



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

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**DATE:** Thursday, November 18, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Glasscock Family Ballroom, Student Center.

**PRESENT:** Chair David M. Reynolds, Trustees Thomas W. Adler, Timothy J. Cosgrove, Stephen F. Kirk, Lisa K. Kunkle, Alan G. Starkoff, and Vanessa L. Whiting; Community Trustee and CSU Foundation Chair Thomas E. Hopkins; Student Trustees Arlindo Ahmetaj and Brittany N. Sommers; Faculty Trustee Dr. Adam Sonstegard; President Harlan M. Sands; and General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Sonali B. Wilson.

Others in attendance: Provost and Chief Academic Officer Dr. Laura Bloomberg; Sr. Vice President of Business Affairs and Chief Financial Officer David Jewell; Vice President of Administration and Chief of Staff, Jeanell N. Hughes; Vice President and Dean of Enrollment Management Jonathan Wehner; Vice President of Advancement Dr. Julie Rehm; and Heather A. Link, Assistant Board Secretary.

Chair Reynolds called the meeting to order at 8:13 a.m. and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

He asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2021 meeting and the minutes from the October 27, 2021 Special Board meeting. Trustee Adler moved the approval, and Trustee Whiting seconded the motion; the minutes were approved by voice vote.

Chair Reynolds reminded trustees to complete their annual ethics training by the end of December if they haven't already done so, and instructed them to contact the Board office for more information if needed.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Sands called attention to the handout, "CSU Engaged: Accomplishments and Points of Pride," that highlights recent student and faculty research, grants, and recognitions;

Trustees will receive updated information and are encouraged



Committee Chair Kunkle reported that the Committee received a financial update from Senior Vice President and C.F.O. David Jewell, and discussed the Committee structure and bylaws

### **REPORT OF THE CSU FOUNDATION**

CSU Foundation Chair Hopkins reported that planning for the Radiance fundraising event is underway, though some details are still being finalized. CSU Foundation members Karen White and Richard Janus have volunteered to chair the fundraising committee, including a focus on “last-mile” scholarships for full-time upper-level students who may need assistance to finish their last semesters before graduation.

Vice President of Advancement Rehm reported that fundraising efforts are on track to meet the \$15 million goal for this fiscal year; \$3.487 million has been raised to date. She noted that corporate gifts continue to increase this year, and that if trustees have ideas for new corporate or individual sponsors to Radiance, they should contact the Advancement office or Board Member Hopkins.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chair Reynolds stated that routine matters, or those recommended by committees and discussed previously, are considered on the Consent Agenda. He asked if there were any items that Board members wished to discuss; there were none.

Trustee Whiting moved, and Trustee Kirk seconded, the motion to approve the following consent agenda items: New Degree Program - Bachelor of Science in Data Science; New Major in Existing Degree Program Bachelor of Business - Property Management; New Degree Program - Master of Science in Health Care Management\*; Acceptance of FY21 Audit Report; Authorization to Executive Contract with an Electricity Supplier; Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws of the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees; and Accepting Gifts and Pledges, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, FY22. The following resolutions were passed by voice vote as part of the consent agenda.

### **RESOLUTION 2021-47**

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DATA SCIENCE DEGREE**

**WHEREAS**, the Washkewicz College of Engineering has proposed to offer the Bachelor of Science in Data Science degree, starting in Fall 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the curriculum includes existing Engineering Science, Mathematics, Science, and Statistics courses along with 6 new data science courses; and



therefore developed a degree that has depth of knowledge in one area: health care management; and

**WHEREAS**, the curriculum includes a new 30-credit hour fully online MS in Health Care Management.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Master of Science in Health Care Management program is designed to provide graduate education for individuals interested in preparing for or furthering their careers in the management of health care delivery entities, such as integrated systems, hospitals, and managed care organizations, and the program also provides training that leads to careers in consulting, health planning, policy analysis, and long-term care administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal suggests that no new resources will be required to begin offering the degree, however, the overall plan does specifically depend on receiving new faculty in Years 2 and 4; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed degree program has been reviewed and approved by all appropriate faculty entities and academic administrators, including approval by the Faculty Senate at its meeting of March 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee reviewed the new Master of Science in Health Care Management degree at its last committee meetings and recommends full Board approval:

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves and accepts the audit reports mentioned above.

**RESOLUTION 2021-51**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH AN ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER**

**WHEREAS**, the University's electric purchasing agreement with MP2 Energy expires on April 29, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the University recognizes the volatility of the energy market; and

**WHEREAS**, the University will purchase a portion of electric supply from renewable energy sources; and

**WHEREAS**, to get the most favorable price, the electricity market requires a quick response to a bid submitted in response to the University's RFP for a Competitive Retail Electricity Service supply offer; and

**WHEREAS**, the Financial Affairs Committee of the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves and recommends to the full board for approval that the University Administration enters into an electricity supply contract for a duration of between one and three years through an RFP process, with costs not to exceed \$0.051 per kWh for the generation, transmission losses and ancillary charge portion of the Competitive Retail Electricity Service supply cost:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves the University Administration entering into an electricity supply contract for a duration of between one and three years through an RFP process, as noted above; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this contract will be subject to approval by the CSU Office of General Counsel.

**RESOLUTION 2021-52**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS OF THE  
CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**WHEREAS**, recently enacted legislation in Revised Code 3345.82 allows for electronic attendance at Board of Trustees' meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Revised Code 3345.82, individual Board of Trustees may establish a policy that allows trustees to attend a meeting of the board of trustees via means of electronic communication; and



**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendments to the bylaws comport with the provisions in Revised Code 3345.82 regarding electronic attendance by trustees; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendments are currently posted on the University's website for a 30-day comment period as required by the Board's rulemaking policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the General Counsel and Board Secretary has reviewed and recommends the proposed revisions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governance Committee reviewed the proposed changes at its last committee meeting and recommends full Board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the amendments to the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees; and further instructs the University Administration to file the amended bylaws with the Ohio Legislative Services Commission after the thirty-day comment period at which time said Bylaws shall become final, subject to any changes or revisions deemed necessary by the General Counsel.

**RESOLRS**



Respectfully submitted,

**APPROVED ON JANUARY 18, 2022**

Sonali B. Wilson  
General Counsel and  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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David M. Reynolds  
Chair, Board of Trustees