



## Board of Trustees Reorganization Meeting

**MINUTES**  
**March 16, 2021**

The Clark State College Board of Trustees met virtually in special session via Lifesize on March 16, 2021. Chairperson Phillips presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present: David Ball; Andy Bell; Jim Doyle; Sharon Evans; Maurice McDonald; Mike McDorman; Peggy Noonan; Vice Chair Kyle Hall; Chairperson Brad Phillips; and Secretary to the Board, President Blondin

Others Present: Adele Adkins, Director of the Performing Arts Center; Josef Asfoura, Assistant Attorney General, Ohio Attorney General's Office; Dan Ayars, Director of Facilities, Operations and Maintenance; Ashley Barbone, Ohio Attorney General's Office; Lesli Beavers, Director of Workforce and Business Solutions; Travis Binkley, Assistant Dean of Advising and Enrollment Services, Greene Center; Brittany Briggs, Assistant Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning; Dr. Sterling Coleman, Director of Library Services; Julia Daniels, Assistant to the Dean of Health, Human and Public Services; Eric Ebbs, Client Support Technician/Staff Senate President Elect; David Farrell, Senior Staff Accountant; Dr. Matt Franz, Senior Vice President of Technology, Safety and Strategic Initiatives; Ron Gordon, Dean of Enrollment Services; Christopher Green, Assistant Dean, Health, Human and Public Services; Dr. Tiffany Hunter, Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs; Nicole Johnson, Coordinator, Student Services, Xenia/SOAR participant; Crystal Jones, Vice President of Marketing, Diversity, and Community Impact; Tina Jones, Staff Accountant; Paige Kiley, Financial Aid Specialist/Staff Senate President; Dr. Dawayne Kirkman, Vice President of Student Affairs; Senti Longkumer, Assistant Dean of Arts and Sciences; Naomi Louis, Dean of Arts and Sciences; Kathy Nelson, Controller; Kelly Neriani, Senior Institutional Research Analyst; Shani Newton, Success Coach, Greene Center/SOAR participant; Toni Overholser, Director of the Foundation; Marissa Palumbo, Ohio Attorney General's Office; Dr. Adam Parrillo, Interim Dean of Business and Applied Technologies; Cindra Phillips, Director, Center for Teaching and Learning; John Riechers, Assistant Technical Director, Performing Arts Center/SOAR participant; Doug Schantz, Associate Vice President of Business Affairs; Dr. Rhoda Sommers, Dean of Health, Human and Public Services; Nicolas Sparrow, Student Senate President; Brooke Spurlock, Springfield News-Sun Reporter; Amy Sues, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, Planning, Assessment and Accreditation; Mary Adelaide Taylor, Director, Nursing Program; Mellanie Toles, Executive Assistant to the President and Coordinator of Special Projects; Trish Voisard, Staff Accountant; Larry Wakefield, Vice President for Business Affairs; William Weekley, Training Site Operations Supervisor, Workforce Development; Laura Whetstone, Director of Human Resources; and Nina Wiley, Dean of Student Engagement and Support Services

## **Recognition of Guests**

Chair Phillips welcomed guests and asked that any members of the media introduce themselves. Brooke Spurlock with the Springfield News-Sun identified herself.

## **Oath of Office**

Chair Phillips congratulated Trustee Ball on his reappointment for another six-year term and administered his Oath of Office.

There being no unfinished business, Trustee Ball made a motion to adjourn from 2020 business sine die. Trustee McDonald seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **REORGANIZATION MEETING**

### Election of Officers/Appointments

Trustee Noonan reported that the Governance and Policy Committee would like to nominate Kyle Hall to step into the Chair position and for David Ball to assume the role of Vice Chair.

There being no nominations from the floor, Trustee Noonan made a motion to accept the nominations and elect Kyle Hall Board Chair and David Ball Vice Chair. Trustee Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Trustee Phillips congratulated Chair Hall on his new position and invited him to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

Chair Hall thanked the Governance and Policy Committee for their work and nomination as well as their confidence in him. He also recognized Trustee Phillips for his hard work leading the Board and the College through an extremely difficult time, adding that he did a fantastic job. In spite of the difficult circumstances over the past year, the College forged ahead and was able to do some incredible things, including making the change from Clark State Community College to Clark State College.

President Blondin commented that she appreciated Trustee Phillips' steady leadership as Board Chair, noting that during his tenure the College received close to \$20 million in various grant opportunities, was approved to offer two Bachelor's degrees and submitted a third for consideration, joined Achieving the Dream, experienced a \$1.2 million increase in State Share of Instruction and will not increase tuition due in part to his fiscal leadership. His business acumen and leadership and the connections he made with students, faculty, and staff were extremely beneficial to the College and are greatly appreciated. Dr. Blondin quipped that if she had to choose a leader during a pandemic, it would be Trustee Phillips. She thanked him for his service as Board Chair and presented him with a token of appreciation (delivered prior to the meeting).

Trustee Phillips thanked Dr. Blondin for her kind words, noting that she was giving him more credit than he deserved since most of it was watching our great faculty and staff do fantastic things along with the leadership of Dr. Blondin. He noted that although many colleges floundered during the pandemic, Clark

State has fared extremely well due to Dr. Blondin’s proactive approach and determination, and he could not be prouder of our leadership, faculty and staff, and the Board of Trustees who hung in there to make the best of the situation. He commented that serving as Board Chair was a great experience for him personally, and it is something he will always remember.

Trustee Noonan made a motion to reappoint President Blondin as Secretary to the Board and to reappoint Larry Wakefield as Treasurer of the Board, as required by Ohio statute. Vice Chair Ball seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Representative Appointments

Chair Hall recommended the following Board committee appointments:

**Board Governance and Policy Committee:** Peggy Noonan, Chair; Andy Bell

**Finance and Facilities Committee:** Andy Bell, Chair; David Ball; Jim Doyle; Sharon Evans; Peggy Noonan; Brad Phillips

**Government/Community Relations Committee:** Mike McDorman, Chair; Sharon Evans

**Human Resources Committee:** Jim Doyle, Chair; Maurice McDonald; Mike McDorman

**Representative to the Clark State Foundation Board:** Peggy Noonan

It was noted that the Board Chair is Ex-Officio of all committees, and all Trustees are welcome to attend all committee meetings.

Trustee Phillips made a motion to approve the committee appointments as presented. Trustee Doyle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Revised 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar

Chair Hall presented the revised 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar as follows:

Unless otherwise noted, the Board of Trustees will meet in Room 113 of the Sara T. Landess Technology and Learning Center, Clark State Community College, 570 East Leffel Lane, Springfield, Ohio, according to the following schedule:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
January 19, 2021	4:45 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Reorganization Meeting Work Session Formal Meeting
February 16, 2021	Charter Night	No Formal Meeting
March 16, 2021	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Work Session Formal Meeting
April 20, 2021	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Work Session Formal Meeting

May 15, 2021	10:00 a.m.	Graduation/No Meeting
May 18, 2021	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Work Session Formal Meeting
June 22, 2021 (Note: 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday)	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Work Session Formal Meeting
July 2021		No Formal Meeting, unless needed
August 2021		No Formal Meeting, unless needed
September 21, 2021 (Changed back to 3rd Tuesday)	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Work Session Formal Meeting
October 19, 2021	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Work Session Formal Meeting
November 16, 2021	8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Board Retreat
December 2021		No Formal Meeting, unless needed
January 18, 2022	4:45 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Reorganization Meeting Work Session Formal Meeting

Trustee Evans made a motion to approve the calendar as presented. Trustee Bell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

#### 2021 Board of Trustees Directory

A 2021 Board of Trustees Directory was distributed at the meeting. Chair Hall asked that any changes be communicated to Mellanie Toles.

#### Adjournment

Trustee Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Trustee Phillips seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.