

# Meeting Minutes of the **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



**SOUTHERN STATE**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AUGUST 9, 2023 MEETING

The Southern State Community College Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 347 at Central Campus, located at 100 Hobart Drive in Hillsboro, Ohio.

At 6:04 p.m., Chair Boedeker called the meeting to order. Roll Call was as follows:

**Present:**

Trustee Doug Boedeker, Chair  
Trustee Randy Chandler  
Trustee Rachel Cummings, Vice Chair  
Trustee Dennis Milstead  
Trustee Jeff Newman  
Trustee Tracy O'Hara (via Zoom)  
Trustee Brian Prickett

**Absent:**

23.45

## Consideration of Agenda

The agenda was slightly amended to remove approval of the July 31 Financial Reports, which will be included in the September meeting instead. Trustee Prickett moved and Trustee Cummings seconded that the August 9, 2023 amended meeting agenda be approved. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

**Yes, approval of amended August 9 meeting agenda:**

Trustee Randy Chandler  
Trustee Rachel Cummings, Vice Chair  
Trustee Dennis Milstead  
Trustee Jeff Newman  
Trustee Tracy O'Hara  
Trustee Brian Prickett  
Trustee Doug Boedeker, Chair

23.46

## Consideration of Minutes

Trustee Prickett moved and Trustee Milstead seconded that the Board accept the June 15 minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

### **Yes, approval of June 15 minutes:**

Trustee Rachel Cummings, Vice Chair

Trustee Dennis Milstead

Trustee Jeff Newman

Trustee Tracy O'Hara

Trustee Brian Prickett

Trustee Randy Chandler

Trustee Doug Boedeker, Chair

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## Monitoring Confirmation

### President's Report

President Roades opened her remarks by expressing honor and appreciation for several retired Board members who served the College faithfully, who have recently passed away.

In addition to her written report, she handed out an analysis of key higher education provisions of House Bill 33 – FY 2024-25 Budget Bill, as enacted, and highlighted details of several topics. She also shared that goals for strategic priorities are already being put into motion, including strategies for balancing enrollment and re-aligning some scholarship opportunities. She also updated the Board on the stucco project at the Brown County campus and the impressive progress being made.

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## Financial Reports

Dr. Steven Hinshaw reported that the College ended the fiscal year with an operating surplus for the fifth year in a row. After sharing about SSI true-up details and the decrease in FY24 SSI, he noted that enrollment has increased over 7% from the same time last year.

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Trustee Cummings moved and Trustee O'Hara seconded to approve the August President's Report and the June Financial Reports. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

**Yes, approval of Reports:**

- Trustee Dennis Milstead
- Trustee Jeff Newman
- Trustee Tracy O'Hara
- Trustee Brian Prickett
- Trustee Randy Chandler
- Trustee Rachel Cummings, Vice Chair
- Trustee Doug Boedeker, Chair

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**Patriot Palooza Recap Presentation**

After sharing a recap presentation of the Patriot Palooza events in the month of July, President Roades expressed her gratitude to the Communications Team and other faculty and staff members who were involved in the outreach events. She noted an increase in enrollment of the targeted population (non-CCP students), with a rise in enrollment of 7.3%, comprised of a 9.5% increase in CCP students and 5.9% increase in non-CCP students.

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**Consideration of Tuition Rate Increase**

As a result of House Bill 33 (FY2024-25 Budget Bill), community colleges were permitted to increase tuition (instructional and general fees) up to \$5 per credit hour for both the 2023-24 and 2024-25 academic years. Discussion followed, regarding pros and cons, as well as if an increase for the 2023-24 academic year was passed, the importance of not "back-billing" students for Fall 2023.

Trustee Prickett moved and Trustee O'Hara seconded that the tuition rate increase of \$5 per credit hour for the 2023-2024 academic year, effective Spring 2024, be approved. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

**Yes, approval of tuition increase for 2023-2024 Academic Year:**

- Trustee Jeff Newman
- Trustee Tracy O'Hara
- Trustee Brian Prickett
- Trustee Randy Chandler
- Trustee Rachel Cummings, Vice Chair

Trustee Dennis Milstead  
Trustee Doug Boedeker, Chair

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Trustee Milstead moved and Trustee Newman seconded that the tuition rate increase of \$5 per credit hour for the 2024-2025 academic year, effective Fall 2024, be approved. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

**Yes, approval of tuition increase for 2024-2025 Academic Year:**

Trustee Tracy O'Hara  
Trustee Brian Prickett  
Trustee Randy Chandler  
Trustee Rachel Cummings, Vice Chair  
Trustee Dennis Milstead  
Trustee Jeff Newman  
Trustee Doug Boedeker, Chair

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**Adjournment**

At 6:51 p.m. on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, Trustee Cummings moved and Trustee Chandler seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

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President

  
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Chairman

  
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