



Board of Trustees Reorganization Meeting

MINUTES
January 20, 2026

The Clark State College Board of Trustees met in special session in LRC 320, with the majority of guests attending virtually on Tuesday, January 20, 2026. Board Chair Sharon Evans presided and called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

Welcome

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

Roll Call:

Present in Person: David Ball, Kyle Hall, Mitchell Hurst, Manuel Lopez Ramirez*, Mike McDorman, Board Vice Chair Becka Rowland-Buckley, Board Chair Sharon Evans and President Jo Alice Blondin

Excused: Ben Vollrath

Others Present in Person: Dr. Adrienne Forgette, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs; Dr. Matt Franz, Senior Vice President of Enterprise Operations; Dr. Dawayne Kirkman, Senior Vice President of Student Affairs, Enrollment Management and Regional Locations; Kerry Pedraza, Executive Director of the Foundation; Doug Schantz, Executive Vice President for Finance, Facilities and Operations; and Mellanie Toles, Executive Assistant to the President and Coordinator of Special Projects

Others Present Virtually: Lindsee Adams, Instructor, Allied Health and Public Services/SOAR participant; Karen Benton, Assistant Dean of Allied Health and Public Services; Ciara Bobbitt, Assistant Professor, Allied Health and Public Services/SOAR participant; Kierre Brown, Assistant Dean of Business and Applied Technologies; Callie Cary-Devine, TRIO Project Director; Dr. Sterling Coleman, Director of Library Services; Lori Common, Communications Coordinator, Marketing; Erika Daggett, Director of Marketing; David Farrell, Senior Staff Accountant; Dave Ferguson, Director of Workforce; Garrett Fisher, Assistant Dean of School of Nursing; Yolanda Hall, Assistant Director of Human Resources; Natalie Johnson, Associate Dean, Regional Locations; Tina Jones, Staff Accountant; Naomi Louis, Dean of Arts and Sciences; Kelly Neriani, Staff Senate President/Director of Institutional Research; Dr. Adam Parrillo, Dean of Business and Applied Technologies; Anthony Reed, Admissions and Career Services Specialist/SOAR participant; Nicole Stanley, Adjunct Faculty, Allied Health and Public Services; Amy Sues, Dean, Institutional Effectiveness; Dr. Jamie Teeple, Assistant Dean of Arts and Sciences; Nina Wiley, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs; Desiree' Williams, Assistant Dean of Teaching and Learning; Karalen Witt, Assistant Professor, School of Nursing/SOAR participant; and Abi Wyer, Admissions and Career Services Specialist/SOAR participant

There being no unfinished business, Trustee McDorman made a motion to adjourn from 2025 business sine die. Trustee Ball seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

REORGANIZATION MEETING

Election of Officers/Appointments

Trustee Hall reported that the Governance and Policy Committee, also known as the Nominating Committee, met virtually on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, with Trustees Hall and Ball and Board Chair Evans in attendance. The Committee recommended that Sharon Evans continue to serve in the Chair position and that Becka Rowland-Buckley to continue to serve as Vice Chair. The Committee also recommended that Dr. Jo Alice Blondin be appointed as Secretary and that Doug Schantz be appointed as Treasurer. After some discussion, it was decided that Dr. Blondin would be appointed as Secretary through June 30, 2026, and that Dr. Evon Walters would be appointed as Secretary from July 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

There being no nominations from the floor, Trustee Ball made a motion to accept the nominations and elect Sharon Evans Board Chair; Becka Rowland-Buckley Vice Chair; Dr. Blondin Secretary through June 30, 2026; Dr. Walters Secretary from July 1 through December 31, 2026; and Doug Schantz Treasurer. Trustee Hurst seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

*Trustee Lopez Ramirez entered the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

Representative Appointments

The following Board committee appointments were recommended for 2026:

Advocacy, Student Success and Programs Committee: Manuel Lopez Ramirez, Chair; Kyle Hall; Becka Rowland-Buckley; Ben Vollrath

Board Governance and Policy Committee: Ben Vollrath, Chair; David Ball

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

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

Presidential Transition Committee: Mike McDorman and Becka Rowland-Buckley, Co-Chairs (Other committee members will be named soon.)

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 McDorman made a motion to approve the committee appointments as presented. Vice Chair Rowland-Buckley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Evans thanked everyone for agreeing to serve in these capacities, noting that we have a busy year coming up.

2026 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar

Chair Evans presented the 2026 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 20, 2026	4:45 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Reorganization Meeting Work Session Formal Meeting
February 17, 2026	Charter Night	No Formal Meeting
March 24, 2026 (PLEASE NOTE: 4 th Tuesday)	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Work Session Formal Meeting
April 21, 2026	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Work Session Formal Meeting
May 9, 2026	10:00 a.m.	Graduation/No Meeting
May 19, 2026 <i>Springfield Country Club</i>	3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Work Session Formal Meeting
June 23, 2026 (PLEASE NOTE: 4 th Tuesday)	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Work Session Formal Meeting
July 2026		No Formal Meeting, unless needed
August 2026		No Formal Meeting, unless needed
September 15, 2026	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Work Session Formal Meeting
October 20, 2026	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Work Session Formal Meeting
November 17, 2026	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Board Retreat
December 2026		No Formal Meeting, unless needed
January 19, 2027	4:45 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Reorganization Meeting Work Session Formal Meeting

President Blondin noted the time change of the May 19th meeting is due to the Executive Committee of the Ohio Association of Community Colleges (OACC) being in town for the Trustees/Presidents Meeting that will take place the following day on the Clark State campus. All Trustees are invited to join the Executive Committee that evening for dinner at the Springfield Country Club, and it was suggested that the Board meeting be moved there also.

Trustee Ball made a motion to approve the amended calendar as presented. Trustee Hurst seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

2026 Board of Trustees Directory

The 2026 Board of Trustees Directory was distributed at the meeting. Chair Evans asked that any changes be communicated to Mellanie Toles.

Adjournment

Trustee Hurst made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Trustee Hall seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.