



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: Thursday, May 21, 2026; 8:00 a.m.

PLACE: Glickman-Miller Hall, 1717 Euclid Avenue, Bonda Community Board Room, Cleveland, Ohio 44115; and via Zoom.

PRESENT: Board Chair Timothy J. Cosgrove; Trustees Nikki C. Byrd, Paul J. Dolan, Diane M. Downing, Ronald Johnson, Jr., Alan G. Starkoff, Taras Szmagala, Jr., D. Geoffrey Vince, and Vanessa L. Whiting; Community Board Member Lisa K. Kunkle; Ex Officio Member Michael B. Klein; Faculty Representatives Dr. Carol Olszewski and 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 Executive VP of Academic Affairs Nigamanth Sridhar; Chief of Staff and Chief Administrative Officer Patricia L. Franklin; Chief Financial Officer Nicole Addington; VP of Student Belonging and Success, Tachelle Banks;; Chief Information Officer Wesam Helou; Executive Director of Government Affairs, Caryn Candisky; VP of Enrollment Management, Andrew Crawford; Chief HR Manager, Douglas Dykes; VP, Advancement and Executive Director, CSU Foundation, Chad Warren; Dean, College of Health and Deans' Representative to the Senior Leadership Team, Stephanie Brooks; and Assistant Board Secretary, Heather A. Link.

Chair Cosgrove called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. and confirmed that a quorum was present. He reminded members that the meeting was being livestreamed on the CSU website for public viewing.

Chair Cosgrove called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2026 Meeting; Trustee Downing provided the motion and Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Cosgrove thanked members in attendance, noting that it has been a busy time on campus with many year-end activities, and that the Board participation at commencement helped to celebrate a special moment in the lives of students. He acknowledged VP Warren for the work of the Advancement division to coordinate the annual *Radiance* fundraising event, and he thanked members for their contributions to the successful event.

He reminded members that there is a scheduled full-board meeting in June to focus on the budget.

Chair Cosgrove thanked Faculty Representatives Olszewski and Quinn for their service on the Board and noted that their terms will be ending on June 30. Anecdotally, he recognized Dr. Olszewski and Dr. Quinn as being proud Viking alumni, having earned their PhD's from Cleveland State University.

Trustee Whiting moved the approval of the resolution to recognize the service of Dr. Olszewski; and Trustee Szmagala provided the second. The following resolution was approved by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2026-27

RECOGNITION OF DR. CAROL OLSZEWSKI AS FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, Carol Olszewski, Ph.D., LPMT, MT-BC, an Associate Professor of Music Therapy in the College of Health, was elected President of the Cleveland State Faculty Senate in 2024 for a two-year term and in that capacity, has since served as a faculty representative to the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Olszewski earned her Ph.D. in urban education from Cleveland State University and is a motivational faculty member, dedicated to her students and their educational goals, and is an advocate of listening to different perspectives, defining problems, analyzing data, inspiring action, and accomplishing goals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Olszewski thoughtfully and diligently participated in the formation of the Cleveland State United Strategic Plan, and continues to encourage the faculty to keep that plan in the front and center of all of their efforts at the University; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure in leading the Faculty Senate, Dr. Olszewski has advanced faculty participation in committee work as a means of supporting shared governance and to reflect the faculty perspective, resulting in successful efforts to revamp the University's core curriculum and to design new and innovative integrated degree programs, while also meaningfully contributing to discussions regarding academic program improvement and evaluation, annual faculty reviews and the student instrument of evaluation; and

WHEREAS, through her insightful questions and experiences, Dr. Olszewski has been purposeful in her duties as a member of the Academic Affairs and Student Success and Financial Affairs Committees of the Board of Trustees, providing compelling updates that often include the use of storytelling and supporting data to bolster the important work of her faculty colleagues:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees expresses its sincere appreciation to Dr. Carol Olszewski for her valuable contributions to discussions of matters before the Board and administration and looks forward to continuing a collaborative relationship as she inspires Cleveland State University students in the field of music therapy and other health professions.

Trustee Byrd moved the approval of the resolution to recognize the service of Dr. Quinn; and Trustee Starkoff provided the second. The following resolution was approved by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2026-28

RECOGNITION OF DR. LINDA QUINN AS FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, Linda Quinn, Ph.D., a Professor of Practice in the College of Arts and Sciences' Department of Mathematics and Statistics, was twice elected by CSU's Faculty Senate to serve as a faculty representative to the Board of Trustees in 2024 and 2025; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Quinn is an accomplished teacher and mentor, and is dedicated to the success of CSU's students as evidenced by receiving multiple Golden Apple Awards which recognize inspirational faculty and staff who have left a lasting impact on the lives of students, as nominated by students and alumni; and

WHEREAS, as a focused scholar and researcher, Dr. Quinn has written a series of papers on Paid Sick Leave which were presented at a Congressional Briefing, cited in several legislative acts, and received national press coverage (2015-2018), and currently serves on CSU's Institutional Review Board (IRB) for Human Subjects in Research (2025-2026); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Quinn has twice received one of CSU's highest awards available for faculty, the Distinguished Faculty Award, whereby she was recognized for her service in 2022 and for her teaching in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Quinn has approached her service on the Board of Trustees, including the Academic Affairs and Student Success, Finance, and Athletics Committees, with both dedication and logic, in order to understand and focus on the desired outcomes that support the Cleveland State United strategic plan and to foster student success:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees expresses its sincere appreciation to Dr. Linda Quinn for her thoughtful contributions to the discussions of matters that come before the Board and administration, and hopes to stay in

touch as she continues to teach students abstract and mathematical science skills to reach their own, informed conclusions.

Chair Cosgrove acknowledged Trustee Starkoff was appointed in 2019 to a partial-term and was wrapping up six years of service on the Board. The Chair noted that Trustee Starkoff has made significant contributions to the discussion of matters and he is also a proud graduate of the University; he hopes that he will consider staying actively engaged as a Community Board Member.

Trustee Starkoff thanked the Chair and members; he expressed appreciation to the members for their expertise, dedication, and ability to engage in tough discussions to advance the success of the University.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Bloomberg welcomed members and reported that it was an exceptionally exciting springtime on campus, including wide-ranging types of activities, that she called “Viking victories”.

A video highlighting the commencement exercises was shown and Dr. Bloomberg noted more than 1,700 students earned undergraduate, graduate, and terminal degrees.

President Bloomberg credited Co-Interim Deans Broering-Jacobs and Ray, who, through a highly selective process, secured the College of Law’s new and first of its kind, Prosecutor Training Program. She acknowledged Ohio Attorney General Yost and his team, for extending the opportunity and for their belief in the University.

Other Viking victories of note included: Levin College of Public Affairs and Education (best graduate school rankings), CSU Military Friendly designation, and receiving an age-friendly status (Age-Friendly University Global Network). Dr. Bloomberg reported on faculty research projects by Dr. K. Gulshan (BGES), Dr. J. Wolin (BGES), and Doctoral Candidate K. Antall (Counseling Psychology).

President Bloomberg updated members on student activities and achievements from across campus: successful student learning opportunities from the IdeaStream strategic partnership; Washkiewicz College of Engineering Senior Design Symposium and E-Sports Club; CSU Theatre and Dance students (Starmites); CSU student athletes and their success on the field and in the classroom (CSU student-athlete average GPA is 3.3); among others. She also acknowledged the

outstanding students who took to the stage to share their own CSU stories at the *Radiance: Realizing the Dream* fundraising event.

Dr. Bloomberg expressed her belief that access to educational opportunities and excellence have to be linked. These recognitions and successes, along with other CSU initiatives and programs, are tools for attracting future students and to build a deeper engagement with the community.

Chair Cosgrove thanked the President, and acknowledged that connections between CSU's communities, including donors, and with students, are meaningful and can be life changing.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Committee Chair Byrd brought forward amendments to the Bylaws for the Board of Trustees and reported on the meeting of April 28, 2026. She reported that updates to various committee structures and responsibilities, and clarifying and updating other sections of the Bylaws, were reviewed by the committee for full-Board consideration. The committee also met in Executive Session.

Chair Cosgrove called for a motion to approve the amendments to the Bylaws.

Trustee Szmagala provided the motion to approve the amendments to the Bylaws; Trustee Starkoff seconded. The resolution was approved by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2026-29

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

WHEREAS, it is a good governance practice to conduct a periodic review of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the Board's Bylaws to reflect changes to various committee structures and responsibilities, as well as to clarify and update other sections of the Bylaws; 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 the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Governance Committee has reviewed the proposed amendments and is recommending 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.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS and STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE UPDATE
and REPORT OF THE PROVOST**

Committee Chair Whiting reported that the committee met on May 14, 2026, and received updates from Provost Sridhar, Dr. Banks (Student Belonging and Success), and Executive Director for Government Affairs, Ms. Candisky. Members also received an overview of CSU's disability services and assistive technology support for students.

The committee then engaged in a robust discussion around the core curriculum, as per the House Bill 96 requirements. The focus for the meeting was on the area of Artificial Intelligence, STEM, and Computational Thinking. Provost Sridhar and Dr. Schultz-Bergin provided question prompts to frame the discussion in consideration of CSU's core curriculum.

Chair Whiting reported that the committee considered several items for action, and that they are included on the consent agenda for approval by the full board.

Provost Sridhar updated members on the Choose Ohio First scholarship program for STEM students, and noted that CSU has an 18-year engagement with the program which has benefitted thousands of students. He provided information on the program, eligibility, CSU supporting faculty, as well as student engagement, scholarship, and industry partnerships. The scholarships are based on criteria and are usually in the range of \$2,000 and up.

Provost Sridhar reported that there are a number of activities taking place on campus over the summer, including 230 high school students participating in youth opportunities on work sites and paid internships, and 300 middle school students who will be attending STEM camps on campus.

Trustee Johnson thanked the Provost for the comprehensive explanation around the planned core curricular discussions, and he requested a report at an upcoming time on how other State universities are working with their Boards on the core curriculum review.

**FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE UPDATE and REPORT OF THE CFO and EADC
PRESIDENT**

Committee Chair Starkoff noted this was his last meeting as chair. He reflected on the wide range of actions that were accomplished during his term, and he is grateful for the work of his fellow trustees. He updated members on the Financial Affairs committee meeting of May 14, 2026.

The committee received reports on the March 2026 monthly report, FY26 year-end forecast, FY27 budget update and a review of the University's cash and investments. The updated FY26 operating forecast reflects a projected operating deficit of approximately \$2.5 million compared to the originally approved balance operating budget. Lower-than-projected enrollment levels are the primary driver of the updated forecast.

The committee also heard from Dr. Crawford regarding enrollment projections and plans for recruitment efforts, and from Chief Administrative Officer Franklin on the status of capital projects on campus.

CIO Helou provided members with a high-level overview of budgetary matters regarding the technology transformation over a five-year period.

Chair Starkoff reported that the committee approved several items for consideration by the full-Board and that the committee met in Executive Session.

CFO Addington provided members with a cost comparison of Ohio public universities (tuition & fees, room & board, and other cost of attendance costs). Members requested that a future meeting, she provide a cost comparison of CSU and local private colleges, and an update on how those colleges discount their tuition rates.

Ms. Addington brought forward a resolution to approve a 3% tuition increase for the 2027 fiscal year.

Trustee Dolan moved the approval of the tuition rates; Trustee Vince provided the second. The following resolution was approved by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2026-30

APPROVAL OF TUITION RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

WHEREAS, the University is mandated by the State of Ohio's FY 2026 – FY 2027 budget and tuition authority legislation (House Bill 33); and

WHEREAS, undergraduate tuition and general fee (in-state) increases in the tuition guarantee programs are authorized by ORC Section 345-48 and FY 2027 tuition and general fee increases have been capped by the state at 3% per year for the incoming cohort; and

WHEREAS, increases in graduate (masters and doctoral) and law programs of study will be 3% for FY 2027 and the domestic surcharge on masters programs will be \$1.00 at the directive of the President as delegated by the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Affairs Committee has reviewed this 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 approves the tuition and fee rates as submitted by the university administration.

Ms. Addington brought forward a resolution to update the University's investment policy, which had been approved by the Financial Affairs Committee.

Trustee Starkoff moved the approval of the updated policy; Trustee Downing provided the second. The following resolution was approved by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2026-31

APPROVAL OF THE UPDATED INVESTMENT POLICY

WHEREAS, Cleveland State University currently operates its investments under an Investment Policy, with corresponding Board Policies 3364-64-01 to 03, and Ohio Revised Code 3345.05; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer and Cleveland State University's Investment Advisor, are recommending the implementation of an updated Investment Policy; and

WHEREAS, the updated Investment Policy provides a modification of asset class allocation percentages to provide more flexibility in the percentages of assets within a specific asset class; modifies the market cycle from a three to five year period to seven to ten years; confirms compliance with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code 3345.05 in regard to the percentage of liquid assets; and

WHEREAS, the updated Investment Policy establishes a University Investment Committee and specifies the responsibilities and roles of the committee, advisor, and managers and sets the members of the Investment Committee; 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 the implementation of the updated Investment Policy and requests that the Chief Financial Officer prepare and update the corresponding Board Policies to codify the authorized changes to the Investment Policy and provide that for approval at the next Board meeting.

REPORT OF THE CIO

Chair Cosgrove called on CIO Helou for a report and acknowledged the importance of the technology transformation. He called for members to continue to be updated on progress or potential issues.

CIO Helou reported on progress since the April launch and campus-wide kickoff of CSU Compass. He cited key accomplishments including formal activation of cross-functional workstreams and the launch of function alignment sessions to evaluate current-state operations and to define future-state processes supported by Workday, among others. He noted that the campus community has shown buy-in to the project at every level.

CIO Helou provided an overview of what will be accomplished in the near future, including progressing from foundational planning into deeper operational alignment and institutional readiness.

REPORT FROM FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES

Faculty Representative Quinn began her report by thanking the members, noting that it has been a privilege to serve on the Board, and that she values the structure of the Board to include faculty and student voices. Referring to a quote by David Augsburg, she acknowledged the leaders in the room for intentionally taking the time to listen to different perspectives. Her experience on the Board helped her to learn and understand the complexities of the university as a whole, and she will carry those lessons moving forward.

Faculty Representative Olszewski expressed gratitude to members for allowing faculty perspectives to be heard and for acknowledging the importance of faculty in a student's educational journey. She referred to a quote by Angela Duckworth about the power of passion and perseverance, and how it is summed up by the word grit. Dr. Olszewski likened the quote to faculty and staff, who show up every day even through difficult situations because of their deep belief in CSU's mission and because they genuinely want to make a difference in the lives of students. She

recognized the contributions of the Student Trustees and of members for building a culture of engagement and working to extend that culture throughout the CSU community.

Chair Cosgrove thanked the faculty representatives for their dedicated and thoughtful contributions during their terms and wished them continued success. Members applauded both representatives for their final reports.

REPORT OF THE CSU FOUNDATION

VP Warren greeted members and reported that the CSU Foundation is 85% to goal for the fiscal year attainment and annual giving; he expects to reach goal.

CSU Foundation Chair and ex officio member Klein thanked Board members for their support of the *Radiance* fundraiser. His Foundation colleagues worked hard on the well-received event, and he was pleased to see many community members in attendance, some of whom were new to the CSU campus environment.

The Foundation will meet on June 5, 2026, and the agenda will include a review of the Foundation's code of regulations along with a revised memo of understanding between CSU and the CSUF. Mr. Klein noted that the updated MOU is an important relational document, and the partnership between the boards continues to have positive effects on student success through philanthropy and advancing the good news about CSU.

Chair Cosgrove called for a motion to approve the MOU with the CSU Foundation. Trustee Downing moved the approval; Trustee Johnson provided the second.

The following resolution was approved by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2026-32

APPROVAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION AND CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, the Cleveland State University Foundation was organized and incorporated on May 21, 1969, for the purpose of assisting in the development and advancement of Cleveland State University by raising and managing private resources that support the mission and priorities of the University, as well as by providing opportunities for students and a margin of institutional excellence unavailable with state funds; and

WHEREAS, the University and the Foundation wish to continue to memorialize formally their relationship and the responsibilities of each arising from that relationship; and

WHEREAS, the University Administration has reviewed and recommends full Board approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves the updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between The Cleveland State University Foundation and the University.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Cosgrove stated that routine matters, or those recommended by committees and discussed previously, are considered on the Consent Agenda. Noting that the items were discussed in detail at the committee level, he asked if there were any items that Board members wished to discuss or remove; there were none.

Trustee Starkoff moved, and Trustee Szmagala seconded, the motion to approve the following consent agenda items: Approving Curriculum Changes in Compliance with State Legislation and University Policy; Approval of ODHE Campus Completion Plan; Award of Rank and Tenure: Stephen Arhin; Award of Rank and Tenure: Isabelle Nilsson; Authorizing the Execution of a Second Amendment to Lease Agreement between the University and Marino Barbering (Union Building); and Accepting Gifts and Pledges, 3rd Quarter.

Board Secretary Wilson called the roll, and the following resolutions were approved.

RESOLUTION 2026-33

APPROVING CURRICULUM CHANGES IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LEGISLATION AND UNIVERSITY POLICY

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Cleveland State University is vested with the authority and responsibility to oversee the academic affairs of the University in accordance with applicable state laws, regulations, and University policies; and

WHEREAS, the faculty, academic departments, colleges, curriculum committees, and administrative officers of the University have reviewed and recommended certain curriculum modifications through academic approval processes as outlined in University Policy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed curriculum changes are intended to maintain academic quality, ensure compliance with accreditation standards and state legislation, improve instructional effectiveness, and support student success; and

WHEREAS, such curriculum changes may include, but are not limited to:

- Revisions to course descriptions;
- Changes to course titles;
- Modifications to course prerequisites and co-requisites;
- Changes to course numbers, credit hours, and instructional formats;
- Additions, deletions, or revisions of programs, concentrations, certificates, and academic requirements; and
- Other related curricular and catalog updates approved through the University's Curriculum Approval Process; and

WHEREAS, the Academic Affairs and Student Success 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 approves the curriculum changes as attached hereto.

RESOLUTION 2026-34

APPROVAL OF ODHE CAMPUS COMPLETION PLAN

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 3345.81 requires the Board of Trustees of each Ohio institution of higher education to adopt, at least once every two years, an institution-specific strategic completion plan designed to increase the number of degrees and credentials awarded to students, and to submit that plan to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland State University developed and implemented its first Campus Completion Plan in 2014 through a joint effort led by the Provost's Office involving the university administration and faculty; and

WHEREAS, the legislation further required that the Board of Trustees of each institution of higher education update its plan at least once every two years and provide a copy of their updated plan to the Chancellor upon adoption; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland State University has reviewed and updated its plan in 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022, and 2024; and

WHEREAS, the University set completion goals for 2024 to 2026, and outlined strategies to reach the new completion goals in the Campus Completion Plan, which was approved by the Board of Trustees in May 2024 and progress towards those goals is included in the 2026-2028 plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2026–2028 Campus Completion Plan has been developed in alignment with Cleveland State United, the University's 2025–2030 Strategic Plan, approved by the Board of Trustees in November 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee has reviewed the Campus Completion Plan as presented by the University Administration and recommends full Board approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves the 2026 Campus Completion Plan.

RESOLUTION 2026-35

AWARD OF RANK AND TENURE TO DR. STEPHEN ARHIN

WHEREAS, an external search was conducted to fill the position of Chair of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering in the Washkewicz College of Engineering; and

WHEREAS, the search attracted a substantial pool of well-qualified candidates, including Dr. Stephen Arhin, Director of Transportation Engineering at Sheldia Associates Inc. in Rockville, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the credentials of Dr. Arhin have been reviewed by the appropriate faculty peer review committee in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, the Chair, the Dean, the Provost and the President; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Arhin has fulfilled the requirements for tenure at the rank of Professor as set forth in Article 12.9 of the Faculty Collective Bargaining Agreement and Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3344-16-15 on Faculty Tenure; and

WHEREAS, the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee has reviewed this 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 approves the award of tenure at the rank of Professor to Dr. Stephen Arhin in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering in the Washkewicz College of Engineering, effective July 1, 2026.

RESOLUTION 2026-36

AWARD OF RANK AND TENURE TO DR. ISABELLE NILSSON

WHEREAS, an external search was conducted to fill the position of the Albert A Levin Endowed Chair of the Maxine Goodman Levin School of Urban Affairs in the Levin College of Public Affairs and Education; and

WHEREAS, the search attracted a substantial pool of well-qualified candidates, including Dr. Isabelle Nilsson, Associate Professor in the Department of Earth, Environmental and

Geographical Sciences at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and Visiting Scholar in the Department of Geography and Planning at the University of Toledo; and

WHEREAS, the credentials of Dr. Nilsson have been reviewed by the appropriate faculty peer review committee in the Maxine Goodman Levin School of Urban Affairs, the Director, the Dean, the Provost and the President; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nilsson has fulfilled the requirements for tenure at the rank of Professor as set forth in Article 12.9 of the Faculty Collective Bargaining Agreement and Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3344-16-15 on Faculty Tenure; and

WHEREAS, the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee has reviewed this 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 approves the award of tenure at the rank of Professor to Dr. Isabelle Nilsson in the Maxine Goodman Levin School of Urban Affairs, effective August 17, 2026.

RESOLUTION 2026-37

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SECOND AMENDMENT TO LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY AND MARINO BARBERING IN THE UNION BUILDING

WHEREAS, Cleveland State University, as “Landlord”, and Marino Barbering, as “Tenant”, entered into that certain Lease Agreement dated May 26, 2021 (“Lease”) whereby the University leased to Marino Barbering 930 square feet of ground-floor retail space in the Union Building, located at 1836 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the University and Marino Barbering entered into a First Amendment to the Lease Agreement dated April 25, 2023, whereby the University and Marino Barbering amended the term and rent of the Lease; and

WHEREAS, Marino Barbering desires to enter into a Second Amendment for Lease Agreement whereby the University and Marino Barbering further amend the Lease to provide an additional three years of term beginning June 1, 2026, and ending May 31, 2029, with options to renew; and

WHEREAS, the University Administration has determined that it is prudent to continue its subleasing plans relating to ground-floor space in the Union Building and has agreed to terms for a Second Amendment to Lease Agreement with Marino Babering; and

WHEREAS, the University Administration recommends entering into the Second Amendment to Lease Agreement with Marino Barbering; 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 approves the Second Amendment to Lease Agreement between Marino Barbering and the University, which include key terms disclosed to the Board of Trustees, as negotiated by the University's Administration, subject to any modifications deemed necessary by University General Counsel or required by applicable law.

RESOLUTION 2026-38

ACCEPTING GIFTS AND PLEDGE PAYMENTS 3RD QUARTER, FY 2026 JANUARY 1, 2026 TO MARCH 31, 2026

RESOLVED, that the gifts and pledge payments totaling \$7,258,929 received by the Cleveland State University Foundation during the period January 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026 are hereby accepted with thanks, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is hereby directed to use these gifts subject to their terms and conditions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Cosgrove moved for the Board to recess into Executive Session to discuss matters required by law to be kept confidential, to discuss imminent and pending litigation with the University General Counsel, to discuss matters related to collective bargaining, and to discuss personnel matters involving the employment of public employees. Trustee Downing 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, Dr. Vince, Ms. Whiting, and Mr. Cosgrove. The motion carried.

Chair Cosgrove excused everyone except the voting trustees, President Bloomberg, ex officio member Klein, Community Board Member Kunkle, Associate General Counsel King, Assistant Board Secretary Link, and VP, General Counsel and Board Secretary Wilson.

Chair Cosgrove announced that other individuals would be called into the session at the appropriate time: Provost Sridhar, Chief of Staff Franklin, CFO Addington, Chief HR Officer

Dykes, Associate General Counsel Campbell, Chief of Police Pettrey, AD Harkey, VP Warren, AVP VandeVelde, and Associate General Counsel Jeric.

The executive session began at 10:11 a.m.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Cosgrove announced that there were matters for consideration under New Business. He brought forward an authorization for real estate development services with Brailsford & Dunlavey, Inc. and noted that Ms. Laura Kane will make a presentation before the Real Estate Committee in the future. He reminded members that at the March meeting, the board authorized entering into negotiations with B&D and that the final contract needed to come to the board for approval.

Trustee Dolan moved the approval; Trustee Byrd provided the second. The following resolution was approved by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2026-39

AUTHORIZING A REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BRAILSFORD & DUNLAVEY, INC.

WHEREAS, Cleveland State University (“University”) issued a Request for Statement of Interest and Qualifications seeking a qualified real estate development consultant to assist with strategic planning and implementation of campus real estate initiatives (“RFQ”); and

WHEREAS, Brailsford & Dunlavey, Inc. (“B&D”) submitted a proposal in response to the RFQ and was recommended by the University Administration to provide such services; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2026, the University Board of Trustees (“Board”) approved Resolution 2026-26 in which the Board authorized the Office of General Counsel to work with B&D toward developing a mutually satisfactory consultancy agreement (“Agreement”), subject to Board approval; and

WHEREAS, in the Agreement, B&D agrees to identify, prioritize, and provide a process to implement near term actions that will address and define a clear, data-driven development roadmap for the University and to provide the following work to the University, including but not limited: strategic prioritization and evaluation of campus assets; development of criteria for real estate decision-making; financial analysis and assessment of partnership opportunities; preparation of reports and presentations to CSU leadership and the Board of Trustees; support for RFQ/RFP

development and project implementation strategies; and recommendations for both near-term actions and long-term institutional planning (“Services”); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement states that B&D shall provide the Services for compensation not to exceed \$325,000 in fixed fees, together with reimbursement of actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the Services; 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 authorizes the University Administration to enter into a Real Estate Development Services Agreement with Brailsford & Dunlavey, Inc., as negotiated and approved by the Office of General Counsel.

Chair Cosgrove brought forward a resolution to approve an application to the State for demolition loans and called on Chief Administration Officer Franklin to answer any questions; there were none. Trustee Downing moved the approval; Trustee Starkoff provided the second. The resolution was approved by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2026-40

APPROVING THE APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OHIO’S STRATEGIC SQUARE FOOTAGE REDUCTION FUND – DEMOLITION LOAN PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Higher Education (“ODHE”) has established the Strategic Square Footage Reduction Fund – Demolition Loan Program to provide financial assistance to state institutions of higher education for the voluntary reduction of physical square footage; and

WHEREAS, the application requires either a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees approving the facility’s demolition or alternate documentation demonstrating Board support and the timing for formal consideration of such a resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Board of Trustees provided a letter of support to the University Administration indicating the Board’s support for the strategic square footage reduction fund application; and

WHEREAS, the University Administration now requests a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees approving the application to the State of Ohio’s strategic square footage reduction fund – demolition loan program and authorizing the University Administration to take all actions necessary in connection therewith:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees hereby approves of application to the State of Ohio's strategic square footage reduction fund – demolition loan program and authorizes the University Administration to take all actions necessary in connection therewith, subject to the review and revisions as deemed necessary and proper by the University Office of General Counsel to protect the interests of the University.

Chair Cosgrove brought forth a resolution to enter into an employment contract with the newly identified women's basketball coach and called on AD Harkey to address any questions; there were none. Trustee Byrd moved the approval; Trustee Johnson provided the second. The resolution was approved by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2026-41

**AUTHORIZATION FOR ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO
FINAL EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH
NEW WOMEN'S HEAD BASKETBALL COACH**

WHEREAS, after a comprehensive search, Cleveland State University Vice President and Director of Athletics Kelsie Gory Harkey has selected a new Women's Head Basketball Coach Robert Dunn; and

WHEREAS, the parties negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding that memorializes the essential terms and conditions of Mr. Dunns' employment as the Cleveland State University Women's Head Basketball Coach, and further committed to develop a definitive Employment Agreement for Mr. Dunn consistent with the terms and conditions set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding no later than May 21, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Cleveland State University Vice President and Director of Athletics to execute the final Employment Agreement with Women's Head Basketball Coach Robert Dunn in substantial form as attached hereto, subject to any changes deemed necessary by University General Counsel. And further, the University Administration is authorized to negotiate and execute any and all documents and agreements to effectuate the terms of the final Employment Agreement.

Chair Cosgrove brought forward the approval of the FOP dispatchers collective bargaining agreement. Trustee Downing moved the approval; Trustee Johnson provided the second. The resolution was approved by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2026-42

**APPROVAL OF FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE/
OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC. DISPATCHERS**

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the University and the Fraternal Order of Police/Ohio Labor Council, Inc. (Dispatchers) have reached a revised final tentative agreement for a three-year successor collective bargaining agreement for Emergency Services Dispatchers extending from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the bargaining unit members of FOP-Dispatchers, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. voted to ratify the tentative agreement; 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 approves the delegation of authority to the University's administration to execute and implement the successor collective bargaining agreement between Cleveland State University and the Fraternal Order of Police/Ohio Labor Council, Inc. Dispatchers for a 3-year period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Governance Committee Chair Byrd reported that the Nominating Committee is responsible for presenting a slate of Board officers to be elected at the annual meeting, and that the committee consisted of Trustees Johnson, Starkoff, Szmagala, and herself.

She submitted the slate of officers and asked for any other nominations from the floor for any of the positions. There were none.

Trustee Byrd moved the approval of the slate; and Trustee Szmagala seconded the motion. Following an approving roll call by Board Secretary Wilson, the resolution below was adopted and per the Bylaws, the officers' terms will begin immediately following the annual meeting.

RESOLUTION 2026-43

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2026-2027

BE IT RESOLVED that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees hereby elects the following persons to serve as officers for the 2026-2027 term: Trustee Timothy J. Cosgrove as Chair, Trustee Vanessa L. Whiting as Vice Chair, Trustee Paul J. Dolan as Treasurer, and Sonali B. Wilson as Secretary to the Board of Trustees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the treasurer is covered for the faithful performance of its duties under CSU's insurance policy and per the recommendation from our insurance carrier and in alignment with other IUC institutions, the amount of coverage is \$5 million dollars.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cosgrove announced that the 2026-2027 Board committee assignments would be distributed soon, and that members will be assigned as University liaisons on specific topics in the upcoming year. He asked if there were any other items of business to discuss, and hearing none, Chair Cosgrove thanked members and administrators for a productive meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED ON JUNE 18, 2026

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

APPROVED ON JUNE 18, 2026

Timothy J. Cosgrove
Chair, Board of Trustees