

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025  
ATHLETICS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Gary R. Heminger, chair  
Michael F. Kiggin, vice chair  
Alan A. Stockmeister  
Elizabeth P. Kessler  
Jeff M.S. Kaplan  
Pierre Bigby  
Bradley R. Kastan  
George A. Skestos  
Kendall C. Buchan  
John W. Zeiger (*ex officio*)

Location: Mount Leadership Room, Longaberger Alumni House  
2200 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, Ohio 43210

Time: 2:30-4:30 p.m.

**Public Session**

**2:30-2:40 p.m.**

*ITEM FOR DISCUSSION*

1. *Athletics Director's Report – Mr. Ross Bjork*

2:30-2:35 p.m.

*ITEM FOR ACTION*

2. Approval of November 2024 Committee Meeting Minutes – Mr. Gary Heminger

2:35-2:40 p.m.

**Executive Session**

**2:40-4:30 p.m.**



## **SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN**

*November 18, 2024 – Athletics Committee Meeting*

### **Members Present:**

Gary R. Heminger  
Michael F. Kiggin  
Alan A. Stockmeister

Jeff M.S. Kaplan  
Pierre Bigby  
Bradley R. Kastan

George R. Skestos  
Kendall C. Buchan  
John W. Zeiger (ex officio)

### **Members Present via Zoom:**

Elizabeth P. Kessler

### **Members Absent:** N/A

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

The Athletics Committee of The Ohio State University Board of Trustees convened on Monday, November 18, 2024, in person at Longaberger Alumni House on Ohio State's Columbus campus. Committee Chair Gary Heminger called the meeting to order at 2:57 p.m.

### **Item for Discussion:**

1. Athletics Director's Report: After 141 days on the job, Mr. Bjork continues to be amazed by the athletics program and the Ohio State brand. He noted with gratitude the inclusion of Athletics in the strategic framework announced by President Carter during his investiture.

In terms of athletic success, the university has six teams ranked in the top 10 and six others ranked in the top 25. Academically, it has been a banner year. Seventeen teams increased their Graduation Success Rate over last year, and 13 teams had a perfect score.

The department is rescaling seating Ohio Stadium, including introducing 2,000 seats that will not require a per-seat contribution in an effort to provide affordable options for fans.

Mr. Bjork and his team continue to work through the implications of the House settlement and plan for this new landscape. The university will be able to increase the number of scholarships offered for many sports and will maintain scholarships for all 36 sports. The university is fully committed to meeting the maximum revenue-sharing amount (currently \$20.5 million annually).

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by Mr. Heminger and seconded by Mr. Stockmeister that the committee recess into executive session to discuss business-sensitive trade secrets required to be kept confidential by federal and state statutes, and to discuss personnel matters involving the appointment, employment and compensation of public officials, which are required to be kept confidential under Ohio law.



A roll-call vote was taken, and the committee voted to move into executive session with the following members present and voting: Mr. Heminger, Mr. Kiggin, Mr. Stockmeister, Ms. Kessler, Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Bigby, Mr. Kastan, Mr. Skestos, Dr. Buchan and Mr. Zeiger.

The committee entered into executive session at 3:05 p.m., and the meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

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