

November 20 – December 4, 2025, Board of Trustees meetings

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Columbus, Ohio, November 20 – December 4, 2025

The Board of Trustees and its committees met in Columbus, Ohio, at Longaberger Alumni House, unless noted otherwise herein, and virtually over Zoom on November 20 and December 2-4, 2025, pursuant to adjournment.

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Minutes of the last meetings were approved.

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### **TALENT, COMPENSATION AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Committee Chair Jeff Kaplan called the meeting of the Talent, Compensation and Governance Committee to order on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 9:02 a.m. The committee convened in Columbus, Ohio, in the Alumni Room at the Fawcett Center.

Members Present: Jeff M.S. Kaplan, Elizabeth P. Kessler, Gary R. Heminger, Reginald A. Wilkinson, Tomislav B. Mitevski, Juan Jose Perez, John W. Zeiger (ex officio)

Members Present via Zoom: N/A

Members Absent: N/A

It was moved by Mr. Kaplan and seconded by Mr. Perez that the committee recess into executive session to discuss business-sensitive trade secrets and personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment and compensation of public employees.

A roll-call vote was taken, and the committee voted to move into executive session with the following members present and voting: Mr. Kaplan, Ms. Kessler, Mr. Heminger, Dr. Wilkinson, Mr. Mitevski, Mr. Perez and Mr. Zeiger.

The committee entered into executive session at 9:21 a.m. and adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

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### **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Committee Chair Reginald Wilkinson called the meeting of the Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee to order on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. The committee convened in Columbus, Ohio, in the Alumni Room of the Fawcett Center.

Members Present: Reginald A. Wilkinson, Elizabeth A. Harsh, Elizabeth P. Kessler, Jeff M.S. Kaplan, Bradley R. Kastan, Kara J. Trott – arr. 1:34 p.m., Patrick C. Arp, Phillip Popovich, Eric Bielefeld, John W. Zeiger (ex officio)

Members Present via Zoom: N/A

Members Absent: Michael F. Kiggin, Stefanie Sanford

It was moved by Dr. Wilkinson and seconded by Mr. Kaplan that the committee recess into executive session to discuss business-sensitive trade secrets; personnel matters involving the appointment, employment and compensation of

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public employees; and to consult with legal counsel regarding pending or imminent litigation.

A roll-call vote was taken, and the committee voted to move into executive session with the following members present and voting: Dr. Wilkinson, Mrs. Harsh, Ms. Kessler, Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Kastan, Mr. Arp, Dr. Popovich, Dr. Bielefeld and Mr. Zeiger. Ms. Trott was not present for this vote.

The committee entered executive session at 1:01 p.m. and reconvened in public session at 2:50 p.m. The committee adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

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### WEXNER MEDICAL CENTER BOARD MEETING

Board Secretary Jessica A. Eveland called the meeting of the Wexner Medical Center Board to order on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 1:59 p.m.

Members Present: Gary R. Heminger, Tomislav B. Mitevski, Juan Jose Perez, George A. Skestos, Kara J. Trott, Robert H. Schottenstein, Stephen D. Steinour, Cindy Hilsheimer, Amy Chronis, John W. Zeiger (ex officio), Walter E. Carter Jr. (ex officio), Ravi V. Bellamkonda (ex officio), Michael Papadakis (ex officio), John J. Warner (ex officio)

Members Present via Zoom: Kendall C. Buchan, Hiroyuki Fujita

Members Absent: Leslie H. Wexner

It was moved by Dr. Warner and seconded by Mr. Zeiger that the Wexner Medical Center Board recess into executive session to consider business-sensitive trade secrets and quality matters required to be kept confidential.

A roll-call vote was taken, and the board voted to go into executive session with the following members present and voting: Mr. Heminger, Mr. Mitevski, Mr. Perez, Mr. Skestos, Ms. Trott, Dr. Buchan, Mr. Schottenstein, Mr. Steinour, Ms. Hilsheimer, Ms. Chronis, Dr. Fujita, Mr. Zeiger, President Carter, Dr. Bellamkonda, Mr. Papadakis and Dr. Warner.

The Wexner Medical Center Board entered executive session at 2:40 p.m. and adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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### FULL-BOARD EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Chair John W. Zeiger called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

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Members Present: John W. Zeiger, Elizabeth P. Kessler, Gary R. Heminger, Jeff M.S. Kaplan, Elizabeth A. Harsh, Tomislav B. Mitevski, Pierre Bigby, Juan Jose Perez, Bradley R. Kastan, George A. Skestos, Kara J. Trott, Patrick J. Tiberi

Members Present via Zoom: M. Katherine Holcombe, Reginald A. Wilkinson

Members Absent: N/A

Mr. Zeiger:

Will the secretary please advise when a quorum is present?

Ms. Eveland:

A quorum is present.

Mr. Zeiger:

Thank you. At this time, I would like to convene this meeting of the Board of Trustees and move that the board recess into executive session to consult with legal counsel regarding pending or imminent litigation; to consider business-sensitive trade secrets; and to discuss personnel matters involving the appointment, employment and compensation of public employees.

Upon the motion of Mr. Zeiger, seconded by Ms. Kessler, the Board of Trustees adopted the foregoing motion by unanimous roll-call vote, with the following members present and voting: Mr. Zeiger, Ms. Kessler, Mr. Heminger, Ms. Holcombe, Mr. Kaplan, Mrs. Harsh, Dr. Wilkinson, Mr. Mitevski, Mr. Bigby, Mr. Perez, Mr. Kastan, Mr. Skestos, Ms. Trott and Mr. Tiberi.

The meeting entered executive session at 9:01 a.m. and adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

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#### **MASTER PLANNING AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**

Committee Chair John Perez called the meeting of the Master Planning and Facilities Committee to order on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.

Members Present: Juan Jose Perez, George A. Skestos, Elizabeth A. Harsh, Pierre Bigby, Bradley R. Kastan, Kendall C. Buchan, Robert H. Schottenstein, Keith Myers, John W. Zeiger (ex officio)

Members Present via Zoom: Reginald A. Wilkinson

Members Absent: N/A

It was moved by Mr. Perez and seconded by Mr. Skestos that the committee recess into executive session to consider business-sensitive trade secrets and to consult with legal counsel regarding pending litigation.

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A roll-call vote was taken, and the committee voted to move into executive session with the following members present and voting: Mr. Perez, Mr. Skestos, Mrs. Harsh, Dr. Wilkinson, Mr. Bigby, Mr. Kastan, Dr. Buchan, Mr. Schottenstein, Mr. Myers and Mr. Zeiger.

The committee entered executive session at 12:12 p.m. and adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

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### **LEGAL, AUDIT, RISK AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Committee Chair Elizabeth P. Kessler called the meeting of the Legal, Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee to order on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 2:58 p.m.

Members Present: Elizabeth P. Kessler, Bradley R. Kastan, Juan Jose Perez, Patrick C. Arp, Amy Chronis, John W. Zeiger (ex officio)

Members Present via Zoom: N/A

Members Absent: N/A

It was moved by Ms. Kessler and seconded by Mr. Perez that the committee recess into executive session to consult with legal counsel regarding pending or imminent litigation and to consider 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: Ms. Kessler, Mr. Kastan, Mr. Perez, Mr. Arp, Ms. Chronis and Mr. Zeiger.

The committee entered executive session at 3:20 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

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### **FINANCE AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Committee Chair Tomislav Mitevski called the meeting of the Finance and Investment Committee to order on Thursday, December 4, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Tomislav B. Mitevski, Pierre Bigby, Gary R. Heminger, George A. Skestos, Amy Chronis, John W. Zeiger (ex officio)

Members Present via Zoom: Kendall C. Buchan, Kent M. Stahl

Members Absent: N/A

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It was moved by Mr. Mitevski and seconded by Mr. Bigby that the committee recess into executive session to consider business-sensitive trade secrets.

A roll-call vote was taken, and the committee voted to go into executive session with the following members present and voting: Mr. Mitevski, Mr. Bigby, Mr. Heminger, Mr. Skestos, Dr. Buchan, Ms. Chronis, Mr. Stahl and Mr. Zeiger.

The committee entered into executive session at 8:24 a.m. and adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

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### **ATHLETICS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Committee Chair Gary Heminger called the meeting of the Athletics Committee to order on Thursday, December 4, 2025, at 10:35 a.m.

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

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.

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### **FULL-BOARD PUBLIC SESSION**

Board Chair John W. Zeiger convened The Ohio State University Board of Trustees on Thursday, December 4, 2025, at 12:59 p.m.

Members Present: John W. Zeiger, Elizabeth P. Kessler, Gary R. Heminger, Jeff M.S. Kaplan, Elizabeth A. Harsh, Tomislav B. Mitevski, Pierre Bigby, Juan Jose Perez, Bradley R. Kastan, George A. Skestos, Kara J. Trott, Patrick J. Tiberi

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Members Present via Zoom: M. Katherine Holcombe, Reginald A. Wilkinson

Members Absent: N/A

Mr. Zeiger:

Good afternoon. Will the secretary please advise when a quorum is present?

Ms. Eveland:

A quorum is present.

Mr. Zeiger:

Thank you. I would like to convene this meeting of the Board of Trustees and remind everyone with us today that this meeting is being recorded and livestreamed by WOSU Public Media. I will ask all attendees to follow the rules of decorum proper to conducting the business of today.

As chair of the Board of Trustees, I have the privilege from time to time of welcoming new trustees to the board and helping celebrate those colleagues of ours whose service has concluded. Today, I have the privilege of doing both.

Effective as of last week, Michael Kiggin has stepped down from his role on the board. After first joining the board in 2019 to fill an unexpired term, he was subsequently reappointed by Governor DeWine to a term of his own, starting in 2021. Throughout his six years of service, Michael has been a thoughtful presence, lending his perspective to help us shape our work on many important matters. This includes the establishment of the Athletics Committee, a body which has proven essential in light of the rapid change taking place in intercollegiate sports. He has also been relentlessly focused on the university's brand and reputation, reminding us that what happens at Ohio State matters far beyond our campuses. Michael was a significant contributor, and we very much appreciate all of his service. I hope that each of the board members will join me in expressing our appreciation to Michael for his six years of service and his leadership and wishing him well as things move forward.

At the same time, as we say goodbye to Michael, we welcome a new member to the board: Kathy Holcombe. Kathy is with us virtually today and so glad to have you, Kathy, with us. She's had a substantial and amazing career in the real estate area here in central Ohio as well as being involved in many organizations and causes throughout our community and the City of Worthington, in particular. We're grateful that Ohio State, Kathy, is now part of that list of many organizations in which you are supportive. So Kathy, welcome, and we look forward to working with you in the years ahead.

Ms. Holcombe:

Thank you. And I look forward to being there in person.

Mr. Zeiger:

I also should note that Dr. Reginald Wilkinson is online with us today and participating, as well. As is Kendall, I gather. Hi, Kendall.

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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Zeiger:

First order of business today is the approval of the minutes from the board's August meeting. These have been distributed and reviewed by all the trustees. Are there any additions or corrections that should be noted?

Hearing none, the minutes are approved as distributed. (*Minutes were approved.*)

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Zeiger:

I will now ask President Carter if he will deliver his report.

Mr. Carter:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I want to join the chairman in formally welcoming Trustee Kathy Holcombe to the board. Ohio State will benefit greatly from Trustee Holcombe's leadership and commitment to our community.

Trustee Holcombe, congratulations. We look forward to working with you.

Ms. Holcombe:

Thank you. I look forward to working with you as well.

Mr. Carter:

I also extend our gratitude to Trustee Kiggin for his dedicated service to Ohio State. He has been a steady and thoughtful presence on the board, and we wish him and his family all the best in the future.

You know, it's hard to believe the end of the semester is already approaching. I'm excited to have the opportunity to speak to the autumn Class of 2025 in just a few weeks. When we began this academic year, around the last time this board convened for a public session, I shared my anticipation for a busy and momentous period ahead for our university. I'd say that, so far, we have lived up to that expectation. We kicked off the year with the public launch of our "Education for Citizenship 2035" strategic plan, a bold 10-year vision for Ohio State to define the future of higher education. I want to thank the board for joining us for that event and for pushing us to articulate an ambitious agenda for excellence across our university.

I'm incredibly proud of the progress we've made in only a few short months in putting our plan into action, particularly when it comes to the pursuit of academic excellence — the foundation of our vision.

Leadership in artificial intelligence is a centerpiece of our academic excellence strategy. I can confirm to you after engaging with colleagues at several national events recently that Ohio State is at the forefront, which is probably why we were front and center on a new PBS report about how AI is reshaping higher education. No other university in the entire United States is taking as comprehensive an approach in integrating AI across the enterprise as we are. This is only possible because of the size, strength and stability of our institution — and the commitment of Provost Bellamkonda and our academic leaders who are moving us forward with vision and purpose. We have announced plans to hire 100 new faculty with AI expertise in the next five years, with the first cohort of hires expected to join us next fall. These faculty will complement the 300 colleagues already on our campus who are engaged in some way as our experts in AI. We have also launched a transformative new AI hub, commonly known as "AI<sup>X</sup>," that will serve as the resource for any student, faculty member or staff member who wants to explore opportunities to integrate AI into their academic pursuits. And, true to our land-grant mission, we are offering AI courses to Ohio businesses, providing the opportunity for them to improve their efficiency and business outcomes.

At Ohio State, we believe in excellence for all. We have taken significant new steps to make a Buckeye education more affordable and accessible for Ohio students. The new "Buckeye Bridge" program, an innovative collaboration with our colleagues at Columbus State, creates a tuition-free path for low- and middle-income Ohio students to complete a four-year degree at Ohio State after they have earned an associate's degree from Columbus State.

The Regional Campus Commitment covers tuition and fees for low- and middle-income students who start at one of our regional campuses, providing them a path to either complete their degree at a regional campus or transfer to the Columbus campus, tuition free. And the President's Ohio Scholarship Program covers the total cost of attendance for Ohio's elite academic talent, making us more competitive in keeping students who score a perfect 36 on the ACT or 1600 on the SAT right here in our home state of Ohio.

Scholarships are not our only vehicle for expanding affordability. I want to give a shout out to our University Libraries team, who are leading the charge to lower textbook costs for students by finding digital or other materials that can be used instead of the more expensive traditional textbooks.

As we're talking about access, there's a special group of learners that we are working hard to attract to Ohio State — and that's our student veterans. As you can imagine, this is especially meaningful to me. As we celebrated Veteran's Day just a few weeks ago, Coach Day and I had the opportunity to speak to several hundred ROTC cadets and midshipman after their morning workout, and that was a special time for us to say "thank you" and recognize their hard work. You know, veterans are a natural fit for higher education. They have a strong work ethic. They are primed for careers in service and leadership. And they have high public trust and confidence. They also have unique circumstances that we need to be attuned to, in terms of their family, work and military obligations. I'm very proud that Ohio State ranks among the nation's leaders in military

friendliness, but I think we can, and should, be No. 1, and we are well on our way. So, look for us to say more on this topic very soon.

In healthcare, we are nearing the opening early next year of our new University Hospital, the largest single facilities project in Ohio State history. While I'm excited to cut the ribbon, I'm far more excited about the transformational work that will take place inside this incredible new space. The advances in cancer care, women's and infant health, stroke care, organ transplantation and other areas will change and save untold lives across Ohio and beyond. This is the very definition of our land-grant mission to make life better for the people of our state. Many of you were present for the lighting of the 30-foot-tall Block O on the tower, a visual symbol of hope and our commitment to providing world-class care to every person in our community. While the hospital may be based in Columbus, it is a resource — as is our entire medical center — for the entire state. We are continuing to find new ways to expand our reach in every corner of Ohio to ensure excellent health outcomes in our rural and Appalachian communities, as well as our metro communities. A new mobile lung cancer screening unit, launched by The James, for example, will expand services for rural and underserved parts of our state.

Athletics, as you know, is an important pillar of our strategic plan. As I've often been known to say, it is the "front porch" of our university for many Ohioans and part of the unifying fabric of our state. We're very proud of our tradition of excellence on and off the field. You may have heard that we're playing a pretty big game in a little over 48 hours. This follows an undefeated regular season, the nation's longest winning streak and a host of awards for our players for their achievements in athletics, academics and community service. You know, as excited as we are to be in the postseason once again, I won't miss an opportunity to draw attention to the academic success of all of Ohio State's student-athletes. The NCAA recently released a new report on graduation success rate, or GSR, and 15 Buckeye teams had a perfect score. Twenty-three teams had a GSR of 90 or better. That kind of success speaks to the culture that Ross Bjork and our coaches and staff are setting, where the student part of student-athlete truly comes first. And, as the collegiate athletics landscape continues to evolve day by day, we are committed to staying on the forefront — notably by maintaining 36 varsity sports, adding scholarships primarily for non-revenue and women's sports, and working closely with our Big Ten colleagues to explore new and innovative revenue sources that will keep us competitive.

None of these successes would be possible without our greatest asset: our people. To that end, I'm pleased that Ohio State continues to be a magnet for top talent. As you know, our enrollment is up this year, with growth at all student levels. We are especially proud that more than two-thirds of our first-year students are from Ohio, a marker of our land-grant mission.

And we are excited to welcome new members of our leadership team. John Horak has been named vice president of research — or, as he very aptly calls it, the "Department of the Future" — and will lead our efforts to grow our research enterprise to \$2 billion. And today, pending your approval, Erik Porfeli will serve as the interim dean of the College of Education and Human Ecology until 2028. Erik is a professor and chair within the college and is the right person to lead in the transition after current Dean Don Pope-Davis steps down at the end of the calendar year. We will also soon begin a search for the next dean of our College of Medicine, as Dean Carol Bradford will step down on December 31. The

college is well positioned for its next chapter of growth, and we thank Dean Bradford for her leadership.

This has been an extraordinary semester of achievements by our students, faculty and staff — even in the face of uncertainties that are impacting all of higher education. While Buckeyes aren't braggers, we are raising the bar for ourselves in terms of telling the stories of the incredible work being done by our community. One such example is in front of you. For those watching online, a digital version of this document is also available on our website. The university Impact Report, put together by our communications team, tells a comprehensive story of the statewide impact of our university. This is one of a number of tools we are using, to include media and op-eds, a new website dedicated to academic excellence, and more video and social media — to bring greater visibility to our work and ensure that Ohioans have awareness of the ways Ohio State touches their lives.

I'm confident that 2026 will bring new opportunities for excellence and impact. We are excited to finish this semester strong, take an opportunity to rest and recharge, and begin again in the new year.

Thank you, and that concludes my report. Mr. Chairman, I'll turn the podium back to you.

Mr. Zeiger:

Thank you, President Carter. As I have said previously, this board is very pleased by the progress that Ohio State continues to make under your leadership. We've seen a lot of things advance in a relatively brief period of time, and we're delighted about that. We are also appreciative of your transparent and cooperative leadership with this board in dealing with all campus issues, particularly those that relate to advancing excellence throughout our institution. So, we feel very privileged to have your leadership. We appreciate it.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Zeiger:

As is the case usually, the consent agenda will be this afternoon's significant item of business.

There are a total of 28 different items presented on the list of board actions today. With the exception of resolutions in memoriam, each of these matters has been reviewed and recommended for approval by one or more of the committees of this board that have been meeting over the last several weeks. Those recommendations are based on the committees' careful review and thoughtful deliberation of the items that are presented. The trustees focus not only on the immediate needs of the institution, in terms of these approvals, but also the strategic priorities that will drive progress toward the long-term aspirations of our university.

Among the resolutions that we will deal with today are resolutions measuring new programs and evaluating appropriately the existing ones to ensure their continued utility. We also are considering resolutions appointing key members

of the Ohio State administration and faculty, and items approving contracts for construction and professional services on projects throughout the university.

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### RESOLUTIONS IN MEMORIAM

Resolution No. 2026-55

Synopsis: Approval of Resolutions in Memoriam is proposed.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves the attached Resolutions in Memoriam and that the President be requested to convey copies to the families of the deceased.

Ann D. Christy  
Clyde C. Goad  
William "Bill" E. Henderson  
Paul R. Hothem  
James "Jim" Gottling  
Jacqueline E. LaMuth  
Brian G. McHale  
Helen Deacon Swank  
Desh Pal Singh Verma  
Thomas A. Willke

#### ANN D. CHRISTY

Synopsis: The Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University expresses its sorrow regarding the death on October 3, 2025, of Ann D. Christy, associate dean and professor in the Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. She was 63.

Professor Christy received her BS (1983) in agricultural engineering and MS (1985) in biomedical engineering from Ohio State's College of Engineering, and she earned her PhD (1991) from Clemson University in environmental systems engineering. Following a short period as an engineer, she joined Ohio State in 1996 and served as a faculty member until her passing. Her research in bioenergy, environment and engineering education generated 145 publications, including more than 40 topics in teaching and learning. She was named a fellow of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) and of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE). Christy chaired ASEE's Biological and Agricultural Division and helped found and subsequently chaired ASABE's Education Division.

Her impact at The Ohio State University was significant, highlighted by her service as a faculty fellow in the Office of Academic Affairs during the semester conversion process and reviewing over 9,000 courses. She was interim associate dean for Undergraduate Education and Student Services in the College of Engineering, then served as the inaugural assistant dean for Teaching and Learning. After stepping down from this role, she was subsequently named associate dean and director for academic programs in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

Everyone who knew Professor Christy was drawn to her warmth, light and enjoyment of each day as it came. Ann had an immense passion for higher learning and embracing her inner child. Through her kind-hearted and resolute leadership, Professor Christy fostered an atmosphere of collegiality and camaraderie among all members of the department, which fostered the professional development of graduate students. Professor Christy exemplified what the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences strongly values — putting students first and working collaboratively to sustain life.

On behalf of the entire university community, the Board of Trustees expresses to the family and loved ones of Professor Ann D. Christy its deepest sympathy and compassion for their loss. It is directed that this resolution be inscribed upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees and that a copy be tendered to her family as an expression of the board's heartfelt sympathy and appreciation.

### **CLYDE C. GOAD**

Synopsis: The Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University expresses its sorrow regarding the death on July 21, 2025, of Clyde C. Goad, professor emeritus from the former Department of Geodetic Science and Surveying.

Professor Goad received his BS in applied mathematics (1969) from North Carolina State University, his MS in numerical science (1971) from Johns Hopkins University and his PhD in aeronautical engineering in 1977 from the Catholic University of America.

Until 1986, Clyde worked in the private sector and in the government, including for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. In 1986, Clyde was invited to join the Department of Geodetic Science and Surveying at The Ohio State University. Clyde's forte was associated with the theory and practical use of and exciting new technology — the global positioning system (GPS). Professor Goad developed and taught several courses in GPS methodology with specific emphasis on highly accurate positioning.

His knowledge and teaching skills soon attracted students from many countries and, in a few years, Ohio State became the educational magnet for individuals interested in high accuracy positioning. Nearly all his students have become highly successful and have responsible positions in their workplaces.

Professor Goad worked closely with the Center for Mapping at Ohio State and therefore became involved with the commercialization of GPS. The union of the private sector and the university fostered new avenues of applied and basic research.

An example of the result of the marriage of the academy and the private sector is the development of using GPS to obtain and display the movement of the blade of earth-moving equipment (e.g., bulldozer and implements for precision agriculture) to an accuracy of one quarter of an inch. Many other important research concepts and practical uses resulted from Professor Goad's brilliant and creative mind.

On behalf of the entire university community, the Board of Trustees expresses to the family and loved ones of Professor Clyde C. Goad its deepest sympathy and compassion for their loss. It is directed that this resolution be inscribed upon the

minutes of the Board of Trustees and that a copy be tendered to his family as an expression of the board's heartfelt sympathy and appreciation.

### **WILLIAM "BILL" E. HENDERSON**

The Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University expresses its sorrow regarding the death on August 13, 2024, of William "Bill" E. Henderson, associate professor emeritus with The Ohio State University in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

Mr. Henderson began his career with Ohio State University Extension in 1971, serving as the 4-H educator in Allen County until 1990. He also served as county chair since 1983. During his county service, Mr. Henderson was promoted to Assistant Professor in July 1978 and then to associate professor in July 1989.

In April 1990, he became the Northwest District 4-H specialist and served in that role until his retirement in April 2002.

During his career, Mr. Henderson shared his expertise and developed meaningful 4-H experiences within the county, across county lines and with other educational partners.

He helped to develop the multi-county 4-H Space Camp, which was held at Ohio Northern University, and Teen Leadership Camp, which was held at The Ohio State University at Lima. He dedicated time to youth activities at the Ohio State Fair, serving as an assistant superintendent for the 4-H photography and woodworking days for nearly 20 years.

Mr. Henderson was a member of the Ohio Cooperative Extension Agents Association, the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents and Epsilon Sigma Phi national Extension honorary. He also served as a longtime member of the planning committee for the Buckeye Leadership Workshop, even during retirement.

Mr. Henderson was recognized as a 2008 inductee in the Ohio 4-H Hall of Fame, and he was a 2015 Walk of Honor inductee at the Allen County Fair.

Mr. Henderson earned his bachelor's degree in sociology in 1968 and his master's degree in sociology in 1976, both from Ohio University.

Before he joined OSU Extension, Mr. Henderson worked as a teaching assistant at Ohio University, a director for Head Start in Cambridge, a summer assistant for Extension and an inspector for the Ohio Department of Highways.

On behalf of the university community, the Ohio State Board of Trustees expresses to the family of William "Bill" E. Henderson its deepest sympathy and sense of understanding of their loss. It is directed that his resolution be inscribed upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees, and that a copy be tendered to his family as an expression of the board's heartfelt sympathy and appreciation.

### **PAUL R. HOTHEM**

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The Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University expresses its sorrow regarding the death on July 7, 2025, of Paul R. Hothem, assistant professor emeritus with The Ohio State University in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

Mr. Hothem began his career with Ohio State University Extension in March 1962 as an associate county agent for 4-H and home economics in Knox County. In July 1964, he became the 4-H agent in Knox County. Mr. Hothem was promoted to assistant professor in July 1974. He also served as office chair for 15 years until his retirement in December 1988.

Mr. Hothem won many local, state and national awards for his distinguished service and was known for his innovative programs. He created the first 4-H trapping club in the state and authored the Muskrat Trapping Project book, as well as a book on arrowheads.

Mr. Hothem was very active in on the 4-H Camp Ohio board. He also remained very active in the Knox County Fair for many years, including serving as the junior fair coordinator for five years after retirement. He was a member and coordinator for the fair's Agriculture Museum Committee. Mr. Hothem assisted the Ohio Division of Wildlife by serving as the county head instructor for hunter safety for 20 years and trapping education for 32 years. Many local boards and committees benefited from his expertise and experience.

Mr. Hothem earned his bachelor's degree in animal science in 1959 from The Ohio State University. After graduation, he worked briefly as a summer assistant in Coshocton County before serving in the U.S. Army until March 1962. He furthered his studies by earning a master's degree in agricultural education in 1971.

On behalf of the university community, the Ohio State Board of Trustees expresses to the family of Paul R. Hothem, its deepest sympathy and compassion for their loss. It is directed that this resolution be inscribed upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees, and that a copy be tendered to his family as an expression of the board's heartfelt sympathy and appreciation.

### **JAMES "JIM" GOTTLING**

The Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University expresses its sorrow regarding the death on October 29, 2025, of James "Jim" Gottling, professor emeritus in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering in the College of Engineering. He was 92.

Professor Gottling earned a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering from Lehigh University in 1955 and completed his Doctor of Science in electrical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1960. He joined the Ohio State University faculty that same year and served with distinction for three decades until his retirement.

A prolific educator and researcher, Professor Gottling authored notable works such as *Electronics: Models, Analysis, and Systems* (1982), *Matrix Analysis of Circuits Using Matlab* (1995) and *Hands on PSpice: Circuit Modeling and Analysis* (1995). His research contributions spanned circuit analysis, including works like "Node and Mesh Analysis by Inspection" (1995), and optical measurements, as seen in "Double-Layer Interference in Air-CdS Films" (1966).

Professor Gottling was recognized repeatedly for his excellence in teaching, receiving prestigious accolades such as The Ohio State University Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching (1967), the Charles E. MacQuigg Outstanding Teaching Award (1994) and the Eta Kappa Nu Professor of the Year Award (1995). He was an active member of a faculty group that welcomed and supported international graduate students and their families as they acclimated to life at Ohio State. He belonged to numerous academic and professional societies and was deeply admired for his mentorship, dedication to students and commitment to fostering a collaborative academic environment.

On behalf of the entire university community, the Board of Trustees expresses to the family and loved ones of Professor James “Jim” Gottling its deepest sympathy and compassion for their loss. It is directed that this resolution be inscribed upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees and that a copy be tendered to his family as an expression of the board’s heartfelt sympathy and appreciation.

### **JACQUELINE E. LAMUTH**

The Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University expresses its sorrow regarding the death on July 28, 2025, of Jacqueline E. LaMuth, associate professor emeritus with The Ohio State University in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.

Dr. LaMuth began working for Ohio State University Extension in April 1971 as a county Extension agent for 4-H and home economics. She became an agent focusing on 4-H in Franklin County in December 1972. She was promoted to assistant professor in 1979 and then to associate professor in 1987. Dr. LaMuth also served as an acting chair in 1989 and became chair of the Franklin County office in September 1990.

Dr. LaMuth later served as the interim leader for evaluation, grantsmanship and product development, followed by interim leader, resource development. In October 2000, she was appointed as the leader, grants and contracts. She served in this role for several years, followed by leader, resource development and management, until her retirement on September 1, 2014.

Dr. LaMuth was a respected scholar and educator. She authored numerous educational publications and resources for colleagues and Extension clientele. She served on the Extension Grantsmanship Action Learning Team, coordinating resources and learning opportunities with several colleagues for the benefit of all Extension professionals.

Dr. LaMuth served as a counselor for Ohio 4-H Sea Camp at Kelleys Island for many years, where she embraced the opportunity to teach young people about aquatic science, sailing and other recreational watersports.

Dr. LaMuth gave back to her community by serving as board chair for the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio. She was well known for her horticultural and geological knowledge, which she shared enthusiastically with colleagues and friends. She was also a renowned local musician and enjoyed travelling with her fellow musicians.

Dr. LaMuth earned her bachelor's degree in 1971 and her master's degree in 1977, both in home economics education, as well as her doctoral degree in human and community resource development in 2006, all from The Ohio State University.

On behalf of the university community, the Ohio State Board of Trustees expresses to the family of Jaqueline E. LaMuth, its deepest sympathy and compassion for their loss. It is directed that this resolution be inscribed upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees, and that a copy be tendered to her family as an expression of the board's heartfelt sympathy and appreciation.

### **BRIAN G. McHALE**

Synopsis: The Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University expresses its sorrow regarding the death on July 27, 2025, of Brian Geoffrey McHale, professor emeritus in the Department of English in the College of Arts and Sciences. He died on his 73rd birthday.

Professor McHale received his BA from Brown University in 1974 and was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship that same year. He received his DPhil in English language and literature in 1977. Joining the Department of English at The Ohio State University as an Arts and Humanities Distinguished Professor in 2002, Professor McHale was a vital member of the department as a scholar, teacher, mentor and colleague even after his retirement in 2022.

One of the world's most influential scholars of postmodern literature and culture, and one of its leading narrative theorists, Professor McHale's first book, *Postmodernist Fiction* (1987), changed the conversation about the nature of postmodernism and its relation to modernism. In narrative theory, he did groundbreaking work on narrative discourse, narrative in poetry and science fiction. When he spoke or wrote, scholars around the world listened: His work was read and taught by literary scholars across six continents and representing a wide variety of literary periods, genres and methodologies. Professor McHale was the author of three other monographs and over 100 essays published in leading scholarly journals and edited collections. He co-edited five additional volumes.

He also served the global scholarly community as associate editor, co-editor and editor-in-chief of *Poetics Today* and as president of both the International Society for the Study of Narrative (ISSN) and the Association for the Study of the Arts of the Present. A co-founder of Ohio State's Project Narrative, his work helped define and shape the field. Fittingly, he received the ISSN's Wayne C. Booth Lifetime Achievement Award in 2025.

A beloved teacher and mentor, he brought his expertise and passion to his undergraduate and graduate students. Simultaneously generous and scrupulous in his criticism and advice, he always improved the research and writing of students and colleagues with whom he worked. In recognition of Brian's exemplary mentorship, the department named the award for Best Essay by a Graduate Student in Narrative Studies after him. In department meetings, he was the model of eloquence and good sense. He ceaselessly served the department, the university and the discipline of English studies.

On behalf of the entire university community, the Board of Trustees expresses to the family and loved ones of Professor Brian McHale its deepest sympathy and compassion for their loss. It is directed that this resolution be inscribed upon the

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minutes of the Board of Trustees and that a copy be tendered to his family as an expression of the board's heartfelt sympathy and appreciation.

### **HELEN DEACON SWANK**

Synopsis: The Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University expresses its sorrow regarding the death on August 6, 2025, of Helen Deacon Swank, professor emerita of voice in the School of Music in the College of Arts and Sciences. She was 93.

Professor Swank joined Ohio State's faculty in 1965 and served until her retirement in 1991, including service as area head of voice from 1977 to 1991. A visionary educator and mentor, she created the School of Music's nationally recognized graduate programs in voice pedagogy, among the first in the nation; these programs continue to flourish today.

Beyond campus, Professor Swank served the broader community as choir director at The Church of the Messiah in Westerville and nurtured a lifelong love of the arts through oil painting and writing. With her husband, C. William Swank, she was a steadfast supporter of Ohio State and endowed the Helen Swank Award recognizing outstanding graduate singers.

Professor Swank earned a BS in education and an MA in music from The Ohio State University. Her graduate work was an interdisciplinary course of study of her own design, integrating physics, speech and hearing science, and medicine. This holistic approach presaged and informs today's singing health work in the Helen Deacon Swank Voice Teaching and Research Laboratory in the School of Music. She received the Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1976 and 1987, and the School of Music Distinguished Service Award in 1997. In 2007, the trustees approved naming the Helen Deacon Swank Voice Teaching and Research Laboratory in her honor.

On behalf of the entire university community, the Board of Trustees expresses to the family and loved ones of Professor Helen Deacon Swank its deepest sympathy and compassion for their loss. It is directed that this resolution be inscribed upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees and that a copy be tendered to her family as an expression of the board's heartfelt sympathy and appreciation.

### **DESH PAL SINGH VERMA**

Synopsis: The Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University expresses its sorrow regarding the death on October 10, 2025, of Dr. Desh Pal Singh Verma, professor emeritus in the Department of Molecular Genetics in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Verma earned a master's degree in botany from Agra University in 1964 and a PhD from the University of Western Ontario in 1970. After completing his postdoctoral research at the Fox Chase Cancer Center, he joined McGill University as an assistant professor in 1974. While at McGill, he was awarded the E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fellowship by the National Research Council of Canada, was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and became a member of the Canadian Academy of Sciences in 1986. In 1988, he joined the newly formed Department of Molecular Genetics at The Ohio State University as professor and associate director of the Biotechnology Center.

Dr. Verma's research contributions included the first isolation of the first plant mRNA (encoding soybean leghemoglobin) as well as the cloning of its encoding gene. He also led the identification of a novel class of genes referred to as "nodulins," which are involved in the development of Rhizobium-Legume symbiosis. During his career, Dr. Verma trained over 150 graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and visiting scientists; authored over 200 peer-reviewed research publications; and edited 11 academic books. Dr. Verma served as a senior editor for the International Society of Molecular Plant-Microbe Interactions (IS-MPMI), and as co-editor for its flagship journal Molecular Plant-Microbe Interactions. In 2003, he was elected a Fellow of The World Academy of Sciences. He also served as a consultant to several international companies and was an advisor to the Planning Commission of India (now NITI Aayog) on agricultural biotechnology from 2006-2011.

Dr. Verma was a valued colleague with a deep interest in all scientific areas, who always asked the most rigorous and thought-provoking questions. He will be deeply missed.

On behalf of the entire university community, the Board of Trustees expresses to the family and loved ones of Dr. Desh Pal Singh Verma its deepest sympathy for their loss. It is directed that this resolution be inscribed upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees and that a copy be tendered to his family as an expression of the board's heartfelt appreciation.

#### **THOMAS A. WILLKE**

Synopsis: The Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University expresses its sorrow regarding the death on August 21, 2025, of Thomas A. Willke, founding member of the Department of Statistics in the College of Arts and Sciences. He was 93.

Professor Willke received his MA and PhD in mathematics from Ohio State under the guidance of Ransom Whitney. After a brief appointment as assistant professor of mathematics at the University of Maryland, Tom returned to Ohio with his wife, Gerry, and their young family to serve as an associate professor for Ohio State's Department of Mathematics in 1966.

Tom was one of the founding faculty to establish the Department of Statistics in 1970, and he was promoted to full professor of statistics in 1972. The department, which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary, was formalized in 1974, and Tom was one of only eight initial faculty members. As the department grew and celebrated new milestones, Tom was instrumental in recording aspects of its earliest history. In 2003, he conducted and transcribed an interview with the founding chair of the Department of Statistics, Ransom Whitney, which detailed its inaugural years.

Tom continued to serve the university with distinction as vice provost/dean of undergraduate studies for the College of the Arts and Sciences from 1973-1987, and as acting dean of University College from 1983-1985. After retiring from Ohio State in 1987 as emeritus dean of undergraduate studies and professor of statistics, he continued his academic career as chair of the Department of Mathematical Sciences at Otterbein College until 1997.

Throughout his distinguished career, Tom focused on service to others and touched the lives of countless students and colleagues. His legacy lives on, both through the department he helped to create and the many lives he influenced. Remarkably, Tom's personal dedication to academia and to the university has led to 31 degrees conferred by Ohio State to his family members. Within the Willke family, this tradition has also translated to at least 145 years in academic or service positions at the university.

On behalf of the entire university community, the Board of Trustees expresses to the family and loved ones of Thomas A. Willke its deepest sympathy and compassion for their loss. It is directed that this resolution be inscribed upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees and that a copy be tendered to his family as an expression of the board's heartfelt sympathy and appreciation.

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### **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

Resolution No. 2026-56

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves the personnel actions as recorded in the personnel budget records of the university since the August 20, 2025, meeting of the Board, including the following appointments and contract amendments:

#### **Appointment**

Name: John Horack  
Title: Vice President, Enterprise for Research, Innovation and Knowledge  
Unit: Office of Academic Affairs  
Term: October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027

Name: Rob Lowden  
Title: Vice President and Chief Information Officer  
Unit: Administration and Planning  
Term: August 1, 2025

#### **Interim Appointment**

Name: Erik Porfeli  
Title: Interim Dean, College of Education and Human Ecology  
Unit: Office of Academic Affairs  
Term: January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2028

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### **REVOCATION OF DEGREE**

Resolution No. 2026-57

Synopsis: Revocation of a Doctor of Philosophy degree.

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WHEREAS the committee on academic misconduct constituted according to rule 3335-5-48.7 of the administrative code requested that the Board of Trustees effectuate the revocation of the Doctor of Philosophy degree of Samantha Carter; and

WHEREAS the request was concurred with by the Executive Vice President and Provost; and

WHEREAS the request was further concurred with by the Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee; and

WHEREAS the appropriate bodies and administrative officer of the university have fully complied with applicable procedures and, in accordance with those procedures:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Doctor of Philosophy degree, granted on August 4, 2024, pursuant to paragraph (E) of rule 3335-1-06 of the administrative code, is hereby revoked immediately.

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### **REVOCATION OF DEGREE**

Resolution No. 2026-58

Synopsis: Revocation of a Bachelor of Arts degree.

WHEREAS the university registrar and director of undergraduate admissions after utilization of rule 3335-9-20 requested that the Board of Trustees effectuate the revocation of the Bachelor of Arts degree of Ava Misseldine conferred under the name of Brie Bourgeois; and

WHEREAS the request was concurred with by the Executive Vice President and Provost; and

WHEREAS the request was further concurred with by the Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee; and

WHEREAS the appropriate bodies and administrative officer of the university have fully complied with applicable procedures and, in accordance with those procedures:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Bachelor of Arts degree, granted on March 22, 2009, pursuant to paragraph (E) of rule 3335-1-06 of the Administrative Code, is hereby revoked immediately.

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### **APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH AN EXECUTIVE MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION**

IN THE COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Synopsis: Approval to establish an Executive Master of Health Administration degree program in the College of Public Health is proposed.

WHEREAS the proposed Executive Master of Health Administration program is an extension of the accredited full-time, residential, early career Master of Health Administration program and would extend the reach of the program to more experienced mid-career professionals; and

WHEREAS the program's mission is to provide students with an exceptional educational experience encompassing the organization, financing, delivery and improvement of health care services leading to rewarding careers in health services management and policy; and

WHEREAS the residential program has been a national leader in healthcare management for more than 50 years and is currently ranked No. 8 in U.S. News & World Report; and

WHEREAS the proposed executive program is 45 credits, over five semesters, is primarily online and cohort-based with 20-25 students per cohort expected; and

WHEREAS markets for enrollment include employees of local health systems, clinicians seeking to move into leadership roles and others working in the broader healthcare space; and

WHEREAS the proposal was reviewed and approved by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on May 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS the University Senate approved this proposal on October 30, 2025:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves the proposal to establish an Executive Master of Health Administration degree program in the College of Public Health.

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**APPROVAL OF THE REPORT ON LOW ENROLLMENT COURSES AND  
DUPLICATE PROGRAMS**

Synopsis: Approval of the university's Report on Low Enrollment Courses and Duplicate Programs for submission to the Ohio Department of Higher Education is proposed.

WHEREAS Ohio Revised Code 3345.35 requires the governing boards of each state institution of higher education to evaluate courses and programs based on

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enrollments and duplication with other state institutions of higher education within a geographic region; and

WHEREAS the university currently adopts a minimum class size of 18 students, with exceptions for distinctive instructional settings; and

WHEREAS to prepare for this submission, the Office of Academic Affairs worked with the university's 15 academic colleges and four regional campuses to examine trend data and alignment of college enrollment policies; and

WHEREAS approximately 13,000 courses are offered at the university, with 409 identified as low enrolling; and

WHEREAS each college or regional campus has been directed to take appropriate action on its low enrollment courses; and

WHEREAS The Ohio State University has strong collaborations with two-year institutions and no significant program duplication with other institutions in the central Ohio region:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves the Report on Low Enrollment Courses and Duplicate Programs for submission to the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

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**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO THE INTERIM POLICY ON FACULTY APPOINTMENTS, FACULTY WORKLOAD, TENURE, AND RETRENCHMENT**

Resolution No. 2026-61

Synopsis: Approval of revisions to the interim policy is requested to align with Senate Bill 1's faculty workload policy requirements found in Ohio Revised Code 3345.45.

WHEREAS Ohio Senate Bill 1 (SB1), the Advance Ohio Higher Education Act, took effect on June 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS SB1 requires the Board of Trustees to adopt a series of policies in accordance with statutory requirements, including those concerning faculty workload, and to submit those policies to the chancellor of higher education for review; and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees approved an interim Faculty Appointments, Tenure, and Retrenchment Policy at its August 20, 2025, meeting to address SB1's requirements related to tenure and retrenchment; and

WHEREAS the proposed revisions expand that interim policy to address the required elements of faculty workload, including alignment with the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) Standards for Instructional Workloads issued by the chancellor of higher education in late October; and

WHEREAS a faculty workload policy consistent with the ODHE standards should be adopted by the board of trustees and submitted to ODHE by December 31, 2025, and every five years thereafter:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves revisions to the renamed interim policy on Faculty Appointments, Faculty Workload, Tenure, and Retrenchment.

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### **AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY**

Resolution No. 2026-62

Synopsis: Approval of the following amendments to the *Rules of the University Faculty* are proposed.

WHEREAS the University Senate, pursuant to rule 3335-1-09 of the Administrative Code, is authorized to recommend through the President to the Board of Trustees the adoption of amendments to the *Rules of the University Faculty* as approved by the University Senate; and

WHEREAS rule 3335-5-04 outlines procedures for complaints of failure to meet academic responsibilities, post-tenure review, and misconduct made against faculty members, including different investigatory procedures for different cases depending on the subject matter at issue; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to rule 3335-5-04.2, the Research Integrity Standing Committee (RISC), which consists of faculty members with specific research expertise and training, performs investigations of complaints of research misconduct; and

WHEREAS all other research-related complaints are investigated by faculty members serving on college-level investigation committees; and

WHEREAS complaints relating to research compliance often involve complex research-related issues, such that the RISC committee's expertise would be beneficial in conducting those investigations; and

WHEREAS the proposed amendments would change the process for reviewing complaints pertaining to research compliance to assign such cases to RISC for investigation rather than college-level investigation committees; and

WHEREAS this change would ensure that faculty with relevant research experience perform these research compliance investigations; and

WHEREAS the proposed amendments were approved by the University Senate during its meeting on November 13, 2025:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves that the attached amendments to the *Rules of the University Faculty* be adopted as recommended by the University Senate.

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### FACULTY PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Resolution No. 2026-63

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves the faculty personnel actions as recorded in the personnel budget records of the university since the August 20, 2025, meeting of the board, including the following appointments, appointments/reappointments of chairpersons, faculty professional leaves and emeritus titles:

#### Appointments

Name: ELLIOT BENDOLY  
Title: Professor (The Richard M. Ross Chair in Management)  
College: Fisher College of Business  
Term: August 15, 2025, through August 14, 2030

Name: LAURA FLANNIGAN  
Title: Assistant Professor (The Warner Woodring Chair in History)  
College: Arts and Sciences  
Term: August 15, 2025, through August 15, 2030

Name: LARRY GARVIN  
Title: Professor (The Leon M. McCorkle Jr. Professorship in Commercial Law)  
College: Law  
Term: August 15, 2025, through August 15, 2030

Name: ANNA GAWBOY  
Title: Associate Professor (Colleen McMahon Professorship in Music)  
College: Arts and Sciences  
Term: August 15, 2025, through June 30, 2030

Name: KURT GRAY\*  
Title: Professor (Weary Foundation Endowed Chair in Social Psychology)  
College: Arts and Sciences  
Term: December 4, 2025, through June 30, 2030

Name: ROGER GODDARD  
Title: Professor (Novice G. Fawcett Chair in Educational Administration)  
College: Education and Human Ecology  
Term: September 15, 2025, through September 14, 2030

Name: JENNIFER GOLD\*  
Title: Professor and Chair (The Harry C. and Mary Elizabeth Powelson Professorship of Medicine)

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College: Medicine

Term: December 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030

Name: MARYANNA KLATT

Title: Professor-Clinical (Endowed Chair in Integrative Health)

College: Medicine

Term: November 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029

Name: JOSEPH KWON

Title: Professor (Richard M. Morrow Chair in Polymer Engineering)

College: Engineering

Term: August 15, 2025, through June 30, 2030

Name: ROBERT LOUNT

Title: Professor (Irving Abramowitz Memorial Professorship)

College: Fisher College of Business

Term: August 15, 2025, through August 14, 2030

Name: OLAN MUNSON

Title: Assistant Professor (Dr. Chris Lee Endowed Professorship in Korean)

College: Arts and Sciences

Term: August 15, 2025, through August 15, 2030

Name: MICHAEL MURPHY

Title: Assistant Professor-Clinical (Smathers Designated Professor at the Moritz Entrepreneurial Business Law Clinic)

College: Law

Term: August 15, 2025, through August 14, 2030

Name: EFTHIMI PARASIDIS

Title: Professor (The Kara J. Trott Endowed Professorship in Law in honor of Prof. Morgan E. Shipman)

College: Law

Term: November 15, 2025, through November 14, 2030

Name: ERIK PORFELI

Title: Interim Dean

College: Education and Human Ecology

Term: January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028, or until a permanent Dean is appointed

Name: PAUL REITTER

Title: Professor (The Ohio Eminent Scholar in German)

College: Arts and Sciences

Term: August 15, 2025, through June 30, 2030

Name: BLAINE SAITO

Title: Associate Professor (The Lawrence D. Stanley Professorship in Law)

College: Law

Term: August 15, 2025, through August 15, 2030

Name: COLLEEN SETTINERI

Title: Professor-Clinical (The Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer Professorship for the Administration of Justice and Rule of Law)

College: Law

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Term: November 15, 2025, through November 14, 2030

Name: ABRAHAM SCHNEIDER\*  
Title: Professor (The George C. Paffenbarger Alumni Chair in Dental Research)  
College: Dentistry  
Term: November 3, 2025, through November 2, 2030

Name: BENNETT TEPPER  
Title: Professor (John A. Russell Chair for Communication Excellence)  
College: Fisher College of Business  
Term: August 15, 2025, through August 14, 2030

Name: ANDREW VAN BUSKIRK  
Title: Professor (The Harry T. Mangurian, Jr. Foundation Professorship in Business)  
College: Fisher College of Business  
Term: August 15, 2025, through August 14, 2030

Name: XIAO GUANG WANG  
Title: Assistant Professor (The H.C. 'Slip' Slider Professorship in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering)  
College: Engineering  
Term: August 15, 2025, through June 30, 2030

Name: LIN ZHU NEWSAD  
Title: Assistant Professor (Elizabeth McKeever Ross Professorship Fund)  
College: Medicine  
Term: November 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029

Reappointments

Name: YIGIT AKIN  
Title: Associate Professor (Carter V. Findley Chair of Ottoman and Turkish History)  
College: Arts and Sciences  
Term: August 15, 2025, through June 30, 2030

Name: ARNAB CHAKRAVARTI  
Title: Professor and Chair (Klotz Family Chair in Cancer Research)  
College: Medicine  
Term: July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029

Name: JEFFREY CHALMERS  
Title: Professor (Helen C. Kurtz Chair in Chemical Engineering)  
College: Engineering  
Term: July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2030

Name: DANIEL CHOW  
Title: Professor (The Frank E. and Virginia H. Bazler Chair in Business Law)  
College: Law  
Term: November 16, 2025, through November 15, 2030

Name: LOUIS DIMAURO

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Title: Professor (The Dr. Edward E. and Sylvia Hagenlocker Chair in Physics)

College: Arts and Sciences

Term: July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2027

Name: EDWARD FOLEY

Title: Professor (Charles W. Ebersold and Florence Whitcomb Ebersold Chair)

College: Law

Term: November 16, 2025, through November 15, 2030

Name: JOHN FULTON

Title: Professor (The Food, Agricultural, and Biological Engineering Endowed Professorship)

College: Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

Term: June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2029

Name: JINGYIN HUANG

Title: Associate Professor (The Alice Louise Ridenour Wood Chair in Mathematics)

College: Arts and Sciences

Term: August 15, 2025, through August 15, 2030

Name: DOROTHEE IMBERT

Title: Professor and Director (The Hubert Schmidt Chair in Landscape Architecture)

College: Engineering

Term: July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026

Name: ALAN MICHAELS

Title: Professor (The Edwin M. Cooperman Endowed Chair at The Michael E. Mortiz College of Law)

College: Law

Term: February 1, 2026, through January 31, 2031

Name: ERIN MOORE

Title: Assistant Professor (Dr. Carl F. Asseff Professorship in Anthropology and History of Medicine)

College: Arts and Sciences

Term: August 15, 2024, through June 30, 2030

Name: DAVID NAGIB

Title: Professor (Dr. Harold "Hal" Miller and Betty J. Miller Endowed Chair in Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry)

College: Arts and Sciences

Term: August 15, 2025, through August 14, 2027

Name: RITA PICKLER

Title: Professor (FloAnn Sours Easton Endowed Professorship in Child and Adolescent Health)

College: Nursing

Term: October 1, 2025, through May 15, 2028

Name: JAMES ROCCO

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Title: Professor and Chair (The Mary E. and John W. Alford Research Chair in Head and Neck Cancer)

College: Medicine

Term: July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029

Name: BRUCE WEINBERG

Title: Professor (Eric Byron Fix-Monda Endowed Chair)

College: Arts and Sciences

Term: December 4, 2025, through August 14, 2026

#### Extensions

\*New Hire

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### **DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES**

Resolution No. 2026-64

Synopsis: Approval of Degrees and Certificates for autumn term 2025 is proposed.

WHEREAS pursuant to paragraph (E) of rule 3335-1-06 of the Administrative Code, the Board has authority for the issuance of degrees and certificates; and

WHEREAS the faculties of the colleges and schools shall transmit, in accordance with rule 3335-9-29 of the Administrative Code, for approval by the Board of Trustees, the names of persons who have completed degree and certificate requirements:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves the degrees and certificates to be conferred on December 21, 2025, to those persons who have completed the requirements for their respective degrees and certificates and are recommended by the colleges and schools.

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### **APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO/INCREASE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND ENTER INTO/INCREASE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**

Resolution No. 2026-65

#### **APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS EAST HOSPITAL – TOWER – ELEVATOR RENOVATIONS**

#### **APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO/INCREASE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**

EAST HOSPITAL – FIRE SUPPRESSION

NEWTON HALL AHU REPLACEMENTS  
VMA – LIBRARY REDESIGN

**APPROVAL TO INCREASE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**  
COLLEGE ROAD REBUILD  
DENTAL SIMULATION SPACE MODERNIZATION  
OHIO STADIUM, WHAC AUDIO AND VIDEO UPGRADES  
WMC OUTPATIENT CARE POWELL

Synopsis: Authorization to enter into/increase professional services and construction contracts, as detailed in the attached materials, is proposed.

WHEREAS in accordance with the attached materials, the University desires to enter into professional services contracts for the following project; and

	Prof. Serv. Approval Requested	Total Requested	
East Hospital – Tower – Elevator Renovations	\$1.7M	\$1.7M	Auxiliary funds

WHEREAS in accordance with the attached materials, the University desires to enter into/increase professional services contracts and enter into/increase construction contracts for the following projects; and

	Prof. Serv. Approval Requested	Construction Approval Requested	Total Requested	
East Hospital – Fire Suppression	\$0.6M	\$6.8M	\$7.4M	Auxiliary funds
Newton Hall AHU Replacements	\$3.4M	\$8.6M	\$12.0M	University funds
VMA – Library Redesign	\$0.7M	\$3.8M	\$4.5M	University funds

WHEREAS in accordance with the attached materials, the University desires to enter into/increase construction contracts for the following projects; and

	Construction Approval Requested	Total Requested	
College Road Rebuild	\$0.8M	\$0.8M	University debt
Dental Simulation Space Modernization	\$16.0M	\$16.0M	University debt University funds State funds
Ohio Stadium, WHAC Audio and Video Upgrades	\$6.5M	\$6.5M	Auxiliary funds University debt
WMC Outpatient Care Powell	\$4.7M	\$4.7M	Auxiliary funds

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WHEREAS the Master Planning and Facilities Committee has reviewed the projects listed above for alignment with all applicable campus plans and guidelines; and

WHEREAS the Finance Committee has reviewed the projects listed above for alignment with the Capital Investment Plan and other applicable financial plans.

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves that the fiscal year 2026 Capital Investment Plan be amended to include professional services and construction approval for the College of Veterinary Medicine Library Redesign project and additional construction funding for the Dental Simulation Space Modernization project; and

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby approves that the President and/or Senior Vice President for Business and Finance be authorized to enter into/increase professional services and construction contracts for the projects listed above in accordance with established university and State of Ohio procedures, with all actions to be reported to the board at the appropriate time.

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**APPROVAL OF THE EAST HOSPITAL  
LEVEL III TRAUMA CENTER VERIFICATION**

Resolution No. 2026-66

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS  
d/b/a OSU WEXNER MEDICAL CENTER

Synopsis: Approval of the triennial review of the Level III Trauma Center for East Hospital, is proposed.

WHEREAS, the mission of the Ohio State University Hospitals d/b/a OSU Wexner Medical Center, including Ohio State University Hospital, Ohio State Richard M. Ross Heart Hospital, Ohio State Harding Hospital, and East Hospital, is to improve people's lives through innovation in research, education, and patient care; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio State University Hospitals continue to provide emergency, specialty, and subspecialty clinical trauma services, as well as professional and public education, injury prevention, research, and performance improvement programs (collectively, the "Trauma Program"); and

WHEREAS, the Ohio State University Hospitals intend to continue to meet all requirements and criteria to maintain Level III Trauma Center verification at East Hospital and support its Trauma Program, including ensuring that the necessary personnel, facilities, and equipment are made available to support a Level III Trauma Center at East Hospital; and

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WHEREAS, the triennial review of a Level III Trauma Center at East Hospital was approved by the Ohio State University Hospitals Medical Staff Administrative Committee on October 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the triennial review of a Level III Trauma Center at East Hospital was approved by the Quality and Professional Affairs Committee on October 28, 2025:

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Board and The Ohio State University Board of Trustees hereby commit to maintain the high standards needed to provide optimal care to all trauma patients and supports the East Hospital Level III Trauma Center verification by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma.

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**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE *BYLAWS OF THE MEDICAL STAFF***

Resolution No. 2026-67

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS  
d/b/a OSU WEXNER MEDICAL CENTER

Synopsis: The amendments to the *Bylaws of the Medical Staff* of The Ohio State University Hospitals are recommended for approval.

WHEREAS a summary of the proposed amendments to the *Bylaws of the Medical Staff* of The Ohio State University Hospitals is attached; and

WHEREAS the proposed amendments are also attached; and

WHEREAS the proposed amendments to the *Bylaws of the Medical Staff* of The Ohio State University Hospitals were approved by the University Hospitals Medical Staff Administrative Committee on September 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS on October 28, 2025, the Quality and Professional Affairs Committee recommended that the Wexner Medical Center Board approve the amendments to the *Bylaws of the Medical Staff* of The Ohio State University Hospitals:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Wexner Medical Center Board and The Ohio State University Board of Trustees hereby approve the amendments to the *Bylaws of the Medical Staff* for The Ohio State University Hospitals, including Ohio State University Hospital, Ohio State Richard M. Ross Heart Hospital, Ohio State Harding Hospital, and Ohio State East Hospital.

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**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE *BYLAWS OF THE MEDICAL STAFF***

Resolution No. 2026-68

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER  
ARTHUR G. JAMES CANCER HOSPITAL AND RICHARD J. SOLOVE  
RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Synopsis: The amendments to the *Bylaws of the Medical Staff* of the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute are recommended for approval.

WHEREAS a summary of the proposed amendments to the *Bylaws of the Medical Staff* of the James Cancer Hospital is attached; and

WHEREAS the proposed amendments are also attached; and

WHEREAS the proposed amendments to the *Bylaws of the Medical Staff* of the James Cancer Hospital were approved by the James Cancer Hospital Medical Staff Administrative Committee on September 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS on October 28, 2025, the Quality and Professional Affairs Committee recommended that the Wexner Medical Center Board approve the amendments to the *Bylaws of the Medical Staff* of the James Cancer Hospital:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Wexner Medical Center Board and The Ohio State University Board of Trustees hereby approve the amendments to the *Bylaws of the Medical Staff* of the James Cancer Hospital.

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**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE MEDICAL STAFF RULES AND  
REGULATIONS**

Resolution No. 2026-69

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER  
ARTHUR G. JAMES CANCER HOSPITAL AND RICHARD J. SOLOVE  
RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Synopsis: The amendments to the *Medical Staff Rules and Regulations* of the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute are recommended for approval.

WHEREAS a summary of the proposed amendments to the *Medical Staff Rules and Regulations* of the James Cancer Hospital is attached; and

WHEREAS the proposed amendments are also attached; and

WHEREAS the proposed amendments to the *Medical Staff Rules and Regulations* of the James Cancer Hospital were approved by the James Cancer Hospital Medical Staff Administrative Committee on September 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS on October 28, 2025, the Quality and Professional Affairs Committee recommended that the Wexner Medical Center Board approve the amendments to the *Medical Staff Rules and Regulations* of the James Cancer Hospital:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Wexner Medical Center Board and The Ohio State University Board of Trustees hereby approve the amendments to the *Medical Staff Rules and Regulations* for The James.

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### **APPROVAL FOR ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY**

Resolution No. 2026-70

2.646 +/- ACRES AT 941 CHATHAM LANE,  
COLUMBUS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO

Synopsis: Authorization to acquire real property located at 941 Chatham Lane, Columbus, Ohio, is proposed.

WHEREAS The Ohio State University seeks to acquire 2.646 acres of improved real property located at 941 Chatham Lane, Columbus, Ohio, identified as Franklin County parcel number 010-003322 at a price of \$3,550,000; and

WHEREAS the acquisition of this property supports the strategic investment of land assets in support of the university's current and future needs; and

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves that the President and/or Senior Vice President for Business and Finance shall be authorized to take any action required to effect the purchase of the aforementioned property upon terms and conditions deemed to be in the best interest of the university and at a purchase price at or below the appraised value.

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### **APPROVAL OF THE FY25 PROGRESS REPORT ON THE OHIO TASK FORCE ON AFFORDABILITY AND EFFICIENCY IN HIGHER EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Resolution No. 2026-71

Synopsis: Approval of Ohio State's FY24 progress report on the Ohio Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency recommendations, which will be submitted to the Chancellor of Higher Education, is proposed.

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WHEREAS Governor John R. Kasich established the Ohio Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency in Higher Education in 2015 to recommend solutions for state colleges and universities to enhance affordability and efficiency; and

WHEREAS The Ohio State University supported the goals and work of this task force; and

WHEREAS the task force delivered its recommendations in the report “Action Steps to Reduce College Costs” on October 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS House Bill 49 (Section 381.550) requires the Board of Trustees of each state college and university to approve an efficiency report based on the task force recommendations each fiscal year and submit it to the Chancellor of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS consultations have taken place within the university to review and apply the recommendations to Ohio State’s circumstances; and

WHEREAS Ohio State’s strategic goal, focused on operational excellence and resource stewardship, is in strong alignment with task force recommendations:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves the university’s FY25 progress report in response to the task force recommendations, as detailed in the attached document; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the attached document be delivered to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

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### **AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE GOLF COURSE DUES AND FEES**

Resolution No. 2026-72

Synopsis: Approval of golf course membership dues and fees for calendar year 2026 at the recommended levels is requested.

WHEREAS The Ohio State University Department of Athletics has a long history of self-sustainability in supporting 36 world-class athletics programs and providing needed revenues back to the university for scholarships and academic programs; and

WHEREAS each year the Athletic Council reviews projections for the coming year’s budget and recommends golf course membership dues and fees; and

WHEREAS the Athletic Council has approved the golf course membership dues and fees as shown on the attached document; and

WHEREAS the Athletic Council’s recommendations have been reviewed and are recommended by the appropriate University administration:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the recommended golf course membership dues and fees for calendar year 2026 be approved.

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**APPROVAL OF THE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION REPORT**

Resolution No. 2026-73

Synopsis: Approval of the University Foundation Report as of October 31, 2025, is proposed.

WHEREAS monies are solicited and received on behalf of the university from alumni, industry, and various individuals in support of research, instructional activities, and service; and

WHEREAS such gifts are received through The Ohio State University Foundation; and

WHEREAS this report includes: (i) the establishment of one (1) endowed chair as part of the Provost's Endowed Chair Matching Program: the Eric Byron Fix-Monda Endowed Chair; two (2) endowed chairs: the Seth Andre Myers Chair in Global Military History and the Weary Foundation Endowed Chair in Social Psychology ; one (1) endowed chair fund as part of the Provost's Endowed Chair Matching Program: the Horticulture and Crop Science Chair Fund for Future Molecular Plant Scientists - Bridging University Research and High School Classrooms; three (3) endowed professorships: The William E. and Charlotte Curtis Hunt Professorship in the Department of Neurosurgery, The Daniel H. Reigle Endowed Professorship in Sarcoma Research and Care, the Elizabeth McKeever Ross Professorship; five (5) scholarships as part of the Scarlet and Gray Advantage Endowed Matching Gift Program; and thirty-four (35) additional named endowed funds; (ii) the revision of thirteen (13) named endowed funds:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves The Ohio State University Foundation Report as of October 31, 2025.

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**NAMING OF THE HERBERT J. BLOCK MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT PATIENT REGISTRATION**

Resolution No. 2026-74

IN THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER –  
ARTHUR G. JAMES CANCER HOSPITAL AND RICHARD J. SOLOVE  
RESEARCH INSTITUTE

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Synopsis: Approval for the naming of the registration room in The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute, located at 460 W. 10th Avenue on The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center campus, is proposed.

WHEREAS The University Hospital tower expansion of the Wexner Medical Center's campus is the largest project in Ohio State's history; and

WHEREAS the James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute patient registration has been remodeled as a part of the construction of the University Hospital tower; and

WHEREAS the Herbert J. Block Memorial Tournament has provided significant contributions to the building fund for the James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute; and

WHEREAS the naming has been reviewed according to the approval process outlined in the Naming of University Spaces and Entities policy:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That in acknowledgement of Herbert J. Block Memorial Tournament's philanthropic support, the Board of Trustees hereby approves, in accordance with paragraph (D) of rule 3335-1-08 of the Ohio Administrative Code, that for the life of the physical facility the aforementioned space be named the Herbert J. Block Memorial Tournament Patient Registration.

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**NAMING OF THE HARRY T. MANGURIAN, JR. FOUNDATION  
VISITOR LOUNGE**

Resolution No. 2026-75

**IN THE JAMES OUTPATIENT CARE**

Synopsis: Approval for the naming of the visitor lounge in The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center James Outpatient Care facility, located at 2121 Kenny Rd, is proposed.

WHEREAS The James Outpatient Care facility provides convenient access to state-of-the-art health services for The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute (OSUCCC – James) patients; and

WHEREAS the facility includes a variety of services supporting the James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute program; and

WHEREAS The Harry T. Mangurian, Jr. Foundation has provided significant contributions to the OSUCCC – James and the James Outpatient Care facility; and

WHEREAS the naming has been reviewed according to the approval process outlined in the Naming of University Spaces and Entities policy:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That in acknowledgement of the aforementioned donor's philanthropic support, the Board of Trustees hereby approves, in accordance with paragraph (D) of rule 3335-1-08 of the Ohio Administrative Code, that for the life of the physical facility the internal space (Rooms X602L, 6000) be named the "The Harry T. Mangurian, Jr. Foundation Visitor Lounge."

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**NAMING OF THE JAMES L. PRUSA TURFGRASS INNOVATION LAB**

Resolution No. 2026-76

AT THE COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
SCIENCES WOOSTER CAMPUS

Synopsis: Approval for the naming of the turfgrass innovation lab in the Secret Welcome and Education Center at the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) Wooster Campus, located at 2122 Williams Road, Wooster, OH, is proposed.

WHEREAS Ohio State ATI on the CFAES Wooster Campus strives to offer quality educational programs to prepare students in agriculture, horticulture and environmental sciences to be technically competent and self-reliant in a global society; and

WHEREAS the Ohio State ATI Turfgrass Management program is a popular field of study preparing students for a future in the science and business related to turfgrasses in commercial, residential and recreational settings; and

WHEREAS John Prusa and Mary Prusa have provided significant contributions to the CFAES Wooster Turf Facilities Project; and

WHEREAS the naming has been reviewed according to the approval process outlined in the Naming of University Spaces and Entities policy:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That in acknowledgement of John Prusa and Mary Prusa's philanthropic support, the Board of Trustees hereby approves, in accordance with paragraph (D) of rule 3335-1-08 of the Ohio Administrative Code, that for the life of the physical facility the aforementioned space be named the James L. Prusa Turfgrass Innovation Lab.

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**NAMING OF THE KIMMET FAMILY CAPSTONE ROOM**

Resolution No. 2026-77

IN SCOTT LABORATORY

Synopsis: Approval for the naming of Capstone Room A (room W258) in Scott Laboratory, located at 201 W 19th Ave, is proposed.

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WHEREAS The capstone sequence in mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering is intended to provide experience in the design process and bring together and reinforce knowledge and skills learned throughout the program; and

WHEREAS the classrooms provided by the capstone sequence are undergoing renovations and equipment upgrades to better serve the needs of students completing their capstone projects; and

WHEREAS Daniel Kimmet has provided significant contributions to the mechanical engineering capstone lab's development; and

WHEREAS the naming has been reviewed according to the approval process outlined in the Naming of University Spaces and Entities policy:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That in acknowledgement of Daniel Kimmet's philanthropic support, the Board of Trustees hereby approves, in accordance with paragraph (D) of rule 3335-1-08 of the Ohio Administrative Code, that for the life of the physical facility the aforementioned space be named the Kimmet Family Capstone Room.

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**NAMING OF THE MINNIE M. MCGEE ACADEMIC SUCCESS HUB**

Resolution No. 2026-78

IN HITCHCOCK HALL

Synopsis: Approval for the naming of the CARE Student Lounge in Hitchcock Hall, located at 2070 Neil Ave, is proposed.

WHEREAS The Office of Community, Access, Retention, and Empowerment (CARE) plays a unique role in strategic enrollment, planning, supporting student persistence in STEM, and supports the university's land-grant mission in the College of Engineering by creating an environment where everyone thrives; and

WHEREAS the CARE lounge space was designed to support and motivate academic growth for all College of Engineering students, offering tutoring, supplemental instruction, and self-care items; and

WHEREAS Herbert Robinson and Barbara Sferra have provided significant contributions to the College of Engineering; and

WHEREAS the naming has been reviewed according to the approval process outlined in the Naming of University Spaces and Entities policy:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That in acknowledgement of Herb Robinson and Barbara Sferra's philanthropic support, the Board of Trustees hereby approves, in accordance with paragraph (D) of rule 3335-1-08 of the Ohio Administrative Code, that for the life of the physical facility the aforementioned space be named the Minnie M. McGee Academic Success Hub.

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**NAMING OF INTERNAL SPACES**

Resolution No. 2026-79

**IN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL**

Synopsis: Approval for the naming of internal spaces in the University Hospital located at 650 W. 10th Avenue is proposed.

WHEREAS The Ohio State University is taking a major step forward with the development of the new University Hospital that, combined with modern educational space, will enhance a unified Ohio State Wexner Medical Center campus; and

WHEREAS the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center campus provides leading-edge research, outstanding clinical training and world-class patient care; and

WHEREAS the following donors have provided significant contributions to the Wexner Medical Center and University Hospital; and

- The Walsh Group
- The Harry T. Mangurian, Jr. Foundation
- Douglas W. Armbrust, MD '67
- Jane's Room

WHEREAS the naming has been reviewed according to the approval process outlined in the Naming of University Spaces and Entities policy:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That in acknowledgement of the aforementioned donors' philanthropic support, the Board of Trustees hereby approves in accordance with paragraph (D) of rule 3335-1-08 of the Ohio Administrative Code, that for the life of the physical facility the aforementioned spaces be named the following:

- Lampert Family Auditorium
- The Harry T. Mangurian, Jr. Foundation Visitor Lounge (Rooms 14000, X1403L, 14040)
- Gift in memory of William and Peg Armbrust by their grateful son, Douglas W. Armbrust, MD '67 (Room 17582)
- Jane's Room (Room 23420)

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**NAMING OF INTERNAL SPACES**

Resolution No. 2026-80

**IN THE MULTISPECIES ANIMAL LEARNING COMPLEX**

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Synopsis: Approval for the naming of internal spaces in the Multispecies Animal Learning Complex (MALC), located in the Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory, is proposed.

WHEREAS The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) works to sustain life every day through teaching, research, and extension statewide on all of our campuses; and

WHEREAS the MALC will support the CFAES mission of education, research, and outreach and engagement by bringing people and animals together in a state-of-the-art facility that will be used by Ohio State students and public learners of all ages alike; and

WHEREAS the donors listed below have provided significant contributions toward the construction of the MALC; and

- Russell and Brenda Simmonds
- VAL-CO

WHEREAS the naming has been reviewed according to the approval process outlined in the Naming of University Spaces and Entities policy, and if at any time following the approval of a naming, circumstances change so that the continued use of the name may compromise the integrity or reputation of the University, the University may remove the name with the approval of the President and the Board of Trustees and notification of the Donors, if possible:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That in acknowledgement of the aforementioned donors' philanthropic support, the Board of Trustees hereby approves, in accordance with paragraph (D) of rule 3335-1-08 of the Ohio Administrative Code, that for the life of the physical facility the aforementioned spaces be named the following:

- Dr. Charles H. Ingraham Memorial Lobby
- VAL-CO Broiler Room (room D113)

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### **NAMING OF INTERNAL SPACES**

Resolution No. 2026-81

### **IN ENGINEERING RESEARCH AND EDUCATION LABORATORIES**

Synopsis: Approval for the naming of internal spaces in Engineering Research and Education Laboratories, located at the corner of Woodruff Ave and College Rd, is proposed.

WHEREAS The College of Engineering's new Engineering Research and Education Laboratories is being built to capitalize on the momentum and gains in education, research, innovation, and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS Engineering Research and Education Laboratories will create collaborative spaces for the university's highly ranked Departments of Materials Science and Engineering, Biomedical Engineering and Chemical and

Biomolecular Engineering, spurring new ways of conducting research, new improvements to human health and new partnerships to advance Ohio businesses; and

WHEREAS the donors listed below have provided significant contributions to the construction of Engineering Research and Education Laboratories and

- Douglas E. Herr and Jane F. Maliszewski
- George E. Smith and Gretchen D. Smith
- James L. Balthaser and Anita Y. Balthaser
- Victor H. Yin and Kuei-Chun Yin
- Edward G. Smariga and Pamela D. Smariga
- Thomas J. Paquin, Suzanne R. Paquin, Joseph H. Paquin Jr. and Betsy C. Paquin
- Susan M. Sand and Timothy J. Sand
- Allan V. Johnson
- William A. Baeslack III and Michelle L. Baeslack
- Srinivasan K. Ganapathi and Nivedita Ganapathi
- Dorie-Ellen N. Eisenman
- Doruk A. Borekci and Ece Borekci
- Ann E. Schavey and Larry D. Schavey
- Byrne Family Foundation Agency
- Lincoln Electric Foundation

WHEREAS the naming has been reviewed according to the approval process outlined in the Naming of University Spaces and Entities policy:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That in acknowledgement of the aforementioned donors' philanthropic support, the Board of Trustees hereby approves, in accordance with paragraph (D) of rule 3335-1-08 of the Ohio Administrative Code, that for the life of the physical facility the aforementioned spaces be named the following:

- Douglas "Ben" Herr and Jane Maliszewski Impact Engineering Lab (room 4260)
- Douglas "Ben" Herr and Jane Maliszewski Impact Engineering Collaboration Space (room 4319)
- The George and Gretchen Smith Lab (room 1230)
- The James L. and Anita Y. Balthaser Lobby (X104L)
- The Victor Yin EED Teaching Prep Room (room 1210)
- Smariga Collaboration Space (room 2235)
- The Joseph and Mary Jane Paquin Makerspace Office (room 1320)
- Tim and Susan Sand Conference Room (room 2243)
- The Allan V. Johnson Reception Area (room 6300)
- Bud and Shelley Baeslack Conference Room (room 6215)
- KG and Nivedita Ganapathi IBE Innovation Space (room 3243)
- The Mark Eisenman Family Collaboration Space (room 2227)
- The Ece & Doruk Borecki Family Huddle Room (room 2229)
- The Schavey Family Graduate Office (room 5229)
- The Byrne Family Foundation Collaboration Space (room 1227)
- Lincoln Electric Foundations Lab (room 1240)
- Lincoln Electric Collaboration Space (room 1235)

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- Lincoln Electric Conference Room (room 1243)
- Lincoln Electric Huddle Room (room 1229)
- Lincoln Electric Collaboration Space (room 1241)

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## **NAMING OF ENGINEERING RESEARCH AND EDUCATION LABORATORIES**

Resolution No. 2026-82

### **IN THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

Synopsis: Approval for the administrative naming of the Engineering Research and Education Laboratories at the corner of W Woodruff Avenue and College Road, is proposed.

WHEREAS The renovation and construction at this facility is almost complete and will maximize collaborative research and learning and capitalize on momentum in education, research, innovation and economic well-being, and

WHEREAS this name accurately reflects the purpose and current naming standards within the College of Engineering; and

WHEREAS the College of Engineering recommends and Planning, Architecture and Real Estate reviewed these changes; and

WHEREAS the naming has been reviewed according to the approval process outlined in the Naming of University Spaces and Entities policy:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves, in accordance with paragraph (D) of rule 3335-1-08 of the Ohio Administrative Code, that for the life of the physical facility the aforementioned space be named Engineering Research and Education Laboratories (Building 0265).

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Mr. Zeiger:

To approve these measures, we will hold two roll-call votes. The first will be a vote on item No. 9 only — each of you have before you a list of these items, and that is publicly available through the media office, as well, for anyone joining virtually — but the first roll-call vote will relate only to item No. 9 – Faculty Personnel Actions.

Ms. Trott has been advised to abstain.

Upon the motion of Mr. Zeiger, seconded by Mr. Kaplan, the Board of Trustees adopted the foregoing resolution by majority roll-call vote, cast by the following trustees: Mr. Zeiger, Ms. Kessler, Mr. Heminger, Ms. Holcombe, Mr. Kaplan, Mrs. Harsh, Dr. Wilkinson, Mr. Mitevski, Mr. Bigby, Mr. Perez, Mr. Kastan, Mr. Skestos and Mr. Tiberi. Ms. Trott abstained.

Ms. Eveland:

Motion carries.

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Mr. Zeiger:

Thank you.

Upon the motion of Mr. Zeiger, seconded by Mr. Heminger, the Board of Trustees adopted the remaining resolutions by unanimous roll-call vote, cast by the following trustees: Mr. Zeiger, Ms. Kessler, Mr. Heminger, Ms. Holcombe, Mr. Kaplan, Mrs. Harsh, Dr. Wilkinson, Mr. Mitevski, Mr. Bigby, Mr. Perez, Mr. Kastan, Mr. Skestos, Ms. Trott and Mr. Tiberi.

Ms. Eveland:

Motion carries.

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Mr. Zeiger:

Thank you. That concludes our agenda for today. This meeting is adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Attest:

John W. Zeiger  
Chairman

Jessica A. Eveland  
Secretary