

Meeting Minutes of the **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



SOUTHERN STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SSCC's mission is to provide accessible, affordable, and high-quality education to people in southern Ohio.

JANUARY 16, 2025 MEETING

The Southern State Community College Board of Trustees met on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 347 at Central Campus, located at 100 Hobart Drive in Hillsboro, Ohio.

At 5:04 p.m., Chair Cummings called the meeting to order. Roll Call was as follows:

Present:

Trustee Randy Chandler
Trustee Rachel Cummings, Chair
Trustee Karen Daniels
Trustee Denny Kirk
Trustee Dennis Milstead, Vice Chair
Trustee Jeff Newman
Trustee Brian Prickett

Absent:

Trustee Doug Boedeker

25.00

Consideration of Agenda

Dr. Roades proposed that Item VIII (Executive Session) be removed from the agenda, as it was no longer needed. Trustee Prickett moved and Trustee Kirk seconded that the amended January 16, 2025 meeting agenda be approved. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Yes, approval of amended January 16 meeting agenda:

Trustee Randy Chandler
Trustee Karen Daniels
Trustee Denny Kirk
Trustee Dennis Milstead, Vice Chair
Trustee Jeff Newman
Trustee Brian Prickett
Trustee Rachel Cummings, Chair

25.01

Consideration of Minutes

Milstead moved and Trustee Daniels seconded that the Board accept the November 21 meeting minutes. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Yes, approval of November 21 minutes:

Trustee Karen Daniels

Trustee Denny Kirk

Trustee Dennis Milstead, Vice Chair

Trustee Jeff Newman

Trustee Brian Prickett

Trustee Randy Chandler

Trustee Rachel Cummings, Chair

25.02

Monitoring Confirmation

President's Report

President Roades began her remarks with expressing gratitude to the SSCC maintenance team for their phenomenal job in clearing paths and keeping all safe during the snowy and cold weather. She noted a rocky start with Spring enrollment, which could partially be due to the weather. Exciting news followed, regarding a Campus Safety Grant award of over \$427,000, which was the 7th highest amount among Ohio colleges and universities who applied for funds from the \$7.5 million pool.

She shared other details and updates about: the recent Harwood Classic basketball tournament in the Patriot Center, Governor DeWine's efforts to strengthen jobs in the children's services field, appreciation toward Amy McClellan for becoming the main contact with our strategic enrollment consultant, the HVAC tower for Central Campus arriving this month, upcoming architect walk-throughs and interviews for the Computer Science Center of Excellence, and the progress of the Brown County land sale project.

25.03

Financial Reports

In addition to his written November and December reports, Dr. Steven Hinshaw noted that halfway through the fiscal year, revenue and expenses were within 1% of the budget. He expressed some concern about Spring enrollment, but was hopeful it would increase over the next week. He also shared great news about the College receiving an upgrade in Moody's

rating, the highest rating since 2016 and an achievement especially notable in a challenging current higher education environment.

25.04

Trustee Prickett moved and Trustee Chandler seconded to approve the January President's Report and the November and December Financial Reports. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Yes, approval of Reports:

Trustee Denny Kirk

Trustee Dennis Milstead, Vice Chair

Trustee Jeff Newman

Trustee Brian Prickett

Trustee Randy Chandler

Trustee Karen Daniels

Trustee Rachel Cummings, Chair

25.05

Report on OACC Annual Meeting and 2025 Policy Agenda

President Roades and Chair Cummings attended the OACC Governing Board meeting on Clark State's campus on December 11. In addition to the PowerPoint slides and policy agenda included in the Board packets, President Roades offered a summary of the presentations, the OACC's government liaison's informative report, and the policy agenda.

25.06

Review of Strategic Priorities Progress Through December 2024

President Roades provided a high-level overview of the Strategic Planning Progress Monitoring Report through December 2024. She highlighted items such as balancing enrollment, sharing recruiting/retention efforts, modality distributions, 50th anniversary planning, promoting transparency and data through assessment, and financial practices for sustainability.

25.07

Consideration of Approval of President's Annual Evaluation

Chair Cummings commended President Roades for her efforts regarding the Strategic Priorities Progress Report, and recommended to the Board the acceptance of her satisfactory annual

evaluation. Trustee Kirk moved and Trustee Prickett seconded to approve the President's Annual Evaluation as satisfactory. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Yes, approval of President's Annual Evaluation:

Trustee Dennis Milstead, Vice Chair

Trustee Jeff Newman

Trustee Brian Prickett

Trustee Randy Chandler

Trustee Karen Daniels

Trustee Denny Kirk

Trustee Rachel Cummings, Chair

25.08

Adjournment

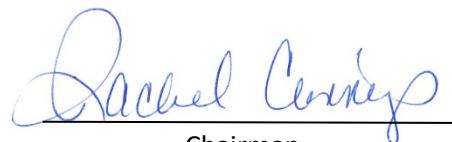
At 5:52 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2025, Trustee Milstead moved and Trustee Chandler seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

25.09

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President



Chairman



Secretary