



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING**

- DATE:** Wednesday, June 28, 2023, 1:15 p.m.
- PLACE:** Hybrid Meeting— The Wolstein Center, Gerald H. Gordon Conference Pavilion, West Wing and via Zoom; livestreamed for public view.
- PRESENT:** Chair David M. Reynolds; Trustees Timothy J. Cosgrove, Patricia DePompei, Paul J. Dolan, Stephen F. Kirk, Lisa K. Kunkle, Alan G. Starkoff, P. Kelly Tompkins, and Vanessa L. Whiting; Student Trustee Jake Wrege; Faculty Representatives Dr. Judy Ausherman and Dr. Anup Kumar; Ex Officio Trustee Thomas E. Hopkins; 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 of Advancement Julie Rehm; Vice President and Director of Athletics Scott Garrett; Outside Counsel Teresa Metcalf Beasley; Brailsford & Dunlavey President Chris Dunlavey; Vestian Managing Director Kevin Slesh; Associate Vice President Nick VandeVelde; and Heather A. Link, Assistant Board Secretary.

Chair Reynolds called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. and confirmed that a quorum was present. He welcomed members and noted that the meeting was being livestreamed for public viewing.

The first item of business was the approval of the minutes of May 18, 2023. Trustee Dolan moved the approval, and Trustee DePompei seconded the motion. Board Secretary Wilson called the roll and the minutes were approved.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Reynolds announced that the order of the agenda was being adjusted, and that the Board would recess into executive session first and then reconvene in public session to consider any items for action.

Chair Reynolds moved for the Board to enter Executive Session to discuss real estate matters, including the purchase or sale of real property. Trustee DePompei seconded the motion.

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

Chair Reynolds excused everyone except the voting trustees, President Bloomberg, ex officio Trustee Hopkins, CFO Jewell, VP and Director of Athletics Garrett, VP of Advancement Rehm, Ms. Metcalf Beasley, Associate Director VandeVelde, Mr. Slesh, Mr. Dunlavey, General Counsel and Board Secretary Wilson, and Assistant Board Secretary Link. The executive session began at 1:35 p.m.

It is noted that Trustee Dolan recused himself from a part of the executive session.

At 2:59 p.m., Chair Reynolds announced that the Board had finished its business in Executive Session and was returning to its regular meeting.

### **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

Chair Reynolds called on CFO Jewell to bring forth the items for action and noted that each item would be voted on separately.

#### **Approval of Tuition Rates for FY24**

Trustee DePompei moved the approval of the resolution; and Trustee Dolan seconded. Board Secretary Wilson called the roll, resulting in the approval of the resolution.

### **RESOLUTION 2023-31**

#### **APPROVAL OF TUITION RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio's FY24-FY25 budget and tuition authority legislation (House Bill 33) is not yet signed into law; and

**WHEREAS**, undergraduate tuition increases are limited to a percentage not to exceed the percentage included in the approved state budget; and

**WHEREAS**, increases in graduate (masters and doctoral) and law programs of study may be increased at the directive of the President as delegated by the Board of Trustees; and

**WHEREAS**, Cleveland State University offers online programs of study leading to an Undergraduate Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) degree; and online Graduate level, Master of Social Work (MSW), Master of Social Work (MSW) Program Advanced Standing, Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), and JD Program; and

**WHEREAS**, in March 2023 the Board of Trustees adopted online tuition rates for the above mentioned undergraduate and graduate degree programs and the university administration discovered an error in what was initially submitted and now needs to adjust those rates:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees hereby approves FY24 tuition rates at a percent not to exceed the rate established by current law; and

**BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the online tuition rates as submitted by the university administration.

**First Quarter Budget Spending Authority**

Trustee Tompkins moved the approval of the resolution; and Trustee Kunkle seconded. Board Secretary Wilson called the roll, resulting in the approval of the resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2023-32**

**FIRST QUARTER BUDGET SPENDING AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, the beginning of the state of Ohio's and Cleveland State University's fiscal year (FY24) is July 1, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the level of the State Share of Instruction (SSI) provided to the University as result of the pending adoption of the FY24-FY25 budget appropriations act (House Bill No.33) by the Ohio General Assembly and the Governor is vital to operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the eventual budget appropriations act's passage will include language concerning the allowable increases for in-state undergraduate student tuition; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Ohio's budget appropriation act for FY24-FY25 is expected to be signed into law by the time the Cleveland State Board of Trustees has convened to approve the University budget at its duly noticed meeting in September 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, to advance the mission of Cleveland State, the University will need to continue to expend funds from its current unrestricted Operating Budget, General Fee Budget and Auxiliary Business Units budget for a period beginning July 1, 2023, and until a final budget is presented to the Board at their September 2023 meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the University is requesting first quarter FY24 budget spending authority, not to exceed \$75 million through September 30, 2023, of the FY24 budget that will be formally presented to the Board for approval at its September 2023 meeting:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Cleveland State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the first quarter budget spending authority.

**Acceptance of the FY24 Internal Audit Plan**

Trustee Dolan moved the approval of the resolution; and Trustee DePompei seconded. Board Secretary Wilson called the roll, resulting in the approval of the resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2023-33**

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE  
FY 2024 OFFICE OF INTERNAL AUDIT'S ANNUAL PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the University's Office of Internal Audit delivered and discussed the FY 2024 Annual Plan with the Senior Vice President of Business Affairs and Finance and the President; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Internal Audit has presented the plan to the Audit, Compliance and Risk Sub-committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Audit, Compliance and Risk Sub-committee of the Board of Trustees has reviewed this plan as submitted by the University Administration and recommends that the full board accept the FY 2024 Office of Internal Audit's Annual Plan:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees accepts the FY 2024 Office of Internal Audit's Annual Plan as submitted.

**Authorization to Purchase Real Property Located at 2027 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio**

Trustee Tompkins moved the approval of the resolution; and Trustee Dolan seconded. Board Secretary Wilson called the roll, resulting in the approval of the resolution..

**RESOLUTION 2023-34**

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2027  
PROSPECT AVENUE, CLEVELAND, OHIO**

**WHEREAS**, the University Administration desires to acquire the real property located at 2027 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115, consisting of permanent parcel numbers 103-03-032; 033; 034; 035; and 036; and

**WHEREAS**, the real property is currently used as a surface parking lot and is strategically located across from both the Bert L. and Iris S. Wolstein Center and the Center for Innovation in Medical Professions; and

**WHEREAS**, the parking lot will add approximately 133 parking spaces to the University's parking inventory; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees hereby grants the University administration the authority to execute any and all documents necessary for the purchase of real property located at 2027 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, 44115, in the name of the Board of Trustees of Cleveland State University.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Reynolds announced that one item of business resulted from the executive session and would be considered.

Trustee Cosgrove moved the approval; and Trustee DePompei seconded the motion. Board Secretary Wilson called the roll, and the following resolution was approved. Trustee Dolan abstained.

**RESOLUTION 2023-35**

**SUPPORT OF THE EUCLID AVENUE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S (EADC)  
ISSUING A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) RELATED TO**

**DEVELOPMENT OF AN ALL PURPOSE ARENA AS DESCRIBED IN THE  
UNIVERSITY'S MASTER PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, EADC operates as a nonprofit, public benefit corporation in support of Cleveland State University; and

**WHEREAS**, EADC facilitates the advancement of the CSU Master Plan through owning and controlling real estate to provide reasonably priced rental housing and campus amenities; and

**WHEREAS**, the current CSU Master Plan calls for exploring the development of an all-purpose arena as a significant campus amenity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees adopted the Campus Master Plan at its meeting held on January 26, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, given the size and scope of the project, the University Administration supports EADC pursuing an RFQ process as soon as practicable to further ascertain project feasibility:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees hereby supports the Euclid Avenue Development Corporation undertaking an RFQ process seeking input from a broad range of developers to explore the development of an all-purpose arena on the Cleveland State University campus.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 3:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**

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

**APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**

David M. Reynolds  
Chairman, Board of Trustees