



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING

DATE: Friday, August 8, 2025; 8:00 a.m.

PLACE: 24 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio

PRESENT: Board Chair Timothy J. Cosgrove; Trustees Nikki C. Byrd, Paul J. Dolan, Diane M. Downing, Ronald V. Johnson, Jr., Alan G. Starkoff, Taras Szmagala, Jr., and Vanessa L. Whiting; Community Board Member David M. Reynolds; Ex Officio Member Michael B. Klein; Student Trustees Skye Carlson and Abigail Blackburn; and Faculty Representative Dr. Linda Quinn; 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. VP of Academic Affairs Nigamanth Sridhar; Executive Director, Government Affairs Caryn Candisky; Chief of Staff and Chief Administrative Officer Patricia L. Franklin; Chancellor, Ohio Department of Education Michael Duffey; and Assistant Board Secretary Heather A. Link.

Chair Cosgrove called the special meeting and Board Retreat to order at 8:01 a.m. and confirmed that a quorum was present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Cosgrove moved for the Board to recess into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters involving the employment of a public employee, to discuss trade secret information required by law to be kept confidential, and to consider real estate matters, including the sale or disposition of real property. Trustee Starkoff seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken by the Secretary of the Board; voting in the affirmative were Ms. Byrd, Mr. Dolan, Ms. Downing, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Starkoff, Mr. Szmagala, Ms. Whiting, and Mr. Cosgrove. The motion carried.

Chair Cosgrove excused everyone except the voting trustees, President Bloomberg, ex officio Board Member Klein, Community Board Member Reynolds, Provost Sridhar, Chief of Staff Franklin, Assistant Board Secretary Link, and VP, General Counsel and Board Secretary Wilson.

The executive session began at 8:02 a.m.

At 1:48 p.m., Chair Cosgrove announced that the Board had finished its business in the Executive Session and was returning to its regular meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Cosgrove announced that two items would be considered as a result of the Executive Session.

Trustee Dolan moved the approval; and Trustee Downing seconded the motion. The Board Secretary called the roll, and the following resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION 2025-58

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL AGGREGATE ADJUSTMENT PAYMENT TO INTER-UNIVERSITY COUNCIL-INSURANCE CONSORTIUM FOR JOINT SELF- INSURANCE POOL

WHEREAS, most member institutions of the Inter-University Council of Ohio (“IUC”) participate in a joint self-insurance program to underwrite certain of their liability and property risks and jointly obtain commercial insurance coverage (“Pool”); and

WHEREAS, through the Pool, the IUC-IC members can be indemnified against certain property and liability losses that are collectively defined by member institutions; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the participating members of the IUC self-insurance pool formed the IUC Insurance Consortium (“IUC-IC”) and entered into a Pooling Agreement dated November 16, 2015, which among other requirements, sets forth provisions for funding the Pool and contributions among IUC-IC members; and

WHEREAS, each fiscal year members determine an aggregate amount each member will need to contribute to the pool in order to underwrite claims they anticipate will be presented in the following year (“Annual Aggregate Adjustment”) and each member is required to pay their portion of the Annual Aggregate Adjustment by August 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, University Policy 3344-65-21, *Approval of purchase orders and change orders*, requires approval of the Board of Trustees for any purchases of goods or services totaling \$1 Million or greater; and

WHEREAS, the University's Annual Aggregate Adjustment payment for fiscal year 2026 is \$1,046,534.11; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has reviewed this matter as presented by the University Administration:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves the payment of the University's Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Aggregate Adjustment payment of \$1,046,534.11 to the Inter-University Council of Ohio – Insurance Consortium pursuant to the Pooling Agreement dated November 16, 2015, between the Inter-University Council of Ohio and participating member institutions.

Trustee Whiting moved the approval; and Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. The Board Secretary called the roll, and the following resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION 2025-59

APPROVAL OF THE FY26 PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES SUBMITTED BY PRESIDENT LAURA J. BLOOMBERG

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 6 of President Bloomberg's employment agreement and Section 3344-1-03(C) of the Board Bylaws, the board shall conduct a review of the performance of the president at the annual meeting in a manner consistent with the president's contract; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation process should include the mutual agreement on the goals and objectives for the next fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, at the annual meeting which took place on May 15, 2025, the Board accepted the President's annual performance review and determined that it would further meet to discuss and establish mutually agreed upon goals and objectives for the next fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, President Bloomberg has submitted draft goals and objectives for the Board of Trustees review and input; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has reviewed and agrees with the goals and objectives as submitted by President Bloomberg:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees adopts and mutually agree to President Bloomberg's goals and objectives for FY26.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cosgrove asked if there was any new or unfinished business, and hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED ON AUGUST 28, 2025

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

APPROVED ON AUGUST 28, 2025

Timothy J. Cosgrove
Chair, Board of Trustees