



## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

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- DATE:** Thursday, March 21, 2024; 8:00 a.m.
- PLACE:** Hybrid Meeting— The Wolstein Center, Gerald H. Gordon Conference Pavilion, West Wing and via Zoom; livestreamed for public view.
- PRESENT:** Board Chair David M. Reynolds; Trustees Nikki C. Byrd; Timothy J. Cosgrove, Patricia DePompei, Paul J. Dolan, Lisa K. Kunkle, P. Kelly Tompkins, and Vanessa L. Whiting; Student Trustees Akshat Shah and Jake Wrege; Faculty Representatives Dr. Judy Ausherman and Dr. Anup Kumar; Ex Officio Trustee Karen A. White; President Laura Bloomberg; and Secretary to the Board of Trustees, General Counsel and Vice President, Legal Affairs and Compliance Sonali B. Wilson.
- Others in attendance: Provost and Sr. Vice President of Academic Affairs Nigamanth Sridhar; Sr. Vice President of Business Affairs and Chief Financial Officer David Jewell; Vice President and Dean of Enrollment Management Jonathan Wehner; Vice President, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer, Roy Gifford; Vice President of Advancement Julie Rehm; Executive Director, Government Affairs, and Special Assistant to the President, Caryn Candisky; Chief of Staff Patricia L. Franklin; and Assistant Board Secretary Heather A. Link.

Following a breakfast reception that included faculty and librarians who were recommended for promotion and/or tenure, Chair Reynolds called the meeting to order at 8:14 a.m., confirmed that a quorum was present, and noted that the meeting was being livestreamed for public viewing.

Calling for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2024 meeting, Trustee Cosgrove provided the motion, which was seconded by Trustee Byrd. Board Secretary Wilson called the roll and the minutes were approved.

Chair Reynolds announced that the agenda was being modified and that the Faculty Promotion and Tenure and Librarian Promotion recommendations would be acted on while members of the faculty were in attendance.

Trustee Cosgrove moved the approval of the Faculty Promotion and Tenure recommendation item, with a recognition of the faculty members' efforts to serve the students of Cleveland State. Trustee Tompkins seconded the motion. The Board Secretary called the roll and the motion was approved.

Trustee Cosgrove brought forth the Librarian Promotion recommendation and Trustee Whiting seconded the motion. Board Secretary Wilson called the roll and the resolution was approved.

Board members applauded the candidates and President Bloomberg stated that she is proud of the scholarship being done at the University and that the dossiers of the candidates were impressive.

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-11**

##### **PROMOTION AND TENURE RECOMMENDATIONS AY2024 - 2025**

**WHEREAS**, the individuals in the attached exhibit have been reviewed by the appropriate Department and College committees, the Chairperson, the Dean, the University Peer Review Committee (where appropriate), the Provost and the President; and

**WHEREAS**, they have fulfilled the requirements for promotion and the award of tenure as set forth in Article 12 of the Agreement between Cleveland State University and the CSU Chapter of the American Association of University Professors, or in the case of the College of Law faculty, of Rule 3344-11-03 of the CSU Faculty Personnel Policies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee of the Board of Trustees has reviewed the promotion and tenure recommendations as submitted by the University Administration and recommends full board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves the promotions to the rank of Professor, promotions to the rank of Clinical Professor with tenure and promotions to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure effective at the beginning of the 2024-2024 academic year for those individuals as recommended.

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-12**

##### **PROMOTION OF LIBRARIANS RECOMMENDATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the individuals in the attached exhibit have been reviewed by the appropriate Personnel Action Committee for Promotion of the Michael Schwartz Library, the Director of the Michael Schwartz Library, the Provost and the President; and

**WHEREAS**, they have fulfilled the requirements for promotion as set forth in Section 3344-62-03 (4) of the Librarians' Personnel Policies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee of the Board of Trustees has reviewed the librarian promotion recommendations as submitted by the University Administration and recommends full board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves the promotion to the rank of Librarian, effective July 1, 2024, for those individuals as recommended.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Chair Reynolds reported that voting members have a deadline of May 15 to submit their annual financial disclosure statements; the board office will send reminders and is available to address any questions.

He reported that the Executive Committee of the Board met five times since the January meeting and that no actions were taken (February 2, 15, 23, 28 and March 18, 2024).

Chair Reynolds then thanked Student Trustee Jake Wrege for his service on the Board. He noted that Trustee Wrege added value to the Board and was diligent in his service and that his term will end on May 1.

Trustee DePompei moved the recognition of his service; and Trustee Whiting seconded the motion. The Board Secretary called the roll and the following resolution was approved with applause. Student Trustee Wrege thanked members for his incredible experience, and noted that the service opportunity was both a privilege and an honor.

### **RESOLUTION 2024-13**

#### **RECOGNITION OF STUDENT TRUSTEE JAKE WREGE**

**WHEREAS**, Jake Wrege was appointed by Governor Mike DeWine, as a student trustee on June 17, 2022 for a two-year term ending May 1, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, Jake is currently a second-year environmental law student at the College of Law, and has earned two bachelor's degrees from Cleveland State in Environmental Science and

Political Science, including a minor in Environmental Studies, from the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel Honors College in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Wrege has been an active and engaged student at the University, serving on the Student Government Association representing students living on campus, working with CSU admissions as an orientation leader, serving as CSU's mascot Magnus at athletic and other campus events, contributing as a writer for the student newspapers *The Cauldron* and *The Gavel*, and co-founding the organization Students for a Cleaner Cleveland; and

**WHEREAS**, Jake has taken his role as student trustee earnestly and seriously throughout his assignments on the Academic Affairs and Student Success, Financial Affairs, and Athletics Committees, and has provided Board members with valuable insights, perspectives, and facets of the Cleveland State student experience:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees acknowledges with genuine appreciation the dedicated and impressive service of Jake Wrege to Cleveland State University and the Board of Trustees and invites him to keep in touch as he continues in his pursuits to "Learn Law and Live Justice."

### **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

President Bloomberg expressed gratitude for the service of Jonathan Wehner, Vice President and Dean of Admissions Enrollment Management & Student Success, who announced his departure from the University to pursue other interests. A national search for his replacement has begun and Assistant Vice President, Enrollment Services, Janet Stimple will serve as the interim during the process.

President Bloomberg highlighted the Vikings basketball programs. Men's basketball Head Coach Daniyal Robinson, and women's basketball Head Coach Chris Kielsmeyer, provided comments about their experiences with the student athletes as competitors on the court, scholars in the classroom, and leaders within the community.

The President noted that the spring months are busy and this year includes an ancillary event with the NCAA Women's basketball tournament (All-Star Game on April 6), as well as the solar eclipse (April 8), CSU's Symphony Orchestra (April 26), the Radiance scholarship fundraiser (May 8), and the culminating celebrations of spring commencement events (May 10, 11, and 19).

### **REPORT FROM STUDENT TRUSTEES**

Trustee Shah thanked Jake Wrege, for his mentorship as a fellow Student Trustee.

Trustee Wrege reported that students have concerns regarding the proposed inclusive access textbook program at Cleveland State, and that student's trust that the University will review the proposal with due diligence and include student input when making their decision.

### **REPORT FROM FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES**

In light of the University's organizational resiliency and financial stability efforts, Faculty Representative Ausherman commented on the cost of faculty and staff health care and asked that the University look into ways to lower the costs and conduct an audit of health care coverage at the University while providing the best coverage possible.

Faculty Representative Kumar reported on recent anecdotal discussions among his peers and students around the inclusive textbook access proposal, noting that there are concerns. He also reported on the new core curriculum class proposals which are working their way through the college approval processes.

In closing, Dr. Kumar asked that more transparent communication be provided across campus regarding the implementation of any EY Parthenon recommendations, and that the timing of any changes - especially if they happen in the summer - be communicated in a timely manner.

### **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### **Report of the March 14, 2024 Meeting**

Committee Chair Cosgrove reported that the Committee received an update from Provost Sridhar, which included updates on new integrated and other degree programs, Viking Teach Week, and the recommendations for promotion and tenure of faculty and librarians. The Committee approved all resolutions that came forward, and they are included in the Consent Agenda for full Board approval.

The Committee also met in Executive Session, Chairman Cosgrove noted.

## **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE UPDATE**

### **Report of the March 14, 2024 Meeting**

Trustee Tompkins reported for the Committee, noting that members received a financial update from CFO Jewell, as well as the FY 2025 preliminary budget, Cleveland State's Senate Bill 6 ratio, and top purchase orders currently in the University's system.

The Committee also received an enrollment update from VP Wehner for Fall 2024 and received information on the impacts of the new FAFSA rollout on Cleveland State and higher education institutions in general.

CSU Police Chief Pettrey addressed the Committee on campus safety, including discussions on policing on campus and working with the greater community to prepare for the upcoming solar eclipse.

Trustee Tompkins reported that the Committee reviewed three items for action and that they are included on the consent agenda for full board approval.

## **REAL ESTATE & FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE**

### **Report of the March 6, 2024 Meeting**

Committee Chair Tompkins reported that the Subcommittee met to hear key updates on the proposed redevelopment of Rhodes Tower, including timelines and funding opportunities. The Tower, having been recently designated as a historic landmark, is eligible under state and federal programs to leverage tax credits for the rehabilitation of the building. However, in Ohio, government entities are not eligible to apply under the Ohio Program, whereas lessees of historically designated building undertaking rehabilitation projects are eligible to apply for the program.

The updates, provided by CFO Jewell, led to an approval to authorize and enter into a qualified lease for Rhodes Tower with the Euclid Avenue Development Corporation, which is included today for full Board approval.

The roof replacement for the Music and Communication Building was also discussed and the Committee approved an authorization to execute the contract for construction services, the resolution is included on the consent agenda for full board approval.

Chair Tompkins concluded his report noting that the Subcommittee met in executive session to discuss real estate matters, including the purchase of real property.

## **REPORT OF THE CSU FOUNDATION**

Chair White reported that the Foundation Board of Directors met in the preceding week, and thanked Trustee Tompkins and President Bloomberg for their participation. During the meeting, the Foundation elected two new members (Amy Kaplan and Ann Frangos) and were given a tour of the labs housed in the Washkewicz College of Engineering.

She reported that three members attended the AGB conference on foundation governance, and that Foundation member and alumna Sarah Flannery was recognized by *Crain's Cleveland Business* as a notable woman of law.

VP Rehm updated members on fundraising progress to date for FY 2024, and reminded members that the Foundation received a large and unexpected bequest that would exceed the yearly goal. Even without that gift, she noted feeling confident that the \$22 million goal would be reached.

The University's Giving Day totals were presented (\$820 thousand), an increase of 25% from 2023 in total amount raised and number of donors (3,242). VP Rehm also highlighted recent gifts from the Nexus Engineering Group (\$625,000) and the Cleveland Foundation (\$400,000).

Both Chair White and VP Rehm closed their reports by encouraging all members of the Board to participate in the May 8<sup>th</sup> Radiance fundraising event honoring Marjorie Shorrock. They encouraged members to financially participate and join the celebration in person, suggesting that they bring along a colleague who may not be familiar with all of the good work being accomplished at Cleveland State University.

## **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 or remove; there were none.

Trustee Tompkins moved, and Trustee Byrd seconded, the motion to approve the following consent agenda items: Authorization to Enter into a Qualified Lease for Rhodes Tower with the Euclid Avenue Development Corporation; Authorization to Execute the Contract for Construction Services for the Music and Communications Building Roof Replacement Project; Renewal of Mutual Aid Agreement with State Universities; Approval of Hospitality Services Rates; Approval of FY24 Carnegie Marketing, Advertising Media, Production and Related Services; New Integrated Degree Programs: Computer Science + Design, Computer Science + Mathematics,

Computer Science + Physics, Design + Psychology, Engineering Technology + Technical Selling, English + Computer Science, Mechanical Engineering + Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering + Physics, Music + Computer Science, Psychology + Criminology; New Bachelor of Science Degree - Information Systems; New Bachelor of Science Degree - Construction Management; and the New Bachelor of Arts Degree – Theatre and Dance.

A roll call vote was taken by the Board Secretary; the consent agenda was approved.

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-14**

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A QUALIFIED LEASE FOR RHODES TOWER WITH THE EUCLID AVENUE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

**WHEREAS**, a key component of CSU 2.0 is to increase the University’s residential student community to 3,000 student residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the University’s 2022 Master Plan proposed making certain renovations to Rhodes Tower primarily for residential and student life uses; and

**WHEREAS**, the University is proposing to convert thirteen floors of academic office space in Rhodes Tower to residential areas for student housing, renovate approximately 30,000 square feet of space on the lower levels of the tower for uses related to the residential experience, and construct an exterior stairwell to provide direct access from Rhodes Tower to Chester Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, Rhodes Tower has been designated as a historic landmark under the National Register of Historic Places; and

**WHEREAS**, a qualified lessee subject to a lease agreement for a historically designated building is eligible to apply to the Ohio Historic Tax Preservation Tax Credit program to leverage tax credits for the rehabilitation of the building; and

**WHEREAS**, the University desires to lease Rhodes Tower to the Euclid Avenue Development Corporation (EADC) so that EADC can apply for federal and state historic tax credits to cover eligible project costs; and

**WHEREAS**, delivery of the property to EADC under the lease is conditioned upon EADC securing federal and state historic tax credits that, in the University’s opinion, are sufficient to make the proposed Rhodes Tower rehabilitation project financially viable; and

**WHEREAS**, the Real Estate and Facilities Subcommittee has reviewed this matter and recommends full board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Cleveland State University Board of Trustees authorizes the Sr. Vice President of Business Affairs and Finance to execute a lease for Rhodes Tower with the Euclid Avenue Development Corporation, in substantially the form attached hereto



with such further changes, if any, as may be necessary to complete the proposed lease, and as are approved by University Legal Counsel as not being adverse to the University.

**RESOLUTION 2024-15**

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE MUSIC AND COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, on November 4, 2021, the University submitted a request for a State Capital Bill appropriation of \$16,592,597 for the FY23-24 biennium; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 15, 2022, the State signed into law H.B. 687 which allocated \$16,592,597 to Cleveland State University; and

**WHEREAS**, \$3,700,000 of the appropriation was designated for the design, construction, furnishing and equipping of the Music and Communications Building Roof Replacement Project to be locally administered on the University's campus; and

**WHEREAS**, the construction contract for this project will be ready for execution in March 2024 and will exceed \$1,000,000; and

**WHEREAS**, under existing Board policy, construction and consultant contracts in excess of \$1,000,000 require prior approval of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Real Estate and Facilities Subcommittee has reviewed this matter and recommends full board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves the delegation of authority to the University's Administration to enter into a contract with the lowest, responsive, responsible contractor for Music and Communications Building Roof Replacement in an amount not to exceed \$3,400,000.

**RESOLUTION 2024-16**

**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT AMONG PARTICIPATING OHIO UNIVERSITIES**

**WHEREAS**, state universities in Ohio are statutorily authorized to maintain police departments pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3345.04; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3345.041, state universities in Ohio may enter into one or more mutual aid agreements with other state universities in Ohio to provide mutual assistance, and interchange and use of their respective police resources, including

personnel and equipment in situations where a department needs and requests the assistance of the other; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of the current Mutual Aid Agreement terminates on April 30, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the University administration desires to enter into a new four-year Mutual Aid Agreement with participating Ohio universities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Financial Affairs Committee has reviewed the mutual aid agreement as submitted by the University Administration and recommends full board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees authorizes the Sr. Vice President of Business Affairs and Finance to execute a Mutual Aid Agreement with participating Ohio universities, in substantially the form attached hereto with such further changes, if any, as may be necessary to complete the proposed Mutual Aid Agreement, and as approved by University Legal Counsel as not being adverse to the University.

**RESOLUTION 2024-17**

**APPROVAL OF HOSPITALITY SERVICES RATES: MEAL PLANS AND HOUSING**

**WHEREAS**, the Financial Affairs Committee has reviewed the proposed hospitality services rates as submitted by the University Administration and recommends full board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves the proposed fees per semester in FY 2025 for residential and community meal plans as specified below, to be effective beginning Fall term 2024; and

| Residential Students Eligibility by Class Year | Product Name             | FY25 Proposed Purchase Price | Viking Marketplace Access | Dining Dollars-Retail | FY24 Product Offered | FY24 Purchase Price |
|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors      | Green & White All-Access | \$2,452                      | Unlimited swipes          | \$400                 | All Access           | \$2,380             |
| Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors      | Weekly 14                | \$1,911                      | Unlimited swipes          | \$150                 | Weekly 14            | \$1,855             |
| Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors                | Block 135 + \$250        | \$1,384                      | 135 swipes per semester   | \$250                 | N/A                  | N/A                 |

|                                 |          |         |                       |       |             |         |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------|-----------------------|-------|-------------|---------|
|                                 |          |         |                       |       |             |         |
| Sophomores,<br>Juniors, Seniors | Weekly 5 | \$1,185 | 5 swipes per<br>week. | \$500 | Weekly<br>5 | \$1,150 |

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves the proposed fees per semester in FY 2025 for residential housing room rates as specified below, to be effective beginning Fall term 2024.

| Residential Students Eligibility by Class Year  | Product Name      | Room Type          | FY25 Proposed Room Rate | FY24 Room Rates |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Freshmen  | Fenn Tower        | Double             | \$4,130                 | \$4,049.5       |
| Freshmen  | Fenn Tower        | Quad               | \$4,768                 | \$4,674         |
|   |                   |                    |                         |                 |
| Freshmen,<br>Sophomores, Juniors<br>and Seniors | Euclid<br>Commons | Private<br>Bedroom | \$5,100                 | \$5,000         |
| Freshmen,<br>Sophomores, Juniors<br>and Seniors | Euclid<br>Commons | Shared<br>Bedroom  | \$4,850                 | \$4,755         |
|   |                   |                    |                         |                 |
| Sophomores, Juniors<br>and Seniors              | The<br>Langston   | Studio             | \$6,513                 | \$6,385         |
| Sophomores, Juniors<br>and Seniors              | The<br>Langston   | 1 Bedroom          | \$7,548                 | \$7,400         |
| Sophomores, Juniors<br>and Seniors              | The<br>Langston   | 2 Bedroom          | \$5,610                 | \$5,500         |

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|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors | The Langston | 3 Bedroom | \$5,483 | \$5,375 |
| Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors | The Langston | 4 Bedroom | \$5,355 | \$5,250 |
| Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors | The Edge     | Studio    | \$7,191 | \$7,050 |
| Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors | The Edge     | 1 Bedroom | \$9,017 | \$8,840 |
| Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors | The Edge     | 2 Bedroom | \$5,610 | \$5,500 |
| Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors | The Edge     | 4 Bedroom | \$5,355 | \$5,250 |

**RESOLUTION 2024-18**

**APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2024 CARNEGIE MARKETING, ADVERTISING MEDIA, PRODUCTION AND RELATED SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the University is involved in paid marketing and advertising campaigns to promote student recruitment, retention, and institutional image; and

**WHEREAS**, Carnegie is our current enrollment agency partner for undergraduate and graduate programs and the total current spend for those enrollment marketing activities is \$990,688; and

**WHEREAS**, the Graduate Program has a proposal to request additional services from Carnegie to assist in additional enrollment marketing activities which would bring the total spend with Carnegie above \$1M, which requires board approval; and

**WHEREAS**, the University administration requests Fiscal Year 2024 funding of \$1,381,595 for the purchase of media and related expenses for student recruitment purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Financial Affairs Committee has reviewed the matter as submitted by the University Administration and recommends full board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees authorizes purchase orders totaling \$1,381,595 for advertising purchases for FY 2024.

**RESOLUTION 2024-19**

**APPROVAL OF NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND DESIGN**

**WHEREAS**, the Washkewicz College of Engineering and the College of Arts and Sciences have proposed to offer the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Design; and

**WHEREAS**, if students have experience in both computer science and design, they will be better able to learn new sets of knowledge and will develop a wider range of skills; and

**WHEREAS**, the BS in Computer Science and Design degree offers skills in both computer science and design, and graduates with cross-disciplinary educational backgrounds are becoming more valuable to employers in computer science and design; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a demonstrated need for such a program in Northeast Ohio; 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 on February 28, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee has reviewed the proposed new integrated degree program as submitted by the University Administration and recommends full board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves the new Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Design Degree to be housed in the Washkewicz College of Engineering.

**RESOLUTION 2024-20**

**APPROVAL OF NEW INTEGRATED DEGREE PROGRAM BACHELOR OF  
SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS/STATISTICS**

**WHEREAS**, the College of Arts and Sciences and the Washkewicz College of Engineering have proposed to offer the Bachelor of Science Mathematics/Statistics and Computer Science; and

**WHEREAS**, if students have experience in both mathematics/statistics and computer science, they will be better able to learn new sets of knowledge and will develop a wider range of skills; and

**WHEREAS**, the BS in Mathematics/Statistics and Computer Science degree offers skills in both mathematics/statistics and computer science, and graduates with cross-disciplinary educational backgrounds are becoming more valuable to employers; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a demonstrated need for such a program in Northeast Ohio; 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 on February 28, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee has reviewed the proposed new integrated degree program as submitted by the University Administration and recommends full board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves the new Bachelor of Science in Mathematics/Statistics and Computer Science to be housed in the College of Arts and Sciences.

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-21**

#### **APPROVAL OF NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND PHYSICS**

**WHEREAS**, the Washkewicz College of Engineering and the College of Arts and Sciences have proposed to offer the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Physics; and

**WHEREAS**, if students have experience in both computer science and physics, they will be better able to learn new sets of knowledge and will develop a wider range of skills; and

**WHEREAS**, the BS in Computer Science and Physics degree offers skills in both computer science and physics, and graduates with cross-disciplinary educational backgrounds are becoming more valuable to employers in computer science and physics; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a demonstrated need for such a program in Northeast Ohio; 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 on February 28, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee has reviewed the proposed new integrated degree program as submitted by the University Administration and recommends full board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves the new Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Physics Degree to be housed in the Washkewicz College of Engineering.

**RESOLUTION 2024-22**

**APPROVAL OF NEW BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY AND DESIGN**

**WHEREAS**, the College of Arts and Sciences have proposed to offer the Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Design; and

**WHEREAS**, if students have experience in both psychology and design, they will be better able to learn new sets of knowledge and will develop a wider range of skills; and

**WHEREAS**, the BA in Psychology and Design degree offers skills in both psychology and design, graduates with cross-disciplinary educational backgrounds are becoming more valuable to employers; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a demonstrated need for such a program in Northeast Ohio; 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 on February 28, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee has reviewed the proposed new integrated degree program as submitted by the University Administration and recommends full board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves the new Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Design Degree to be housed in the College of Arts and Sciences.

**RESOLUTION 2024-23**

**APPROVAL OF NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
IN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY AND TECHNICAL SELLING**

**WHEREAS**, the Washkewicz College of Engineering and the Monte Ahuja College of Business have proposed to offer the Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology and Technical Selling; and

**WHEREAS**, if students have experience in both engineering technology and technical selling, they will be better able to learn new sets of knowledge and will develop a wider range of skills; and

**WHEREAS**, the BS in Engineering Technology and Technical Selling degree offers skills in both engineering and sales, and graduates with cross-disciplinary educational backgrounds are becoming more valuable to employers in engineering and business; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a demonstrated need for such a program in Northeast Ohio; 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 on February 28, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee has reviewed the proposed new integrated degree program as submitted by the University Administration and recommends full board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves the new Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology and Technical Selling Degree to be housed in the Washkewicz College of Engineering.

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-24**

##### **APPROVAL OF NEW BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENGLISH AND COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Washkewicz College of Engineering and the College of Arts and Sciences have proposed to offer the Bachelor of Arts in English and Computer Science; and

**WHEREAS**, if students have experience in both English and Computer Science, they will be better able to learn new sets of knowledge and will develop a wider range of skills; and

**WHEREAS**, the BA in English and Computer Science degree offers skills in both computer science and English, and graduates with cross-disciplinary educational backgrounds are becoming more valuable to employers in computer science and English; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a demonstrated need for such a program in Northeast Ohio; 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 on February 28, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee has reviewed the proposed new integrated degree program as submitted by the University Administration and recommends full board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves the new Bachelor of Arts in English and Computer Science Degree to be housed in the College of Arts and Sciences.

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-25**



**APPROVAL OF NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING  
AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING**

**WHEREAS**, the Washkewicz College of Engineering has proposed to offer the Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering; and

**WHEREAS**, if students have experience in both mechanical engineering and electrical engineering, they will be better able to learn new sets of knowledge and will develop a wider range of skills; and

**WHEREAS**, the BS in Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering degree offers skills in both mechanical engineering and electrical engineering, and graduates with cross-disciplinary educational backgrounds are becoming more valuable to employers; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a demonstrated need for such a program in Northeast Ohio; 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 on February 28, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee has reviewed the proposed new integrated degree program as submitted by the University Administration and recommends full board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves the new Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering Degree to be housed in the Washkewicz College of Engineering.

**RESOLUTION 2024-26**

**APPROVAL OF NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING  
AND PHYSICS**

**WHEREAS**, the College of Arts and Sciences and the Washkewicz College of Engineering have proposed to offer the Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering and Physics; and

**WHEREAS**, if students have experience in both mechanical engineering and physics, they will be better able to learn new sets of knowledge and will develop a wider range of skills; and

**WHEREAS**, the BS in Mechanical Engineering and Physics degree offers skills in both mechanical engineering and physics, and graduates with cross-disciplinary educational backgrounds are becoming more valuable to employers; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a demonstrated need for such a program in Northeast Ohio; 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 on February 28, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee has reviewed the proposed new integrated degree program as submitted by the University Administration and recommends full board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves the new Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and Physics Degree to be housed in the College of Arts and Sciences.

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-27**

##### **APPROVAL OF NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND MUSIC**

**WHEREAS**, the Washkewicz College of Engineering and the College of Arts and Sciences have proposed to offer the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Music; and

**WHEREAS**, if students have experience in the integration of computer science and music, they will be better able to learn new sets of knowledge and will develop a wider range of skills; and

**WHEREAS**, the BS in Computer Science and Music degree offers an integration of computer science and music skills, and graduates with cross-disciplinary educational backgrounds are becoming more valuable to employers in both the computer science and music fields; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a demonstrated need for such a program in Northeast Ohio; 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 on February 28, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee has reviewed the proposed new integrated degree program as submitted by the University Administration and recommends full board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves the new Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Music Degree to be housed in the Washkewicz College of Engineering.

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-28**

##### **APPROVAL OF NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY**

**WHEREAS**, the College of Arts and Sciences have proposed to offer the Bachelor of Science Psychology and Criminology; and

**WHEREAS**, if students have experience in both psychology and criminology, they will be better able to learn new sets of knowledge and will develop a wider range of skills; and

**WHEREAS**, the BS in Psychology and Criminology degree offers skills in both psychology and criminology, and graduates with cross-disciplinary educational backgrounds are becoming more valuable to employers; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a demonstrated need for such a program in Northeast Ohio; 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 on February 28, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee has reviewed the proposed new integrated degree program as submitted by the University Administration and recommends full board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves the new Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Criminology Degree to be housed in the College of Arts and Sciences.

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-29**

##### **APPROVAL OF NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

**WHEREAS**, the Monte Ahuja College of Business has proposed to offer the Bachelor of Science in Information Systems; and

**WHEREAS**, Information Systems (IS) is an academic discipline focused on the systems used to collect, organize, store, and process information; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bachelor of Science in Information Systems degree offers skills in the ability to solve business problems using information technology, critical thinking, communication skills, project management, technology management, computer programming, and databases are valuable to employers; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a demonstrated need for such a program in Northeast Ohio; 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 on February 28, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee has reviewed the proposed new degree program as submitted by the University Administration and recommends full board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves the new Bachelor of Science in Information Systems to be housed in the Monte Ahuja College of Business.

### **RESOLUTION 2024-30**

#### **APPROVAL OF NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Washkewicz College of College of Engineering has proposed to offer the Bachelor of Science in Construction Management; and

**WHEREAS**, if students have experience in the integration and design of construction fields, they will be better able to learn new sets of knowledge and will develop a wider range of skills; and

**WHEREAS**, the BS in Construction Management degree offers an integration of design and construction fields such as design/build, construction manager-at-risk, integrated project delivery and public-private partnerships, and graduates with cross-disciplinary educational backgrounds are becoming more valuable to employers in both the design and construction fields; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a demonstrated need for such a program in Northeast Ohio; 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 on January 31, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee has reviewed the proposed new degree program as submitted by the University Administration and recommends full board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves the new Bachelor of Science in Construction Management Degree to be housed in the Washkewicz College of Engineering.

### **RESOLUTION 2024-31**

#### **APPROVAL OF NEW BACHELOR OF ARTS IN THEATRE AND DANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the College of Arts and Sciences has proposed to offer the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and Dance; and

**WHEREAS**, if students have experience in the integration in theatre and dance, they will have a more-well rounded education; and

**WHEREAS**, the BA in Theatre and Dance will provide students with more training in the technical, social and economic aspects of arts management, while students continue to receive training in dance, acting, direction and design/technical components; and

**WHEREAS**, students with cross-disciplinary and integrated learning will be more valuable to employers in the arts field; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a demonstrated need for such a program in Northeast Ohio; 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 on January 31, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee has reviewed the proposed new degree program as submitted by the University Administration and recommends full board approval:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves the new Bachelor of Theatre and Dance to be housed in the College of Arts and Sciences.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Reynolds moved for the Board to recess into Executive Session to consider personnel matters involving the appointment of public officials, to discuss imminent and pending litigation with the University General Counsel, and to discuss trade secret information required by law to be kept confidential. Trustee Cosgrove seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken by the Secretary of the Board; voting in the affirmative were Ms. Byrd, Mr. Cosgrove, Ms. DePompei, Mr. Dolan, Ms. Kunkle, Mr. Tompkins, Ms. Whiting, and Mr. Reynolds. The motion carried.

Chair Reynolds excused everyone except the voting trustees, President Bloomberg, ex officio Trustee White, Provost Sridhar, Sr. VP Jewell, Chief of Staff Franklin, VP Gifford, VP Wehner, Assistant Board Secretary Link, and VP, General Counsel and Board Secretary Wilson. The executive session began at 9:24 a.m.

At 11:57 a.m., Chair Reynolds announced that the Board had finished its business in Executive Session and was returning to its regular meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**APPROVED ON MAY 16, 2024**

Sonali B. Wilson  
Vice President of Legal Affairs and  
Compliance, General Counsel and  
Board Secretary

**APPROVED ON MAY 16, 2024**

David M. Reynolds  
Chairman, Board of Trustees