# Meeting Minutes of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

MARCH 27, 2025 MEETING

SOUTHERN STATE

The Southern State Community College Board of Trustees met on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 347 at Central Campus, located at 100 Hobart Drive in Hillsboro, Ohio.

At 5:02 p.m., Chair Cummings called the meeting to order. Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Absent:

Trustee Doug Boedeker Trustee Randy Chandler

Trustee Rachel Cummings, Chair Trustee Jeff Newman

Trustee Karen Daniels Trustee Denny Kirk

Trustee Dennis Milstead, Vice Chair

Trustee Brian Prickett

25.16

# **Consideration of Agenda**

Trustee Prickett moved and Trustee Milstead seconded that the March 27, 2025 meeting agenda be approved. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

#### Yes, approval of March 27 meeting agenda:

Trustee Karen Daniels

Trustee Denny Kirk

Trustee Dennis Milstead, Vice Chair

Trustee Brian Prickett

Trustee Doug Boedeker

Trustee Rachel Cummings, Chair

25.17

#### **Consideration of Minutes**

Trustee Prickett moved and Trustee Milstead seconded that the Board accept the January 16 meeting and February 19 special meeting minutes. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Yes, approval of January 16 and February 19 minutes: Abstain:

Trustee Denny Kirk Trustee Doug Boedeker
Trustee Dennis Milstead, Vice Chair Trustee Karen Daniels

Trustee Brian Prickett

Trustee Rachel Cummings, Chair

25.18

# **Monitoring Confirmation**

# **President's Report**

President Roades expressed her appreciation to the SSCC maintenance team for the terrific impression they made on behalf of the College with their outstanding customer service surrounding the Highland County Chamber of Commerce's Ag event. She also gave thanks to those involved with helping at Central Campus with the pizza, coffee bar and cookies provided to the nursing students and beyond, as well as the Reds Opening Day festivities at our Brown County Campus.

She noted a busy legislative season on both the federal and state levels. Both are being closely monitored, specifically Senate Bill 1 and House Bill 62 on the state level.

25.19

# **Financial Reports**

In addition to his written January and February reports, Dr. Steven Hinshaw provided a comprehensive update on House Bill 62. He shared details regarding SSCC's student enrollment profile, current rate ranges paid by the K-12 districts, amount of potential loss of revenue from tuition adjustments and textbook cost-sharing. reasons for concern and optimism, and local sponsors of the Bill.

25.20

Trustee Kirk moved and Trustee Milstead seconded to approve the March President's Report and the January and February Financial Reports. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

#### Yes, approval of Reports:

Trustee Dennis Milstead, Vice Chair

Trustee Brian Prickett
Trustee Doug Boedeker
Trustee Karen Daniels
Trustee Denny Kirk
Trustee Rachel Cummings, Chair

25.21

#### Consideration of Insurance Committee Recommendation

Dr. Steven Hinshaw referred to the Insurance Committee's written recommendation, which included staying with Anthem for Medical and ARORx as the Phramacy Benefit Manager. While the written recommendation mentioned a -3.3% renewal rate, he noted an even further decrease to -4.0% since that time. The committee also recommended that dental, vision, life/AD&D and voluntary life remain with their respective carriers.

Trustee Prickett moved and Trustee Daniels seconded to approve the recommendation of the insurance committee. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

# Yes, approval of the insurance committee recommendation:

Trustee Brian Prickett

Trustee Doug Boedeker

Trustee Karen Daniels

Trustee Denny Kirk

Trustee Dennis Milstead, Vice Chair

Trustee Rachel Cummings, Chair

25.22

# **Consideration of Professional Design Services Resolution**

President Roades provided some background information and explanation of details surrounding the proposed resolution. Trustee Daniels moved and Trustee Milstead seconded that the Board accept the resolution as presented:

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Resolution re: Professional Design Services for Information Technology Center of Excellence

WHEREAS, the College used the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) pre-qualified consultant list to procure technical proposals from three firms for design services for the Information Technology Center of Excellence renovation project; and

WHEREAS, The OFCC pre-qualified consultant list is developed via an RFQ process to select a pool of design consultants to provide architectural and engineering services on an as-needed basis; and

WHEREAS, after interviewing three firms, BHDP Architecture was selected;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southern State Community College Board of Trustees hereby approves a professional service contract with BHDP Architecture in the amount of \$168,100.00, which includes basic fee of \$137,600, additional services of \$25,500, including inspections and testing, and reimbursable expenses not to exceed \$5,000 and authorizes President Roades to sign the contract.

# Yes, approval of Professional Design Services Resolution:

Trustee Doug Boedeker

Trustee Karen Daniels

Trustee Denny Kirk

Trustee Dennis Milstead, Vice Chair

Trustee Brian Prickett

Trustee Rachel Cummings, Chair

25.23

Trustee Chandler arrived at 5:51 p.m.

# Consideration of Faculty Emeritus Nomination - Mr. Charles Gorman, Dr. Donald Storer, and Mrs. Becky Storer

Mr. Jeff Tumbleson, Associate Professor of Business and Economics, read the nomination letters on behalf of fellow faculty members, nominating Mr. Charles Gorman, Dr. Donald Storer, and Mrs. Becky Storer for Faculty Emeritus. Trustee Milstead moved and Trustee Kirk seconded to approve Faculty Emeritus for all three nominees. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

#### Yes, approval of Faculty Emeritus Nominations:

Trustee Randy Chandler Trustee Karen Daniels Trustee Denny Kirk Trustee Dennis Milstead, Vice Chair

Trustee Brian Prickett

Trustee Doug Boedeker

Trustee Rachel Cummings, Chair

25.24

# **Consideration of Board Policy Manual**

Trustee Prickett stepped out of the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Trustee Boedeker moved and Trustee Chandler seconded to approve/reaffirm the Board Policy Manual as presented with no changes. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

# Yes, approval/reaffirmation of Board Policy Manual:

Trustee Karen Daniels

Trustee Denny Kirk

Trustee Dennis Milstead, Vice Chair

Trustee Doug Boedeker

Trustee Randy Chandler

Trustee Rachel Cummings, Chair

25.25

Trustee Prickett returned at 6:01 p.m.

# **Overview of Academic Program Demand Survey**

President Roades presented the key findings and recommendations from the academic program demand survey provided by Ruffalo Noel Levitz. The presentation also included demographics of the survey respondents, program and modality preferences, quality attribute analysis, and perception of SSCC.

25.26

# **Executive Session**

At 6:12 p.m., Trustee Kirk moved that the Board enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining. Trustee Milstead seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

# Yes, approval of moving into executive session:

Trustee Denny Kirk

Trustee Dennis Milstead, Vice Chair

Trustee Brian Prickett

Trustee Doug Boedeker

Trustee Randy Chandler

Trustee Karen Daniels

Trustee Rachel Cummings, Chair

25.27

At 6:34 p.m., Trustee Milstead moved and Trustee Prickett seconded that the Board come out of executive session and enter back into regular session.

25.28

# **Adjournment**

At 6:35 p.m. on Thursday, March 27, 2025, Trustee Boedeker moved and Trustee Daniels seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

25.29

NOTE: Copies and/or originals of all documents referenced throughout the minutes are on file (BOARD OF TRUSTEES / March 27, 2025) in the President's office unless otherwise noted.

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Secretary