



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, July 29, 2026; 8:00 a.m.

PLACE: 400 Sawmill Creek Dr W, Huron, OH 44839

PRESENT: Board Chair Timothy J. Cosgrove; Trustees Nikki C. Byrd, Paul J. Dolan, Diane M. Downing, Ronald V. Johnson, Jr., James G. Pilla, Taras Szmagala, Jr., D. Geoffrey Vince, and Vanessa L. Whiting; Student Trustees Abigail Blackburn and Nathaniel Taylor; Community Board Members David M. Reynolds and Alan G. Starkoff; Ex Officio Member Michael B. Klein; Faculty Representative Sebastian Brockhaus; 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: Nigamanth Sridhar, Executive VP and Provost; Nicole Addington, CFO; Andrew Crawford, VP Enrollment Management; Caryn Candisky, Executive Director, Government Affairs; Chad Warren, VP, Advancement and Executive Director, The CSU Foundation; Nicholas VandeVelde, Senior AVP, Hospitality and Facility Services; Vince Slomsky, AVP Marketing and Brand; Laura Kane, Brailsford and Dunlavey; and Assistant Board Secretary Heather A. Link.

Chair Cosgrove called the special meeting and Board Retreat to order at 8:37 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 appointment, compensation, and employment of public employees, to discuss information required by law to be kept confidential, to discuss matters related to collective bargaining, and to consider real estate matters, including the sale or disposition of real property. Trustee Szmagala seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken by the Assistant Secretary of the Board; voting in the affirmative were Ms. Byrd, Mr. Dolan, Ms. Downing, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Pilla, Mr. Szmagala, Dr. Vince, 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 Members Reynolds and Starkoff, Student Trustees Blackburn and Taylor, Faculty Representative Brockhaus, Provost Sridhar, CFO Addington, VP of University Advancement Warren, VP of Enrollment Management Crawford, Assistant Board Secretary Link, and VP, General Counsel and Board Secretary Wilson.

He noted that Chief of Staff Franklin, Dr. Kane, Senior AVP VandeVelde, and AVP Slomsky would be invited into the session at the appropriate time.

The executive session began at 8:38 a.m.

At 2:27 p.m., Chair Cosgrove announced that the Board had finished its business in the Executive Session and was returning to its regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Cosgrove thanked members for their time and engagement. He noted that the Ohio Department of Higher Education will host its annual trustees conference on September 9; the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee and the Financial Affairs Committee will meet on September 10, and that the September Board meeting is on September 17.

He asked if there was any new or unfinished business, and hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED ON AUGUST 26, 2026

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

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Timothy J. Cosgrove
Chair, Board of Trustees