

**THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026
ATHLETICS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Gary R. Heminger, chair
Elizabeth P. Kessler
Jeff M.S. Kaplan
Pierre Bigby
Bradley R. Kastan
George A. Skestos
Patrick C. Arp
John W. Zeiger (*ex officio*)

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

Time: 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Public Session

10:30-10:35 a.m.

ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

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

ITEM FOR ACTION

2. Approval of December 2025 Committee Meeting Minutes – Mr. Gary Heminger

Executive Session

10:35 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN

December 4, 2025 – Athletics Committee Meeting

Members Present:

Gary R. Heminger
Elizabeth P. Kessler
Jeff M.S. Kaplan

Pierre Bigby
Bradley R. Kastan
George R. Skestos

Patrick C. Arp
John W. Zeiger (ex officio)

Members Present via Zoom: N/A

Members Absent: N/A

PUBLIC SESSION

The Athletics Committee of The Ohio State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, December 4, 2025, in person at Longaberger Alumni House on Ohio State's Columbus campus. Committee Chair Gary Heminger called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Item for Discussion:

1. Academics Update: Mr. Ross Bjork, Senior Vice President and Wolfe Foundation-Eugene Smith Endowed Athletics Director; Dr. Kacy King, executive director of the Student-Athlete Support Services Office; and Dr. John Davidson, the faculty athletics representative, shared with committee members the numerous ways the Department of Athletics supports the academic success of the university's student-athletes. The efficacy of these measures is reflected in Ohio State's academic progress rate score of 990 and graduation success rate of 93%, and 805 Buckeyes being recognized as Big Ten "Scholar-Athletes" — the most of any school in the conference.

(See Attachment X for background information, page XX)

Item for Action:

2. Approval of Minutes: No changes were requested to the August 20, 2025, meeting minutes; therefore, a formal vote was not required, and the minutes were considered approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Heminger and seconded by Mr. Skestos that the committee recess into executive session to discuss business-sensitive trade secrets.

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

The committee entered into executive session at 10:55 a.m., and the meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.