



Board of Trustees Reorganization Meeting

MINUTES January 21, 2025

The Clark State College Board of Trustees met in special session in the Clark State classroom at the new Fire Station in Springfield, Ohio, with the majority of guests attending virtually on January 21, 2025. Chairperson Ball presided and called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

Welcome

Fire Training Coordinator Jeremy Linn welcomed the group to Fire Station #8, noting that he was very excited to have them there and that this station has been the brain child of the Fire Program since 2008. He noted that Dr. Blondin, the Board of Trustees, faculty, and staff have been very supportive along the way, and the vision finally came to fruition. Mr. Linn commented that it is a great space, one of a kind in the country, and although it provides training for eighteen counties, our biggest partnership is with the City of Springfield. He noted that enrollment is up in the Fire, Police, and Emergency Medical Services Programs, and they are all doing well. He expressed appreciation for the support he has received personally and support for the firefighters, noting that they could not function as well without it.

*Mr. Linn exited the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present in Person: Andy Bell, Kyle Hall, Mitchell Hurst, Becka Rowland-Buckley, Ben Vollrath, Vice Chair Sharon Evans, Chairman David Ball, and President Jo Alice Blondin

Excused: Manuel Lopez Ramirez

Others Present in Person: Deltoria Crockran, Financial Aid Specialist; Erika Daggett, Director of Marketing; Dr. Matt Franz, Senior Vice President of Technology, Safety and Strategic Initiatives; Brenda Justice, Administrative Assistant, Greene Center/Caring Campus Team Member; Dr. Dawayne Kirkman, Vice President of Student Affairs; Tracy Ladd, Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Arts and Sciences/Caring Campus Team Member; Jeremy Linn*, Fire Training Coordinator; John Minter, Student Support Specialist/Caring Campus Team Member; Toni Overholser, Vice President of Advancement; Doug Schantz, Executive Vice President for Finance, Facilities and Operations; Seth Snyder, Accounts Payable Technician/Caring Campus Team Member; Nicolas Sparrow, Assistant Director, Student Services, Regional Locations/Caring Campus Team Member; Chance Stidham, ESOL Coordinator/Caring Campus Team Member; and Mellanie Toles, Executive Assistant to the President and Coordinator of Special Projects

Others Present Virtually: Jessica Adams, Associate Professor, English/SOAR Participant; Dan Ayars, Director of Facilities, Operations and Maintenance; Kristen Bancroft, Assistant Professor, Medical Laboratory Technology/SOAR Participant; Karen Benton, Assistant Dean of Health, Human and Public Services; Dr. Travis Binkley, Dean of Enrollment Services; Kierre Brown, Assistant Dean of Business and Applied Technologies; Sean Dodge, Institutional Research Analyst; David Farrell, Senior Staff Accountant; Garrett Fisher, Director of Nursing Programs; Dr. Adrienne Forgette, Vice President of Academic Affairs; Sarah Hagenbuch, Associate Professor, Nursing/SOAR Participant; Natalie Johnson, Associate Dean, Regional Locations; Tina Jones, Staff

Accountant; Summer LaPlante, Payroll Manager; Naomi Louis, Dean, Arts and Sciences; Kathy Nelson, Controller; Kelly Neriani, Director of Institutional Research and Planning; Dr. Adam Parrillo, Dean of Business and Applied Technologies; Mark Schmidt, Professor, Anatomy and Physiology/Faculty Senate President; Khalil Scott, Academic Advisor/SOAR Participant; Caity Sellers, Assistant Director, Early College Programs/SOAR Participant; Elecia Spain, Assistant Dean, Access and Retention Services; Amy Sues, Dean, Institutional Effectiveness, Planning, Assessment, and Accreditation; Jamie Teeple, Assistant Dean of Arts and Sciences; Roseann Terbay, Peer Recovery Support Specialist; Trish Voisard, Staff Accountant; Laura Whetstone, Director of Human Resources; and Nina Wiley, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs

Chair Ball welcomed guests and requested that anyone from the media identify themselves.

There being no unfinished business, Vice Chair Evans made a motion to adjourn from 2024 business sine die. Trustee Hall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

REORGANIZATION MEETING

Election of Officers/Appointments

Chair Ball reported that the Governance and Policy Committee, also known as the Nominating Committee, met on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, with Chair David Ball and Trustees Bell and Hall in attendance. The Committee nominated Sharon Evans to serve in the Chair position and for Becka Rowland-Buckley to serve as Vice Chair.

There being no nominations from the floor, Trustee Hall made a motion to accept the nominations and elect Sharon Evans Board Chair and Becka Rowland-Buckley Vice Chair. Trustee Hurst seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Trustee Ball congratulated Chair Evans on her new position and invited her to conduct the remainder of the meeting. Chair Evans thanked the Governance and Policy Committee for their nomination, noting that she looks forward to serving. She commented that the Clark State Board is one of the best, she appreciates all that the Board has done together and how the Trustees all work together, and looks forward to that continuing.

Trustee Ball made a motion to appoint Dr. Blondin as Secretary and Doug Schantz as Treasurer. Vice Chair Rowland-Buckley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Dr. Blondin noted that she delegates her Secretary responsibilities to Mellanie Toles.

Representative Appointments

The following Board committee appointments were recommended for 2025:

Advocacy, Student Success and Programs Committee: Mike McDorman, Chair; Kyle Hall; Becka Rowland-Buckley; Ben Vollrath

Board Governance and Policy Committee: Kyle Hall, Chair; David Ball; Andy Bell

Finance and Facilities Committee: Mitchell Hurst, Chair; David Ball; Andy Bell; Manuel Lopez Ramirez; Becka Rowland-Buckley

Human Resources Committee: Kyle Hall, Chair; David Ball; Mike McDorman; Ben Vollrath

Representative to the Clark State Foundation Board: Mitchell Hurst

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

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

2025 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar

Chair Evans presented the 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar as follows:

Unless otherwise noted, the Board of Trustees will meet in Room 320 of the LRC Building, Clark State College, 570 East Leffel Lane, Springfield, Ohio, according to the following schedule:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
January 21, 2025 <i>New Fire Station, Springfield</i>	4:45 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Reorganization Meeting Work Session Formal Meeting
February 18, 2025	Charter Night	No Formal Meeting
March 18, 2025 <i>Ohio Hi-Point Career Center, Bellefontaine</i>	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Work Session Formal Meeting
April 15, 2025	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Work Session Formal Meeting
May 10, 2025	10:00 a.m.	Graduation/No Meeting
May 20, 2025 <i>New GISA Building, Springfield</i>	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Work Session Formal Meeting
June 24, 2025 <i>(PLEASE NOTE: 4th Tuesday)</i>	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Work Session Formal Meeting
July 2025		No Formal Meeting, unless needed
August 2025		No Formal Meeting, unless needed
September 23, 2025 <i>(PLEASE NOTE: 4th Tuesday)</i>	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Work Session Formal Meeting
October 21, 2025	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Work Session Formal Meeting
November 18, 2025	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Board Retreat
December 2025		No Formal Meeting, unless needed
January 20, 2026	4:45 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Reorganization Meeting Work Session Formal Meeting

Trustee Ball made a motion to approve the calendar as presented. Vice Chair Rowland-Buckley seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously via a roll call vote.

2025 Board of Trustees Directory

The 2025 Board of Trustees Directory was distributed at the meeting. Chair Evans asked that any changes be communicated to Mellanie Toles.

Recognition of Trustee Ball

Dr. Blondin thanked Trustee Ball for his service over the past two years as Board Chair, noting that great gains in terms of student success were made in addition to \$10 million in grant funding secured during his tenure. She commented that he served as a wonderful sounding board and source of advice to her, both as an attorney and personally, and she presented a token of appreciation to him on behalf of the Board and college.

Trustee Ball stated that it has been a pleasure to work with everyone and that Dr. Blondin and the Board members all make it easy to serve as Chair.

Chair Evans thanked Trustee Ball for all that he has done and all that he has agreed to do in the future.

Adjournment

Trustee Ball made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Vice Chair Rowland-Buckley seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.