



Board of Trustees Proceedings

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 26, 2026
3:45 pm
Cincinnati State – Clifton Campus
3250 Central Parkway
Cincinnati, Ohio 45223

SUNSHINE LAW COMPLIANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board of Trustees of the Cincinnati State Technical and Community College District, Hamilton County, Ohio, met in regular session, pursuant to the rules, on **May 26, 2026**, at 3:45 pm, Chair, Jane Garvey presiding. The notification was posted on the College website, www.cincinnati-state.edu, in **Cincinnati State Daily News**, and given to news media outlets – including **The Cincinnati Enquirer, The Cincinnati Herald, The Middletown Journal, the Harrison Press, WCPO, WLW-TV, WKRC, WXIX, WVXU, and WLW Radio** – in compliance with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code, Section 121.22.

Chair Garvey read the Sunshine Law.

The meeting started at 3:45 pm.

Chair Garvey requested an attendance roll call.

ROLL CALL					
MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT	MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mrs. Booth	X		Dr. Minhas		X
Mr. Chavez		X	Mr. Scherpenberg	X	
Ms. Garvey	X		Mr. Silverman	X	
Mr. Habel	X		Mr. Walton	X	
Mr. Howe	X				
			TOTAL	7	2

26.27 Approval of the Proceedings of the Regular Board Meeting of March 24, 2026

Chair Garvey requested a motion to approve the proceedings of the March 24, 2026, regular Board meeting.

With no objections, Mr. Habel moved that the minutes be approved. Mr. Walton seconded the motion. The motion carried with a voice vote of “aye.”

26.28 Consideration of Items for Possible Addition to the Agenda

There were none.

26.29 Recognition of Accomplishments Reflective of the College Mission

Dr. Posey shared several accomplishments, including Milene Donlin's feature in the Daily News. Dr. Posey also recognized Milene Donlin and Julie McLaughlin for the House/Bruckmann Faculty Excellence Award, Amanda Olding and Terkerah Washington for the Adjunct Excellence Award, and Elias Feghali, Janice Lockett, and Linda Romero-Smith for the Professor Emeritus Award.



House/Bruckmann Faculty Excellence Award



Milene Donlin
Professor & Chair
Biology Department
Health & Public Safety Division

- Provides leadership for one of our largest course departments
- Early adopter of Brightspace and served as "an exemplary resource for fellow faculty members"
- Two-time Faculty Senate President
- Led initiative for increase in adjunct faculty pay
- Co-leads Academic League weekly competitions and tournaments for area high school students.



House/Bruckmann Faculty Excellence Award



Julie McLaughlin
Professor and Chair
First Year Experience Department
Humanities & Sciences

- Provides leadership for 1st course which is required for all degree seeking students
- Chair Leadership Certificate including partnership with Cincinnati Public Library
- Co-author of the textbook *Thriving in the Community College & Beyond: Strategies for Academic Success & Personal Development*
- A frequent presenter at workshops and conference sessions on best practices in First Year Experience programs



Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award



Amanda Olding
Nursing (Health & Public Safety)
Adjunct Nursing Clinical Educator for courses in the CNA associate diploma nursing (NN) program for six years, supporting clinical and laboratory instructional activities for four Nursing courses.
Nominated to Excellence in Instruction, particularly in the course NUR 201 (Nursing Concepts & Medical-Surgical Nursing).



Terkerah Washington
Communications (Humanities & Sciences)
Adjunct instructor at CC for five years, teaching courses in Public Speaking and also representing the College as a member of the Speakers Bureau.
Nominated for her Excellence Award, Chairwoman's Public Speaking and Commitment to Student Success.

Professor Emeritus



Elias Feghali
Professor of Civil Engineering Technology,
Engineering & Information Technologies



Janice Lockett, PhD, RN
Professor & Program Chair of
Nursing, Health & Public Safety



Linda Romero-Smith
Professor, Cooperative Education
Coordinator & Academic Advisor,
Humanities & Sciences &
Middletown Campus

26.30 Consent Agenda for Recurring Items

The Board reviewed the consent agenda including:

- Personnel Reports
- Facilities Reports
- Public Safety Monthly Incident Reports

The Board also received updates regarding capital projects including the A-Hangar relocation project and progress related to the Cincinnati West expansion project. It was reported that A-Hangar relocation and Cincinnati West expansion project is on track with all plans going forward with the first three steps being completed. Additional updates were provided, and anticipated construction schedules for Cincinnati West.

Chair Garvey requested a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Scherpenberg moved approval of the consent agenda. Mr. Walton seconded the motion. The consent agenda was approved with a roll call vote.

Cincinnati West Expansion Capital Project Update



Aerial View and Relocating the A-Hangar for Campus Expansion



Aerial View of Relocated A-Hangar for Campus Expansion



Aerial View of West Campus Addition and New Parking



Next Steps: Cincinnati West

COMPLETED

1. \$415.0 in On-Site Facilities Construction project management and facility construction services approved in October 2005
2. \$489.0 in pre-construction contract with OS approved in January
3. \$1,000,000 in pre-construction contract awarded in early May
4. \$1.0M Guaranteed Minimum Price (GMP) Agreement for the Pre-Engineered Metal Building (PEMB) and GPM contingencies authorization (May 2006)

NEXT STEPS

1. \$1.0M GMP Agreement for the walls, windows and interior relocation (June 2006)
2. \$1.0M GMP Agreement for the remainder of the project (July 2006)
3. Break ground in August 2006, with substantial completion and occupancy in August 2007.

ROLL CALL VOTE							
MEMBER	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAINED	MEMBER	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAINED
Mrs. Booth	X			Dr. Minhas			
Mr. Chavez				Mr. Scherpenberg	X		
Ms. Garvey	X			Mr. Silverman	X		
Mr. Habel	X			Mr. Walton	X		
Mr. Howe	X						
					7		
				TOTAL			

26.31 Financial Report

Mr. Morris reviewed the FY26 year-to-date financial results through April 30, 2026, noting that timing-related fluctuations in unrestricted cash are expected to normalize by fiscal year-end and that budget performance remains favorable. He reported that the College continues to maintain the maximum Senate Bill 6 composite score of 5, with strong reserve, viability, and operating metrics. Mr. Morris also reviewed the recently released statewide FY25 Senate Bill 6 scores and noted that Cincinnati State achieved its second consecutive year at a composite score of 5. He reviewed comparative statewide data related to the primary reserve ratio, net income ratio, and viability ratio, noting that the College continues to demonstrate balanced and sustainable long-term financial performance despite variability across Ohio community colleges. Mr. Silverman asked which were levy schools. Mr. Morris responded Columbus State, Sinclair, and Cuyahoga.

During discussion, Board Member Scherpenberg commented that it would be beneficial to further quantify long-term financial performance goals related to Senate Bill 6 metrics. Mr. Morris responded that, as previously communicated, the planned investment of Board-designated reserves into the Cincinnati West expansion project is expected to temporarily reduce the College's Senate Bill 6 composite score to approximately 4.5 during Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028 due primarily to a projected reduction in the primary reserve ratio from a score of 5 to 4. Mr. Morris further noted that the College's viability ratio is expected to continue improving as approximately \$3.2 million in annual principal debt payments continue through Fiscal Year 2029. Mr. Morris also stated that the proposed FY27 all-funds surplus budget of approximately \$5.6 million reflects a projected net income ratio of approximately 5.1%, providing an additional measurable benchmark related to operating performance goals.

Chair Garvey commented positively on the College's stable and consistent financial performance despite significant variability and uncertainty in financial performance trends across the state community college sector. No further concerns were raised.

26.32 FY27 Budget

Mr. Morris presented Resolution 26.32 regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. He reviewed key budget assumptions, including a 4% increase in State Share of Instruction (SSI), flat enrollment assumptions, continued deferred maintenance investments, and a planned operating surplus. Mr. Morris noted that the proposed operating funds surplus totals approximately \$251,000 and that the all-funds surplus of approximately \$5.6 million primarily reflects externally funded capital activity, including state capital appropriations and West Campus expansion funding.

Mr. Morris further reviewed provisions within the proposed resolution related to maintaining positive cash flow, positive operating performance, minimum Senate Bill 6 targets, and continued investment in enrollment growth and facilities improvements.

During discussion, Board Member Scherpenberg referenced the resolution provisions related to restricted and designated cash reserve reporting and inquired whether those reporting metrics had historically been presented to the Finance Committee. Mr. Morris responded that the reporting had not previously been presented in that format but could be incorporated into future Finance Committee reporting.

Dr. Posey thanked the Finance Department and campus leadership teams for their collaborative work in developing the proposed budget. She noted that this represented the first time during her time at Cincinnati State that the College was positioned to approve its annual operating budget during the May Board meeting rather than June and expressed appreciation for the timely and collaborative effort across the institution.

Chair Garvey asked for a motion to approve resolution 26.32. A motion was made by Mr. Walton and seconded by Mr. Habel to approve Resolution 26.32 regarding the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. A roll call vote was conducted. The motion passed.



Proposed FY27 Budget Assumptions (Resolution 26.32)

Timeline:

- Draft Budget March BOT Finance Committee (3/23) BOT Meeting (3/24)
- Final Budget May BOT Finance Comm (5/22) BOT Meeting (5/26)
- Surplus Budget \$251,510 in General & Auxiliary Funds

Assumptions @ March 26, 2026:

- SSI +4% increase – Second year of biennium with newly baked formulas
- Enrollment flat with \$10.00 (+5.1%) tuition increase beginning Fall 2026
- Added \$584k in CVG campus enrollment revenue per proforma
- CCP direct revenue estimated at 5% increase
- Current FT employment complement
- Increase in health insurance expense of 5%
- Operating expenses include \$455k enrollment-based contingency
- Deferred Maintenance budget of \$1.0M (Same as FY25 and FY26)
- Marketing expenses of \$1.3M (Same as FY26 +\$200K in Contingency)
- State capital projects of \$5M included in plant fund.

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FY27 General Fund & Auxiliary Funds Budget Summary

	A	E	F	G	H
	Row Labels	Actual 2025	Budget 2026	LTM @ 03/31/26	Budget 2027
11	Revenue Total	\$ 70,244,832	\$ 73,664,261	\$ 74,458,073	\$ 79,256,850
24	Personnel Expense Tot	\$ 50,539,817	\$ 53,258,927	\$ 54,132,499	\$ 57,967,877
39	Operations Expense To	\$ 19,482,229	\$ 20,136,214	\$ 20,960,978	\$ 21,037,823
40	Grand Total	\$ 222,786	\$ 269,120	\$ (635,404)	\$ 251,150

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FY27 All Funds Budget Summary

	A	E	F	G	H
Row Labels	Actual 2025	Budget 2026	LTM @ 03/31/26	Budget 2027	
Revenue Total	\$ 104,161,967	\$ 103,408,135	\$ 107,599,531	\$ 110,953,208	
Personnel Expense Total	\$ 53,216,706	\$ 55,706,030	\$ 56,727,184	\$ 60,021,272	
Operations Expense Total	\$ 44,259,588	\$ 47,432,985	\$ 45,100,006	\$ 45,308,073	
Grand Total	\$ 6,685,673	\$ 269,120	\$ 5,772,342	\$ 5,623,863	

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Proposed FY27 Budget Page 1 of 2 (Resolution 26.32)

- **WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees is required by Ohio Statute to review and approve the annual budget for Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, and
- **WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees have determined that the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget as attached and presented by the President and Executive Team supports the College mission and strategic plan through sufficient fiscal support of the educational programs; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees have determined that the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget as attached meets the fiscal planning priorities recommended by the President, Executive Team, and Finance Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees Resolution 25.06 with respect to annual positive operating cash flow, annual positive net surplus, Senate Bill 6 Composite Score no less than 3.50, and fiscal support to stabilize and grow enrollment, maintain and improve aging facilities, and implement strategic planning projects; and
- **WHEREAS**, the President and Finance Committee have reviewed Fiscal Year 2027 Budget assumptions and allocations of revenue and expenses across the College's Funds and Departments; and
- **WHEREAS**, the President, Executive Team and Finance Committee recommend Board of Trustee approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget; and
- **WHEREAS**, the approval of such budget is based upon the upcoming year's passage of the final State Operating Budget for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 by the Ohio House, Ohio Senate, and Governor with SSI and Tuition Increases in versions passed by the Ohio House and Senate; and

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Proposed FY27 Budget Page 2 of 2 (Resolution 26.32)

- **WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees Resolution 25.21 approved for the College to increase tuition by \$10.00 in academic year 2026-2027, effective at a date at the College President's discretion, upon consultation with the Finance Committee, and contingent upon permission via Ohio statute. The out-of-state surcharge shall be increased by the same amount of any tuition increase. The College shall report such increase to the Board of Trustees via the Finance Report, or President's Report at the earliest practical Board meeting relative to such increase; and
- **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** The Board approves the Fiscal Year 2027 Cincinnati State Technical & Community College Budget as presented in Exhibit A (attached).
- The Fiscal Year 2027 Budget net surplus equals \$251,150 in operating funds surplus and \$5,623,863 in all-funds surplus. The Finance Department shall prepare a Monthly Financial Report to the Board of Trustees. If the Board does not meet, the Monthly Financial Report will be distributed to the President and Finance Committee, and upon request, to any member of Board of Trustees. The Monthly Financial Report shall be prepared in a format and with content similar to Monthly Financial Reports distributed in Fiscal Year 2026.
- The College's minimum cash reserves shall be monitored by the Finance Committee and shall exceed the total of (1) restricted cash; (2) grant, contracts, and state reserves; (3) cash reserves against liabilities as directed by the Finance Committee; and (4) board designated contingencies for debt service, deferred maintenance, payroll, and payables.

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Next Steps: Cincinnati West

COMPLETED

1. \$45K in Ohio Facilities Commission project management and Wellogy criteria architect contracts approved in October 2025
2. \$489K in pre-construction contract with ECS approved in January
3. \$1.0 M Hangar relocation completed in early May
3. ~\$1.1M Guaranteed Maximum Price(GMP) Agreement for the Pre -Engineered Metal Building (PEMB) and \$290k contingency authorization (May BOT)

NEXT STEPS

4. ~\$1.0M GMP Agreement for the site work prep and chiller relocation (June BOT)
5. ~\$6.5M GMP Agreement for the remainder of the project (July BOT)
6. Break ground in August 2026, with substantial completion and occupancy in August 2027.

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Facilities Related Contracts Review (26.33)

1. **Garland, Inc. \$210,800.** Design-build construction guaranteed maximum price agreement for repairs of Main A & B Wing roofs. Funded via budgeted deferred maintenance funds.
2. **Siemens Industry, Inc. \$321,913.** 36-month HVAC building automation services at Clifton, Evendale, and Harrison campuses. Funded via budgeted operating funds, with \$101,165 payable in FY27.
3. **JHB Group, Inc. \$207,700.** Workforce Development Center Broadband Program safety trailer with confined space training simulator. Funded via Super Rapids grant.
4. **DG Industrial Portfolio VIII. \$300,000.** 30-month CVG Campus Annex lease in Airport Exchange Office Park - Units 210 & 220 (\$200k for lease and \$100k for fit-up). \$78k funded via FAA grant, \$100k fit-up funded from FY27 operating budget and \$122k funded from FY28-FY29 operating budgets.

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ROLL CALL VOTE							
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Mr. Chavez				Mr. Scherpenberg	X		
Ms. Garvey	X			Mr. Silverman	X		
Mr. Habel	X			Mr. Walton	X		
Mr. Howe	X						
					7		
				TOTAL			

26.33 Vendor Contracts Approval

Mr. Morris presented Resolution 26.33 regarding vendor contract approvals. He reviewed contracts associated with the next phase of the Cincinnati West expansion project, deferred maintenance activities, HVAC automation services, workforce development training equipment, the CVG campus annex lease expansion, insurance renewals, healthcare administration services, technology services, and marketing support agreements. Mr. Morris noted that the contracts represent routine operational, capital, and strategic investments previously incorporated into budget planning and Finance Committee review processes. No concerns were raised.

West Campus Related Contracts Review (26.33)

Equity Construction Solutions(ECS): Total Construction Budget of \$9,182,048 includes previously approved pre-construction costs of \$489,282, and both amounts shown below. If approved at the May BOT meeting, total contracted costs for construction will total \$1.8M

As planned for the May BOT contracts list:

1. **Equity Construction Solutions (ECS): 1,109,307.** Design-build construction guaranteed maximum price amendment for bid of pre-engineered metal building. For the West Campus Expansion project funded via Board reserves.
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2. **Equity Construction Solutions (ECS). \$290,000.** Design-build construction owner's contingency. For the West Campus Expansion project funded via Board reserves.

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Non-Facilities Related Contract Renewals Review (26.33)

1. **Wright Specialty.** \$291,049. 12 -month general, automobile, umbrella, D&O, educators, and employment practices liability insurance coverages. Funded via budgeted operating funds.
2. **Affiliated FM. \$326,205.** 12-month property and casualty insurance renewal. Funded via budgeted operating funds.
3. **Illumia, LLC (Formerly Transact).** \$145,014. 12-month agreement for electronic door access license and maintenance. Funded via budgeted operating funds.
4. **University of Cincinnati.** \$103,168. 12 -month police dispatch services. Funded via budgeted operating funds.
5. **Richard Curtis.** \$144,000. 12-month agreement for grant developments, public relations, communications consulting. Funded via budgeted operating funds.
6. **Jefferson Health Plan (Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield).** \$8,935,212. Health insurance administrative services including claims and reinsurance for health insurance plan renewing July 1, 2026. Funded via budgeted operating funds.
7. **FusionWRX.** \$299,334. Digital marketing services through June 30, 2027. Funded via budgeted operating funds.

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Chair Garvey asked a motion to approve resolution 26.33. A motion was made by Mr. Walton and seconded by Mr. Habel to approve Resolution 26.33 regarding vendor contract approvals. A roll call vote was conducted. The motion passed.

ROLL CALL VOTE							
MEMBER	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAINED	MEMBER	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAINED
Mrs. Booth	X			Dr. Minhas			
Mr. Chavez				Mr. Scherpenberg	X		
Ms. Garvey	X			Mr. Silverman	X		
Mr. Habel	X			Mr. Walton	X		
Mr. Howe	X						
				TOTAL	7		

26.34 Academic Quality & Student Learning Updates – Sabbatical, Civic Literacy

Ms. Garvey welcomed Provost Hoopes, who presented two items requiring Board action. He briefly reviewed the sabbatical application process and highlighted Professors Joel Knueven, Jackie Turner, and Milene Donlin as recommended candidates for sabbatical approval.

Mr. Silverman asked was there demand for the DMS Bachelors. Mr. Scherpenberg said yes, demand is greater than supply. Mr. Silverman asked who covers the classes during the sabbatical. Provost Hoopes said faculty by overload or adjunct.

Chair Garvey requested a motion to approve the Sabbaticals with a voice vote of “aye”.

Provost Hoopes also provided an overview of the SB1 concerning the American Civic Literacy plan.

With no questions, Chair Garvey requested a motion to approve the revised Resolution for Senate Bill 1. Mr. Walton moved approval of the Resolution. Mr. Silverman seconded the motion. The Resolution was approved with a voice vote of “aye.”



Sabbatical Application Process

Review Process & Recommendation

- ❖ Three faculty members submitted sabbatical proposals.
- ❖ The Sabbatical Committee* reviewed and recommend approval.
- ❖ Academic Deans, Geoff Woolf, Yvonne Baker, Bonnie Smith reviewed and recommend approval.
- ❖ After review, I concur and recommend approval of the three proposals.

Sabbatical Committee 2025-26:

Margaret Clark, Ronnie Gladden, Karen Groh, Mary Frey, Tomie Garland, David Killen, and JoAnne Worthington Groseclose.

Sabbatical Recommendations

Recommended Sabbatical Proposals

1. Professor Joel Knueven: Graphic Design; Two Semesters

Advanced Degree: Professor Knueven will be completing his Ed.D. Doctorate at Morehead State University.

2. Professor Jackie Turner: DMS department; Two Semesters

Project: Professor Turner requests to research, design, and develop a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree program in Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

3. Professor Milene Donlin: Biology Faculty and Department Chair; Two semesters

Project: Professor Donlin requests to develop a comprehensive, institutionally integrated Anatomy & Physiology (A&P)/Biology Bootcamp. The Bootcamp would be a modular Brightspace-based resource that can be used for pre-enrollment.

American Civic Literacy Plan

* Sections are highlighted

1. A course offered under the college credit plus program established under Chapter 3365 of the Revised Code that satisfies the prescribed content requirements of ORC 3345.382 and are approved by the Chancellor;
2. An advanced placement course and examination that satisfy the prescribed content requirements of ORC 3345.382 and are approved by the chancellor, and the student receives a score of three or higher on that examination; or
3. **At least three credit hours, or the equivalent, in a course in the subject area of American history or American government which includes the study of the documents described in ORC 3345.382 (B)(1, 7) and which meets all of the following conditions:**
 - a. **the learning outcomes of the transfer course, per the College's assessment of transfer credit process, demonstrate alignment with the learning outcomes of the American Civic Literacy course;**
 - b. **the transfer course was completed by the student prior to transfer in order to satisfy the general education requirement of the student's prior institution; and**
 - c. **requiring the student to also complete the College's American Civic Literacy course would be an unnecessary repetition and undue obstacle to transfer.**

IT IS HEREBY deemed that the College's American Civic Literacy Plan attached hereto be approved by the Board of Trustees of Cincinnati State and be submitted for approval to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Cincinnati Technical & Community College

Board of Trustees Resolution – 26.34

American Civic Literacy Plan-Revised

WHEREAS, Section 3345.382 of the Ohio Revised Code requires each institution of higher education develop a plan, approved by its Board of Trustees, to offer an American civic literacy course;

WHEREAS, Cincinnati State has developed a plan to develop a three (3) credit hour course that will be offered as a general elective for all associate degree programs and that will be required for completion of the College baccalaureate programs starting in spring 2030;

WHEREAS, the new course will include the readings prescribed by ORC 3345.382 and will separately assess students' knowledge of each prescribed reading;

WHEREAS, there are some circumstances set forth in ORC 3345.382 that may exempt a student if determined by the President or President's designee that the student has completed:

26.35 Student Engagement & Recognition of Accomplishments

Dr. Posey announced that Cincinnati State participated in the Ohio Academic Celebration in Columbus, where three students were recognized, including one who delivered a speech. She is the student being honored and was unable to attend, she will be recognized at the next meeting.

26.36 Shared Governance / Faculty Senate Report

The Board received the Shared Governance and Faculty Senate report from Milene Donlin.

Updates included the conclusion of the 25-26 academic school cycle and the collection of end of year reports. Faculty senate will convene on July 15th for retreat to review what happened and prepare for the upcoming coming year.

The two Co-chairs of Academic Policy and Curriculum Committee (APCC), Abbey Yee and Jen Martin provided the Board with an overview of the committee's established processes and explained how curriculum and academic policy changes are reviewed, managed, and implemented. Mrs. Booth commended the APCC for its work and for sharing the process with the Board, noting that these efforts have a positive impact on students. Mr. Scherpenberg inquired about the volume of changes the committee handles. Ms. Yee responded that the committee manages a significant number of changes each year, particularly recent requirements associated with Senate Bill1.

Why do we have APCC?

- APCC is a shared governance committee to ensure that curriculum and policy are meeting accreditation standards aligned with our two accreditation bodies:
 - Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE)
 - Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
- Collaboration between faculty and administration to vet college-wide policies & procedures, and course and program curriculums for alignment with internal and external academic standards.

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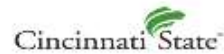
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Annual Review – Courses & Curricula

- APCC reviews and approves proposals for new and revised Courses, Degree Programs & Certificate Programs
 - Yearly review cycle of credit-bearing courses and programs
 - Changes submitted to APCC database
 - Discussion; sometimes changes/revisions requested
 - Committee-vetted recommendations sent to Provost's office
 - Provost review includes submission to accreditation bodies when necessary
 - Provost-approved recommendations sent to Board of Trustees
 - Approved courses/curricula move into Catalog (& College database & College website)



Academic Policies

- APCC reviews all policies that affects a student's academic progress through the College
- Review process
 - Benchmark against other colleges
 - Confirm alignment with our College mission
 - Forward approved policies to Faculty Senate and Provost
 - Publish approved policies in Catalog (& website)



College Catalog

- Public Record, required for accreditation (HLC and some program accreditation)
- Contents:
 - All academic policies
 - All degree and certificate curricula (credit-bearing)
 - All courses
 - Academic support information and other information pertinent to students



26.37 President's Report

President Posey shared updates regarding recent campus and community engagement initiatives, including:

- Spring Semester Commencement
- Mark D Walton Celebration
- 1 Night, 12 Kitchens

President Posey also gave special mention to the press conference celebrating the Federal gift of \$3 million to support the Advancement of Manufacturing and the entire B wing in the Main building. Mr. Silverman commented, thanking the staff and students for their efforts in helping raise money. Dr Posey followed up with details from the recent tour with the Secretary of Labor, thanking Elliott Ruther for gathering a team and students on short notice to help with the visit.

Additional highlights included showing the video of a Channel 12 News feature recognizing Cincinnati State's role in Closing the gap on worker shortages and trades. Mr. Silverman expressed appreciation to the staff and students in the manufacturing and auto labs. They help to raise funds and awareness.

She concluded her report providing upcoming meetings for June, July, and possibly August.



\$3 Million Federal Appropriation



Faculty Zane Decker and Matt Spetz provided a tour and demonstration in the Mechanical Engineering Technology lab for Rep. Landsman.

The College received \$3M in Federal appropriation for the Advanced Manufacturing/ B wing. U.S. Rep. Greg Landsman and U.S. Senators Bernie Moreno and Jon Husted worked together for bicameral, bipartisan earmark. Rep Landsman & Sen's staff presented the check.



U.S. Dept. of Labor's Acting Secretary Sonderling Visit



Acting Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor, Keith Sonderling, visited Cincinnati State on May 1 to learn more about our role in providing excellent technical education for the regional workforce.

In addition to Board and community members, roundtable discussion participants included students Ronald Smith, Automotive Service, and Diamond Woodson Civil Engineering Technology. Programs now under BCI also shared like THID, Perkins, Tidel H.



26.38 Trustee Chairperson's Report

Chair Garvey thanked the Board members and College leadership for their continued collaboration and support of institutional priorities. She acknowledged Mr. Silverman for his

suggestion to involve local officials in commencement ceremonies. She also expressed her appreciation to Justin and Cynthia for their dedicated work with faculty in addressing current challenges and preparing for future opportunities.

Lastly, Chair Garvey thanked the Board for its commitment to and engagement in the presidential search process.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

There was none.

The Board adjourned Executive Session at 4:51 pm.

Mr. Scherpenberg moved that the Board adjourn to the Executive Session pursuant to the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code section 121.22 to consider hiring new personnel and legal matters. Mr. Walton seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a voice vote of “aye.”

The Board returned from the Executive Session at 5:08 pm.

Ms. Garvey requested a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Mr. Scherpenberg moved that the Board meet in Regular Public Session on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 3:45 pm, at Cincinnati State Clifton Campus, 3250 Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45223, pursuant to provisions of the Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22. Mr. Walton seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a voice vote of “aye.”

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Teddy Scherpenberg, Secretary
Board of Trustees

Next Meeting
May 26, 2026, at 3:45 pm
Location: Cincinnati State – Clifton Campus
3520 Central Parkway
Cincinnati Ohio 45223