

Meeting Minutes of the **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



SOUTHERN STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MARCH 26, 2026 MEETING

The Southern State Community College Board of Trustees met on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 347 at the Central Campus, located at 100 Hobart Drive in Hillsboro, Ohio.

At 5:03 p.m., Chair Cummings called the meeting to order. Roll Call was as follows:

Present:

Trustee Doug Boedeker
Trustee Randy Chandler
Trustee Rachel Cummings, Chair
Trustee Karen Daniels, Vice Chair
Trustee Denny Kirk
Trustee Dennis Milstead

Absent:

Trustee Jeff Newman
Trustee Brian Prickett

26.15

Consideration of Agenda

Trustee Kirk moved, and Trustee Daniels seconded that the March 26, 2026, meeting agenda be approved. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Yes, approval of March 26 agenda:

Trustee Randy Chandler
Trustee Karen Daniels, Vice Chair
Trustee Denny Kirk
Trustee Dennis Milstead
Trustee Doug Boedeker
Trustee Rachel Cummings, Chair

26.16

Consideration of Minutes

Trustee Milstead moved, and Trustee Daniels seconded that the Board accept the January 22 meeting minutes. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Yes, approval of January 22 minutes:

Trustee Karen Daniels, Vice Chair

Trustee Denny Kirk

Trustee Dennis Milstead

Trustee Randy Chandler

Trustee Rachel Cummings, Chair

Abstain:

Trustee Doug Boedeker

26.17

Monitoring Confirmation

President's Report

From her written report, President Roades highlighted the work Dana Swackhamer has done, hitting the ground running in her new role as Learning Services and Accessibility Coordinator. She also expressed her gratitude to the maintenance team and others who helped with two large campus events recently, in addition to extending her appreciation to the HLC writing team, who submitted and locked the assurance argument on March 16. President Roades concluded her remarks explaining a few updates for graduation day, including the dinner being replaced with a social hour, as well as offering a social hour to the students, aligning with a more student-focused event.

26.18

Financial Reports

From the January 31 financial report, Dr. Steven Hinshaw shared that with Spring enrollment finalized, and if Summer predictions occur as expected, the budget will fall short, with tuition and SSI accounting for the shortfall. He noted that with reduced spending, things will likely even out. He wanted to be sure to offer clarity on the situation and expressed that there are no cash flow concerns.

26.19

Trustee Daniels moved, and Trustee Milstead seconded to approve the March President's Report and the January 31 financial report. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Yes, approval of Reports:

Trustee Denny Kirk

Trustee Dennis Milstead

Trustee Doug Boedeker

Trustee Randy Chandler

Trustee Karen Daniels, Vice Chair

Trustee Rachel Cummings, Chair

26.20

Consideration of Curricular Committee Approvals

Dr. Pete Hanson highlighted a few items from the November 2025, January 2026, and February 2026 curriculum committee meeting approvals submitted to the Board, including the addition of several short-term certificates. Trustee Boedeker moved, and Trustee Kirk seconded to approve the curricular committee meeting approvals/recommendations. Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Yes, approval of curricular committee recommendations:

Trustee Dennis Milstead
Trustee Doug Boedeker
Trustee Randy Chandler
Trustee Karen Daniels, Vice Chair
Trustee Denny Kirk
Trustee Rachel Cummings, Chair 26.21

Reaffirmation of Board of Trustees Policy Manual

Trustee Milstead moved, and Trustee Daniels 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 Doug Boedeker
Trustee Randy Chandler
Trustee Karen Daniels, Vice Chair
Trustee Denny Kirk
Trustee Dennis Milstead
Trustee Rachel Cummings, Chair 26.22

Presentation of ODHE Transfer Credit Initiatives Compliance Report

President Roades offered some background for the presentation and the process over the years. Dr. Peggy Chalker provided an overview of the transfer credit initiatives compliance report for the College. She explained that the report evaluates the College's compliance rates with its transfer credit initiatives, based on the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network's Fall 2025 review cycle. She shared about the College's adherence to statewide policies designed to ensure seamless transfer pathways for students, including the proper implementation of articulation agreements, Transfer Assurance Guides (TAGs), Ohio Transfer 36, and Career-Technical Assurance Guides (CTAGs), etc. Dr. Chalker noted the fluid process of the submission and review timeline, as well as highlighted ongoing efforts to maintain accuracy in course alignment

and communication with university partners, emphasizing the institution’s commitment to improving transfer efficiency and student success. She answered several questions from Board members, offering examples to clarify and explain.

26.23

Presentation of Higher Learning Commission Reaffirmation Visit Preparation

President Roades shared a presentation given by Dr. Erika Goodwin to the SSCC faculty and staff on March 6 as part of the Deep Data Dive Series, titled “Highlights of the HLC Comprehensive Assurance Report.” The presentation covered the full review and process, including highlights and four criterion of the assurance argument, the federal compliance report, the student opinion survey, and the campus visit by a review team. She concluded with some advice and suggestions for the Board’s meeting with the panel on April 13.

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Adjournment

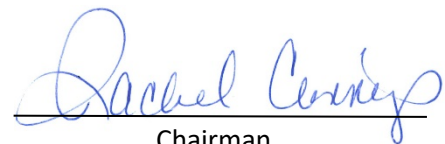
At 6:16 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2026, Trustee Milstead moved, and Trustee Boedeker seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

26.25

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President



Chairman



Secretary