Band.

Toni reported that the Presidential Awards Banquet was a success with 130 attendees.

The Advancement team attended an event at the Holland Theater in Bellefontaine featuring Pete Blank Training Director for Disney.

Clark State is advertising for an open position for an Executive Director for the National Advanced Air Mobility Center of Excellence.

Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Overholser
VP, Advancement
Clark State Foundation