

February 19 – March 5, 2026, Board of Trustees meetings

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Columbus, Ohio, February 19 – March 5, 2026

The Board of Trustees and its committees met in Columbus, Ohio, at Longaberger Alumni House, and virtually over Zoom on February 19 and March 3-5, 2026, pursuant to adjournment.

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Minutes of the last meetings were approved.

TALENT, COMPENSATION AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Chair Jeff Kaplan called the meeting of the Talent, Compensation and Governance Committee to order on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Jeff M.S. Kaplan, Gary R. Heminger, Reginald A. Wilkinson, Tomislav B. Mitevski, Juan Jose Perez

Members Present via Zoom: Elizabeth P. Kessler, John W. Zeiger (ex officio)

Members Absent: N/A

It was moved by Mr. Kaplan and seconded by Mr. Mitevski 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 8:36 a.m. and adjourned at 11:35 a.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, February 19, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

Members Present: Reginald A. Wilkinson, Elizabeth A. Harsh, Jeff M.S. Kaplan, Bradley R. Kastan, Patrick C. Arp, Phillip Popovich, Eric Bielefeld

Members Present via Zoom: Elizabeth P. Kessler, Kara J. Trott – arr. 1:01 p.m., John W. Zeiger (ex officio)

Members Absent: Stefanie Sanford

It was moved by Dr. Wilkinson and seconded by Mrs. Harsh that the committee recess into executive session to discuss business-sensitive trade secrets 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 3:25 p.m. The committee adjourned at 4:08 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 Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 10:57 a.m.

Members Present: John W. Zeiger, Elizabeth P. Kessler, Gary R. Heminger, M. Katherine Holcombe, Jeff M.S. Kaplan, Elizabeth A. Harsh, Reginald A. Wilkinson, Suzanne R. Kiggin, Tomislav B. Mitevski, Pierre Bigby, Juan Jose Perez, Bradley R. Kastan, George A. Skestos, Kara J. Trott – arr. 11:23 a.m., Patrick J. Tiberi

Members Present via Zoom: N/A

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 review security protocols; and to discuss personnel matters involving the appointment, employment and compensation of public employees.

Upon the motion of Mr. Zeiger, seconded by Mr. Heminger, 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, Mrs. Kiggin, Mr. Mitevski, Mr. Bigby, Mr. Perez, Mr. Kastan, Mr. Skestos and Mr. Tiberi. Ms. Trott was not present for this vote.

The meeting entered executive session at 10:58 a.m. and adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

WEXNER MEDICAL CENTER BOARD MEETING

Board Secretary Jessica A. Eveland called the meeting of the Wexner Medical Center Board to order on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 1:59 p.m.

Members Present: Gary R. Heminger, Tomislav B. Mitevski, Juan Jose Perez, George A. Skestos, Kara J. Trott, Kendall C. Buchan, Robert H. Schottenstein, 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)

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Members Present via Zoom: Stephen D. Steinour

Members Absent: Leslie H. Wexner, Hiroyuki Fujita

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, Mr. Zeiger, President Carter, Dr. Bellamkonda, Mr. Papadakis and Dr. Warner.

The Wexner Medical Center Board entered executive session at 2:35 p.m. and adjourned at 5:08 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, March 4, 2026, at 7:59 a.m.

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

Members Present via Zoom: N/A

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 officials.

Upon the motion of Mr. Zeiger, seconded by Mr. Kaplan, 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.

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Holcombe, Mr. Kaplan, Mrs. Harsh, Dr. Wilkinson, Mrs. Kiggin, Mr. Mitevski, Mr. Bigby, Mr. Perez, Mr. Kastan, Mr. Skestos, Ms. Trott and Mr. Tiberi.

The meeting entered executive session at 8:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

MASTER PLANNING AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Chair John Perez called the meeting of the Master Planning and Facilities Committee to order on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 12:28 p.m.

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

Members Present via Zoom: N/A

Members Absent: N/A

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

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 12:30 p.m. and reconvened in public session at 2:54 p.m. The committee adjourned at 3:05 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, March 4, 2026, at 3:24 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. Kastan that the committee recess into executive session to discuss security protocols; business-sensitive trade secrets; personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment and compensation of public employees; and to consult with legal counsel regarding pending or imminent 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: Ms. Kessler, Mr. Kastan, Mr. Perez, Mr. Arp, Ms. Chronis and Mr. Zeiger.

The committee entered executive session at 3:28 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 5:43 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, March 5, 2026, at 7:56 a.m.

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

Members Present via Zoom: N/A

Members Absent: N/A

It was moved by Mr. Mitevski and seconded by Mr. Heminger 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 8:16 a.m. and adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

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ATHLETICS COMMITTEE MEETING

Committee Chair Gary Heminger called the meeting of the Athletics Committee to order on Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 10:30 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 Ms. Kessler that the committee recess into executive session to discuss business-sensitive trade secrets and personnel matters related to the appointment, employment and compensation of public employees.

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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. Heminger, Ms. Kessler, Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Bigby, Mr. Kastan, Mr. Skestos, Mr. Arp and Mr. Zeiger.

The committee entered into executive session at 10:38 a.m., and the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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FULL-BOARD PUBLIC SESSION

Board Chair John W. Zeiger convened The Ohio State University Board of Trustees on Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 12:58 p.m.

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

Members Present via Zoom: N/A

Members Absent: N/A

Mr. Zeiger:

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

Ms. Eveland:

A quorum is present.

Mr. Zeiger:

Thank you. I will convene this meeting of The Ohio State University Board of Trustees and remind everyone with us today that our meeting is being recorded and livestreamed by WOSU Public Media. We ask that all attendees follow the rules of decorum proper to the conducting of the business at hand.

Before we move into today's agenda, I would like to welcome to the Board of Trustees our newest member: Suzanne Kiggin. Suzanne has had a distinguished career as an executive with several nationally recognized retail brands, and we are thrilled to have the benefit of her experience and leadership on the board. Suzanne has hit the ground running. It's been a busy couple of months, and we really look forward to continuing her work with us.

Welcome, Suzanne.

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We also are fortunate today to have our student trustees with us. Patrick Arp down at the end of the table. We need to recognize Patrick today. Earlier this

week, Patrick learned that he was awarded a research fellowship this summer at the Harvard Business School. He will be examining issues surrounding intellectual property. And as a junior, Patrick has already had meaningful and extensive research experience here at Ohio State as well as at the University of Pennsylvania, and it's exciting to know that he's going to have another tremendous opportunity in front of him.

Congratulations, Patrick.

APPLAUSE

Patrick's accomplishment is further evidence of the extraordinary caliber of the students we have at Ohio State and — fortunately for us — in particular, our student trustees. This board is continually grateful for the important perspectives that Patrick and Kendall provide to our work. So, thank you both for your commitment.

On a more somber note, I would like to acknowledge the very recent passing of Geraldine Schottenstein. It goes without saying that she and her late husband, Jerry, were extraordinary supporters of Ohio State. The university has shared its gratitude many times over the years for what they have done, and we look forward to further recognizing her legacy in August when the university opens the Geraldine Schottenstein Gallery and Lobby in the newly redecorated and renovated Campbell Hall.

Our condolences go out to Jay, Jeanie and the entire Schottenstein family.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Zeiger:

Now for the first order of business of today. The minutes from the board's meeting in December were distributed to all trustees. Are there any additions or corrections?

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Zeiger:

At this point, we'll call on President Carter, if you will please share your report.

Mr. Carter:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I echo your condolences on the passing of Geraldine Schottenstein. She's been a true giant for Ohio State and a caring, passionate champion for higher

education in our entire community. We're thinking of the Schottenstein family at this difficult time.

I want to begin my comments by acknowledging the ongoing conversation on our campus and in the broader community about buildings that bear the Wexner name. I don't intend to make any new announcements today. However, given the significant public attention surrounding this matter and the input we have received from students, faculty, staff, alumni and others, I think it's important for our community to hear directly from me.

I recognize the strongly held views on this issue, and I understand that, for some, these conversations are deeply personal and sometimes painful. We respect the rights of our students, faculty and staff to express their views, including the recent Undergraduate Student Government resolution. I also want to recognize the extraordinary years of service that Abigail and Les Wexner have given to Ohio State. We appreciate the significant impact they've made on this university, our medical center and the broader community.

The university has well-established processes for the namings of spaces and entities, including potential reviews of existing namings. Those processes were strengthened in 2021 through the work of a university task force and an ad hoc naming committee. Any decision to remove a name requires thoughtful consideration and, ultimately, approval by this Board of Trustees. We're aware of the many requests that have been submitted, and they will be carefully reviewed in line with our process. I understand some may prefer a faster resolution. Our responsibility, however, is to handle an issue of this importance with care and consistency, and to ensure that we make decisions informed by our processes and the facts — not the intensity of public debate. We will continue to approach this matter deliberately, and we'll keep our community informed as appropriate.

I also want to note that Ohio State has celebrated a number of major achievements recently. As we shared with you earlier, *Time* magazine ranked us as the No. 5 public university in the country, also No. 33 in world rankings. That's out of 37,000 universities across the world. It's a remarkable achievement.

APPLAUSE

That ranking was based on metrics like how successful we've been at preparing our students for leadership roles, and it's a powerful testament to the excellence and hard work of our faculty.

We also announced that Ohio State has risen to No. 12 in the country in research and development, with \$1.58 billion in research expenditures in fiscal year 2024, a new university record, and a 9% increase over the previous year. That places us in elite company — ahead of Harvard, Duke and Yale, and many others. For fiscal year 2025, we've also set another record of \$1.6 billion, which is especially impressive considering the funding uncertainties facing all institutions.

We're also the nation's No. 1 producer of Fulbright Scholars for the second straight year, which tells me we're successfully preparing our students to live and work in a global economy.

Thanks to the leadership of Provost Bellamkonda and his team, we have reached new milestones in our AI Fluency initiative. Colleges across our university have built AI roadmaps detailing how they're going to integrate AI into their curricula to prepare students to use AI in their field of study. More than 1,300 of our educators have also enrolled in a new training resource to learn how to teach AI's understanding and application.

On the access and affordability front, we're excited about the response to the new scholarship programs we've rolled out that will create even more opportunities to earn in an Ohio State degree. I just met with over 100 students and their family members who became part of our inaugural cohort of President's Ohio Scholarship recipients when they scored a perfect 36 on the ACT or a perfect 1600 on the SAT. These are students who have their choice of institutions across the country and across the world. We want to make sure that they choose Ohio State. We're also planning community engagements to spread the word about our Regional Campus Commitment — another way we're creating access for Ohioans.

We celebrated a historic day last month when we officially opened the new University Hospital, the largest single facilities project in our history and our new home for transformational patient care, research and health education. The hospital was a vision almost a decade in the making, involving the time, talents and treasures of countless individuals within and outside this university. This board is at the top of that list, and we are exceptionally grateful for your leadership and support.

I will conclude my remarks by mentioning a point of pride that's particularly special to me. Last week, Ohio State was presented with the prestigious Loening Trophy, awarded to the top collegiate aviation program in the country. This is a great achievement by our students, faculty and staff, and we should take pride in Ohio State's leadership role in preparing the next generation of aviation leaders.

With that, Mr. Chairman, I'll turn it back to you. Thank you.

Mr. Zeiger:

Thank you, President Carter.

It's always good to hear of so many accomplishments and positive things happening at Ohio State.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Zeiger:

We will now turn to consider the board's consent agenda.

There are 27 separate resolutions on the consent agenda. Each of these 27 resolutions has undergone extensive review by the trustees, both individually and as a group through one or more of our board committees. They are also the result of countless additional hours of work by members of the university

administration in partnership with the faculty, staff, subject matter experts and our board office.

Among these items for approval are measures establishing new degree programs to continue Ohio State's leadership in quantum information science. These resolutions also establish processes for adding board review of new courses, programs and general education requirements, as required by legislation recently passed by the Ohio General Assembly. In doing so, I want to note, however, that these new processes build upon the robust procedures already in place in a way that continues to honor the expertise of our faculty and our colleges, and continues to advance academic excellence here at Ohio State.

Also among these 27 resolutions are two honoring former members of the board who've recently passed away: Dr. John Jacob and Mr. George Arthur Skestos. As many in this room know, the leadership of these gentlemen can still be felt here at Ohio State. And in the case of Mr. Skestos, that includes inspiring his son, our current trustee, George Skestos, to serve the university community on this board and continue a uniquely impactful family legacy.

Like our late colleagues, each of the 18 trustees of this board approaches our responsibilities with humility and a deep sense of commitment to Ohio State and to the students, patients and communities that this university exists to serve. All of us are invested in the success of this institution. Many of us are alumni. And it is an incredible privilege to continue the work of predecessors like John and George to ensure Ohio State is the very best university it can be.

RESOLUTIONS IN MEMORIAM

Resolution No. 2026-87

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.

John Dewitt Jacob
John Joseph Kennedy
Stephen F. Loeb
George Arthur Skestos

JOHN DEWITT JACOB

Synopsis: The Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University expresses its sorrow regarding the January 20, 2026, death of Dr. John Dewitt Jacob, proud Ohio State alumnus, member and chair of the university's Board of Trustees, and passionate Buckeye. He was 87.

Dr. Jacob was a lifelong central Ohioan, representing the third of five generations of the Jacob family to call the area home. After graduating from University High School in 1956, he attended The Ohio State University to earn his Doctor of Dental

Surgery degree in 1963 and a Master of Science in Orthodontics in 1966. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi and the Psi Omega Psi dental fraternity while on campus. He then spent 25 years in private practice as an orthodontist in Worthington, Ohio. Throughout the course of his career, he became a life member of the Columbus Dental Society, the International College of Dentists, and the American Association of Orthodontists.

His deep roots in the area, combined with his generous spirit, drove Dr. Jacob to dedicate much of his life to serving the organizations and communities of which he was a part. A proud Eagle Scout, he served on Ohio State's Board of Trustees from 1975-84 and as the board's chair from 1983-84. He was also a life member of The Ohio State University Alumni Association. He was appointed three times by two consecutive Ohio governors to the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Review Commission, a post he held until 2007. He was also a life member of Scioto Country Club and a charter member of the Dublin-Worthington Rotary Club, which he helped establish in 1974.

When not pursuing his professional and civic interests, or cheering for his beloved Buckeyes, Dr. Jacob could frequently be found on the golf course. His passion for the sport led him to courses around the world and to numerous championships. It also afforded countless opportunities for fellow golfers to experience firsthand his warmhearted demeanor and belief in continuous personal growth — through skilled guidance, sincere encouragement and cheerful camaraderie.

On behalf of the university community, The Ohio State University Board of Trustees expresses to the family of Dr. John Dewitt Jacob its deepest sympathy and sense of 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.

JOHN JOSEPH KENNEDY

Synopsis: The Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University expresses its sorrow regarding the death on August 9, 2025, of John J. Kennedy. He was 85.

John J. Kennedy devoted three decades of exemplary service to The Ohio State University, leaving a legacy that has shaped both the institution and the broader field of educational research. He earned his PhD from the University of Massachusetts – Amherst and joined Ohio State's College of Education in 1969. He retired in 1999 as professor emeritus of educational policy and leadership.

He became one of the university's most respected voices in educational statistics, research design and teacher education. His areas of expertise included problems of teaching, teacher clarity and Reflective Teaching. He was known for making complex quantitative methods accessible as well as for being a pioneer in the statistical analysis of qualitative data. He was making sense of "big data" before the term was even coined.

Nationally, Kennedy was well known for his foundational contributions to the study of teacher clarity, now recognized as a central element of effective instruction and a core component of modern, evidence-based teaching frameworks. As a key member of the Ohio State teacher-education research group, working alongside colleagues such as Professor Emeritus Donald R. Cruickshank, Kennedy helped define, operationalize and empirically validate the construct of teacher clarity.

His seminal works, including “Teacher Clarity” (1986), “An Empirical Investigation of Teacher Clarity” (1977) and “Additional Investigations into the Nature of Teacher Clarity” (1978), provided a research foundation that continues to guide inquiry into how teachers communicate, how students learn and how instructional quality can be systematically improved. These studies remain touchstones for contemporary researchers studying the behavioral, cognitive and communicative dimensions of effective teaching.

Kennedy was also a gifted methodologist whose work strengthened the statistical sophistication of educational research at a time when many investigators were seeking new analytic tools. His book *Analyzing Qualitative Data: Log-Linear Analysis for Behavioral Research*, co-authored with his former PhD student Andrew Bush — now an emeritus professor — and published by the University Press of America (1983; 2nd edition, 1992), introduced applied researchers to the practical use of log-linear models for categorical data, an area in which Kennedy offered unusual clarity and accessibility.

Kennedy’s co-authored *An Introduction to the Design and Analysis of Experiments in Behavioral Research* (1985) provided one of the field’s most comprehensive and usable treatments of research design and analysis. It bridged the gap between advanced methodology and real-world educational research. Both texts continue to be cited and used in training researchers across disciplines.

In 1985, Kennedy received the college’s Award for Excellence in Research. He served on the doctoral committees of students whose dissertations received seven awards from national associations.

In the field, Kennedy was active and influential in the American Educational Research Association and the Midwest Educational Research Association. He was instrumental in growing the Midwest Association membership and developed several long-term, professional relationships with fellow members.

Kennedy inspired thousands of students and colleagues worldwide, many of whom continue to build on the foundations he created. Those who studied with him remember not only his brilliance, but also his patience, generosity and dry wit, which made even complex ideas engaging. His distinguished career was defined by methodological rigor, intellectual clarity and unwavering commitment to students and colleagues.

On behalf of the entire university community, the Board of Trustees expresses to the family of Professor Emeritus John J. Kennedy 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.

STEPHEN F. LOEBS

Synopsis: The Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University expresses its sorrow regarding the death on November 10, 2025, of Stephen F. Loeb, former associate dean and professor emeritus in the Division of Health Services Management and Policy in the College of Public Health. He was 87.

Professor Loeb received his bachelor's degree from Bowdoin College (1960) and a master's degree in hospital administration (1962) from the University of Michigan. He went on to serve as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Air Force Medical Service Corps, spending three years as assistant administrator of an Air Force hospital before he was honorably discharged as a captain. He then returned to Michigan, where he joined the faculty and earned a master's degree in political science (1971) and a PhD in medical care organization (1974). In 1972, he traded maize and blue for scarlet and gray, joining the faculty of The Ohio State University.

For the next 30 years, Professor Loeb would shape the field of health administration and inspire generations of students at Ohio State. He served as chair of the Master of Health Administration (MHA) program from 1980-2002 and as associate dean of the College of Public Health from 1997-2002.

A respected scholar, Professor Loeb's research and publications focused on health insurance organization and health management education, and he was the principal investigator of an influential study of health care costs and cost containment strategies in Ohio. In 2000, the Association of University Professors in Healthcare Administration awarded him the Filerman Prize for Educational Leadership, recognizing his impact on the profession.

Professor Loeb was known for his mentorship, humor and an unwavering belief in his students that binds the program's tight-knit alumni today. Professor Loeb believed he was strengthening the health care system by supporting graduates who would be successful leaders and took great joy in teaching and helping graduates launch and develop meaningful careers. He was especially supportive of women in the program during a time there were few.

Professor Loeb's supportive spirit was instrumental in developing the MHA program's strong sense of community and creating a culture of alumni involvement and giving back. In celebration of his retirement, alumni and friends raised funds to establish an endowed chair in his name, the Stephen F. Loeb Professorship in Health Services Management and Policy.

On behalf of the entire university community, the Board of Trustees expresses to the family and loved ones of Professor Stephen F. Loeb 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.

GEORGE ARTHUR SKESTOS

Synopsis: The Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University expresses its deep sorrow regarding the January 9, 2026, passing of George Arthur Skestos, civic leader, philanthropist and former member of the Board of Trustees and Wexner Medical Center Board. He was 97.

A native of central Michigan, George Arthur Skestos demonstrated early on the drive that would later define his life. After graduating from high school a year ahead of schedule, he attended the University of Michigan to earn three degrees: a Bachelor of Arts in history in 1948, and a Master of Business Administration and Juris Doctor in 1951. He then served in the United States Navy Judge Advocate General Corps.

In business, Mr. Skestos made his mark in the world of real estate. After salvaging an investment, he founded the Homewood Corporation in 1963. The Columbus-based firm constructed tens of thousands of single- and multi-family homes in the years that followed, forever shaping the landscape of the region. Not content with personal success, Mr. Skestos was also deeply engaged in the civic life of central Ohio. He served on the boards of numerous organizations and gave generously to causes ranging from education and the arts to healthcare and companion animals.

Mr. Skestos served on The Ohio State University Board of Trustees from 1992-2001, including a year as its chair. The university made significant investments in its athletic campus during his tenure, including the construction of the Jerome Schottenstein Center and Bill Davis Stadium, and the renovation of Ohio Stadium. Mr. Skestos was also a member of the boards of University Hospital, University Hospital East and the Wexner Medical Center for 23 years. He was instrumental in the development of the medical center's inpatient and outpatient facilities and services on Columbus' East Side. Along with his wife, Tina, he co-chaired its "Power to Change Lives" fundraising campaign.

In so many ways, Mr. Skestos committed his life to serving others. This focus — combined with his tireless effort, principled leadership and keen insight — have crafted a legacy that continues to impact greater Columbus and The Ohio State University, and will for generations to come.

On behalf of the university community, The Ohio State University Board of Trustees expresses to the loved ones of George Arthur Skestos its most sincere condolences 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 profound appreciation for Mr. Skestos' service to the university and enduring impact upon the entire Ohio State community.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Resolution No. 2026-88

Synopsis: Approval of Distinguished Service Awards to be presented in 2026 is proposed.

WHEREAS President Carter reviewed and supported the recommendations of the Distinguished Service Awards Committee for Matthew Desch (BS '80), Johanna Sue DeStefano, Tahlman Krumm Jr. (BA '66, MA '74, PhD '78) and Edgar Lampert to be recognized at commencement ceremonies in 2026; and

WHEREAS these awards are given in recognition of distinguished service to The Ohio State University, and the awards are in accordance with action taken by the Board of Trustees in 1952:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That Distinguished Service Awards be approved for awarding in 2026 as designated above.

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RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE *BYLAWS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES* AND A CHARTER FOR THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, RESEARCH AND STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 2026-89

Synopsis: Adoption of a resolution amending the *Bylaws of the Board of Trustees* to rename the Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee as the Academic Affairs, Research and Student Life Committee and to adopt a charter for said committee, is proposed.

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees seeks to organize itself in a manner that ensures maximal effectiveness in the execution of its duties, and;

WHEREAS on August 20, 2025, the Board of Trustees eliminated the Research, Innovation and Strategic Partnerships Committee; delegated the responsibilities and functions of this committee to the Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee; and updated the *Bylaws of the Board of Trustees* to effect this change, and;

WHEREAS amending the *Bylaws of the Board of Trustees* to rename the Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee as the Academic Affairs, Research and Student Life Committee is necessary to comport with the broader scope of the committee's responsibilities, and;

WHEREAS adopting a charter for the Academic Affairs, Research and Student Life Committee is similarly necessary to reflect the committee's expanded purview, and;

WHEREAS the proposed charter for the Academic Affairs, Research and Student Life Committee is consistent with the description of the committee set forth in 3335-1-02(C)(1)(a) of the *Bylaws of the Board of Trustees*:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby adopts the attached amendment to 3335-1-02 of the *Bylaws of the Board of Trustees* to rename the Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee as the Academic Affairs, Research and Student Life Committee, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby adopts the attached charter for the Academic Affairs, Research and Student Life Committee.

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APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Resolution No. 2026-90

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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 December 4, 2025, meeting of the board, including the following appointments and contract amendments:

Reappointment and Compensation Adjustment

Name: Ayanna Howard
Title: Dean, College of Engineering
Unit: Office of Academic Affairs
Term: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2031

Name: Carroll Ann Trotman
Title: Dean, College of Dentistry
Unit: Office of Academic Affairs
Term: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2031

Interim Appointment

Name: Amy Moore
Title: Interim Dean, College of Medicine
Unit: Office of Academic Affairs
Term: January 20, 2026

Compensation Adjustments

Name: Walter “Ted” Carter Jr.
Title: President
Unit: Board of Trustees
Term: January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2028

Name: Ravi Bellamkonda
Title: Executive Vice President and Provost
Unit: Office of the President
Term: January 14, 2025 – December 31, 2029

APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH AN INTERDISCIPLINARY MASTER OF SCIENCE IN QUANTUM INFORMATION SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Resolution No. 2026-91

IN THE CENTER FOR QUANTUM INFORMATION SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Synopsis: Approval to establish an Interdisciplinary Master of Science in Quantum Information Science and Engineering degree program in the Center for Quantum Information Science and Engineering is proposed.

WHEREAS the grand challenges in quantum information science and engineering (QISE) research, coupled with the national need for a quantum workforce, require an interdisciplinary approach; and

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WHEREAS the program draws on faculty and research expertise across multiple departments in the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Engineering, including Chemistry and Biochemistry, Computer Science and Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Mathematics, Materials Science and Engineering, and Physics; and

WHEREAS this graduate program would be one of the first truly interdisciplinary QISE programs in the country; and

WHEREAS there will be a compact common core of QISE courses through which students will develop a common vernacular and teaming skills, participate in research rotations across disciplines, engage in informal community building and industry engagement, and build skills in ethics, technical writing and communication; and

WHEREAS the Master of Science program will include a minimum of 30 credit hours with at least nine for foundational graduate coursework, six for seminar professional development courses, and three for experiential learning; and

WHEREAS the proposal was reviewed and approved by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on December 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS the University Senate approved this proposal on January 29, 2026:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves the proposal to establish an Interdisciplinary Master of Science in Quantum Information Science and Engineering degree program in the Center for Quantum Information Science and Engineering.

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APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH AN INTERDISCIPLINARY DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN QUANTUM INFORMATION SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Resolution No. 2026-92

IN THE CENTER FOR QUANTUM INFORMATION SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Synopsis: Approval to establish an Interdisciplinary Doctor of Philosophy in Quantum Information Science and Engineering degree program in the Center for Quantum Information Science and Engineering is proposed.

WHEREAS the grand challenges in quantum information science and engineering (QISE) research, coupled with the national need for a quantum workforce, require an interdisciplinary approach; and

WHEREAS the program draws on faculty and research expertise across multiple departments in the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Engineering, including Chemistry and Biochemistry, Computer Science and Engineering,

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Electrical and Computer Engineering, Mathematics, Materials Science and Engineering, and Physics; and

WHEREAS this graduate program would be one of the first truly interdisciplinary QISE programs in the country; and

WHEREAS there will be a compact common core of QISE courses through which students will develop a common vernacular and teaming skills, participate in research rotations across disciplines, engage in informal community building and industry engagement, and build skills in ethics, technical writing and communication; and

WHEREAS the Doctor of Philosophy program will include a minimum of 90 credit hours, including 10 for foundational graduate coursework, six for seminar professional development courses, and 40 for experiential learning; and

WHEREAS the proposal was reviewed and approved by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on December 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS the University Senate approved this proposal on January 29, 2026:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves the proposal to establish an Interdisciplinary Doctor of Philosophy in Quantum Information Science and Engineering degree program in the Center for Quantum Information Science and Engineering.

(See Appendix X for background information, page XX)

APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH A MASTER OF ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY

Resolution No. 2026-93

IN THE SUSTAINABILITY INSTITUTE

Synopsis: Approval to establish a Master of Energy Sustainability in the Sustainability Institute is proposed.

WHEREAS the Master of Energy Sustainability program will be an interdisciplinary program involving the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Engineering and Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and will be facilitated through the Sustainability Institute with administrative authority in the Office of Academic Affairs; and

WHEREAS this proposal is an outcome of the ongoing efforts of Ohio State's Sustainability Institute to enhance and expand sustainability education, research and community outreach; and

WHEREAS employer feedback has highlighted both need and demand for degree programs focused on sustainability and energy related to continued technology expansion and workforce development; and

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WHEREAS this program will draw upon expertise of faculty engaged in basic and applied energy-related research and directing or teaching energy-related courses; and

WHEREAS the program will include a minimum of 34 credit hours, including 19 for foundational graduate coursework, 12 for general courses and an experiential learning capstone; and

WHEREAS the proposal was reviewed and approved by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on January 14, 2026; and

WHEREAS the University Senate approved this proposal on January 29, 2026:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves the proposal to establish a Master of Energy Sustainability degree program in the Sustainability Institute.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY

Resolution No. 2026-94

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 3335-5-47.3 details the membership, duties and responsibilities of the Rules Committee of the University Senate; and

WHEREAS proposed amendments would enhance the continuity of the committee's work by updating term lengths for faculty and staff committee members to three years, renewable once for a total of six years, and also creating a chair-elect role to support leadership succession; and

WHEREAS rule 3335-13-08 sets forth the definition of research misconduct as defined by federal law, as well as the requirement that the university maintain a policy ensuring research integrity across the institution; and

WHEREAS rule 3335-5-04.2 outlines the process for complaints involving research misconduct made against faculty members; and

WHEREAS the rules and policies are required by, and must be aligned with, federal law as overseen by the Office of Research Integrity on behalf of the secretary of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS recent title changes at the university and updates to timelines and terminology in federal policy necessitate revisions to rules 3335-13-08 and 3335-5-04.2 to ensure alignment with federal law and current institutional practices; and

WHEREAS the proposed amendments were approved by the University Senate during its meeting on January 29, 2026:

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.

(See Appendix X for background information, page XX)

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION SPECIFYING CONDITIONS FOR EXEMPTIONS
TO THE CIVIC LITERACY COURSE REQUIREMENTS IN OHIO
SENATE BILL 1, THE ADVANCE OHIO HIGHER EDUCATION ACT**

Resolution No. 2026-95

Synopsis: Adoption of resolution specifying conditions for exemptions to the civic literacy course requirements in Ohio Senate Bill 1, the Advance Ohio Higher Education Act.

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

WHEREAS SB1 provides that, among other things, undergraduate students who will graduate beginning in the spring semester of 2030 must complete a course on civic literacy unless the president of the university or his designee has granted an exemption as permitted by law pursuant to R.C. 3345.382; and

WHEREAS House Bill 96 (HB96) requires the Board of Trustees to adopt a resolution specifying the conditions upon which an exemption from the civic literacy course requirements may be granted in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, to fulfill these requirements, the president or his designee may only grant an exemption from the civic course requirement to an undergraduate student when they determine that the student has completed one of the following alternative requirements set forth in R.C. 3345.382(D):

- A course offered under the college credit plus program established under Chapter 3365 of the Revised Code that satisfies the content requirements set forth in R.C. 3345.382(B) and has been approved as an alternative by the chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE);
- An advanced placement course and examination that satisfies the content requirements set forth in R.C. 3345.382(B) and has been approved as an alternative by the chancellor of the ODHE, provided that the student received a score of three or higher on that examination; or
- A three-or-more credit hour course or equivalent in a course in the subject area of American history or American government that includes

the study of the documents set forth in R.C. 3345.382(B)(1)-(7), provided that this alternative does not apply after the 2030-2031 academic year.

WHEREAS the board recognizes that these are the only exemptions that may be granted to the civic literacy course requirement pursuant to SB1:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby adopts this resolution to specify the conditions for exemptions to the civic literacy course requirement set forth in R.C. 3345.382, and directs the president to take all required steps to submit this resolution to the chancellor of higher education as required by law.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING PROCESS TO REVIEW AND APPROVE NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, DEGREE PROGRAMS, CURRICULA/COURSES, GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, COLLEGES, DEPARTMENTS, SCHOOLS, CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

Resolution No. 2026-96

Synopsis: Adoption of resolution establishing process to review and approve new academic programs, degree programs, curricula/courses, general education requirements, colleges, departments, schools, centers and institutes.

WHEREAS Ohio House Bill 96 (HB96), the 2025 Ohio budget bill, provides in R.C. 3345.457 that the Board of Trustees “has ultimate authority to establish new academic programs, schools, colleges, institutes, departments, and centers at the institution” and “may not delegate [its] authority to adopt a curricular approval process under this section or to approve or reject academic programs”; and

WHEREAS R.C. 3345.457(C) further requires the board to adopt an approval process for the above matters that grants the University Senate or a comparable representative body the ability to provide advice, feedback and recommendations on an advisory basis but that reserves final, overriding internal approval authority for the board itself; and

WHEREAS the university currently has different review and approval processes for these matters that vary based on the nature of the matter at issue; and

WHEREAS, to fulfill the above requirements, the board adopts the following approval processes for each specified item, with all steps prior to board review being advisory in nature and subject to the board’s final, overriding authority:

- New curricula/course proposals must be submitted to: (1) the applicable college for review at the departmental level (where applicable) and by the college curriculum committee; (2) the Office of Academic Affairs (OAA) for review; and (3) the board for review and final approval;
- New academic program proposals must be submitted to: (1) the applicable college for review; (2) the University Senate (Senate) Council on Academic Affairs (CAA) for review; (3) the board for review and final approval; and (4) the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) for its review and approval;
- New degree program proposals must be submitted to: (1) the applicable college for review; (2) CAA for review; (3) the Senate Faculty Council

(FC) for review; (4) the Senate for review; (5) the board for review and final approval; and (6) ODHE for its review and approval;

- New general education program proposals must be developed by the University-Level Advisory Committee for General Education (ULAC-GE) and submitted to: (1) CAA for review; (2) FC for review; (3) Senate for review; and (4) the board for review and final approval;
- New college, department and school proposals must be submitted to: (1) CAA for review; (2) FC for review; (3) the Senate for review; and (4) the board for review and final approval;
- New university-level center proposals must be submitted to: (1) CAA for review; (2) FC for review; (3) the Senate for review; and (4) the board for review and final approval; and
- New college-level center proposals must be submitted to: (1) the relevant dean(s) for review; (2) CAA for review; and (3) the board for review and final approval.

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby adopts the above approval processes to satisfy the requirements of R.C. 3345.457 and directs the president to take all required steps to submit this resolution to the chancellor of higher education as required by law.

FACULTY PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Resolution No. 2026-97

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 December 4, 2025, meeting of the board, including the following appointments, appointments/reappointments of chairpersons, faculty professional leaves and emeritus titles:

Appointments

Name: ROBERT BAKER
Title: Professor (Andrei Baronov and Ratmir Timashev Professorship in Chemical Physics)
College: Arts and Sciences
Term: January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2029

Name: JOHN BOZINOVSKI
Title: Professor-Clinical (The Gerard S. Kakos, MD and Thomas E. Williams, Jr., MD, PhD, Professorship)
College: Medicine
Term: March 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030

Name: JESSICA MERLIN
Title: Professor (The Julius F. Stone Chair in Cancer Research)
College: Medicine

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Term: January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030

Name: AMY MOORE
Title: Interim Dean
College: Medicine
Term: January 20, 2026

Name: DANIEL PREVEDELLO
Title: Professor (Dr. John M. McGregor Department of Neurosurgery Professorship)
College: Medicine
Term: January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030

Name: W. KIMRYN RATHMELL
Title: Professor and Chief Executive Officer (Jeri B. Block and Robert H. Schottenstein Distinguished Chair in Cancer)
College: Medicine
Term: May 27, 2025, through May 26, 2030

Name: CURTIS ROTH
Title: Associate Professor (Robert S. Livesey Professor in Architecture)
College: Engineering
Term: January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027

Name: TRIPARNA SEN
Title: Professor (The Max Morehouse Chair in Cancer Research)
College: Medicine
Term: January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030

Name: STEPHANUS VILJOEN
Title: Associate Professor-Clinical (The William E. Hunt, M.D. and Charlotte M. Curtis Chair in Neuroscience)
College: Medicine
Term: March 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030

Name: LIN ZHU
Title: Assistant Professor (Elizabeth McKeever Ross Professorship Fund)
College: Medicine
Term: November 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028 (Correction of dates from last meeting)

Reappointments

Name: ERIC GREEN
Title: Professor (Excellence in Veterinary Care Diagnostic Imaging Chair)
College: Veterinary Medicine

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Term: March 5, 2026, through June 30, 2027

Name: AYANNA HOWARD
Title: Dean and Monte Ahuja Endowed Dean's Chair
College: Engineering
Term: July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031

Name: DANA RENGA
Title: Professor (Divisional Dean for Arts and Humanities)
Colleges: Arts and Sciences
Term: July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031

Name: CARROLL ANN TROTMAN
Title: Dean
College: Dentistry
Term: July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031

Name: LYDIA WALKER
Title: Assistant Professor (Seth Andre Myers Chair in Global Military History)
College: Arts and Sciences
Term: December 4, 2025, through August 14, 2027

Extensions

*New Hire

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HONORARY DEGREE

Resolution No. 2026-98

Synopsis: Approval of the honorary degree listed below is proposed.

WHEREAS pursuant to paragraph (A)(3) of rule 3335-1-03 of the Administrative Code, the president, after consultation with the Steering Committee of the University Senate, recommends to the Board of Trustees the awarding of the honorary degree as listed below:

E. Roe Stamps IV Doctor of Public Service, honoris causa

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves the awarding of the above honorary degree.

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DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Resolution No. 2026-99

Synopsis: Approval of Degrees and Certificates for spring term 2026 is proposed.

WHEREAS pursuant to paragraph € of rule 3335-1-06 of the Administrative Code, the Board of Trustees 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 May 10, 2026, to those persons who have completed the requirements for their respective degrees and certificates and are recommended by the colleges and schools.

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

Resolution No. 2026-100

APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO/INCREASE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS
BSH – LOWER-LEVEL RENOVATION
15TH AND HIGH ARTS PLAZA
MULTIMODAL SAFETY PLANNING STUDY

APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO/INCREASE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
MMP CONCOURSE RENOVATION
STEFANIE SPIELMAN COMPREHENSIVE BREAST CENTER LINAC REPLACEMENT

APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO/INCREASE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
NORTH TOWERS RENOVATIONS
OUTPATIENT CARE EAST CLINIC RENOVATIONS AND RELOCATIONS
UH- DOAN HALL SPRINKLER INSTALLATION

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/increase professional services contracts for the following projects; and

Prof. Serv.	
Approval	Total
Requested	Requested

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BSH – Lower-Level Renovation	\$2.0M	\$2.0M	Auxiliary funds
15th and High Arts Plaza	\$2.3M	\$2.3M	University funds
Multimodal Safety Planning Study	\$0.375M	\$0.375M	Grant funds University 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	
MMP Concourse – Renovation	\$0.5M	\$5.3M	\$5.8M	Auxiliary funds
Stefanie Spielman Comprehensive Breast Center Linac Replacement	\$0.2M	\$4.7M	\$4.9M	Auxiliary 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	
North Towers Renovations	\$15.0M	\$15.0M	University debt
Outpatient Care East – Clinic Renovations and Relocations	\$3.9M	\$3.9M	Auxiliary funds
UH-Doan Hall Sprinkler Installation	\$8.8M	\$8.8M	Auxiliary funds

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 and Investment 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 for the 15th and High Arts Plaza project and partial construction funding for the North Towers Renovation project.

BE IT FURTHER 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 FOR ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

Resolution No. 2026-101

3.384 +/- ACRES AT 6515 PULLMAN DRIVE,
LEWIS CENTER, DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO

Synopsis: Authorization to purchase real property located at 6515 Pullman Drive, Lewis Center, Ohio, is proposed.

WHEREAS The Ohio State University seeks to purchase 3.384 acres of improved real property located at 6515 Pullman Drive, Lewis Center, Ohio, identified as Delaware County parcel number 318-220-01-058-026 at a purchase price of \$7,500,000; and

WHEREAS the purchase of this property supports the Wexner Medical Center's long term strategic plan:

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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OBSTETRICAL SERVICES STANDARDS FOR FY2026

Resolution No. 2026-102

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

Synopsis: Approval of the annual review of the Obstetrical Services Standards for FY2026 for the hospitals at 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 proposed.

WHEREAS the mission of the Ohio State University Hospitals is to improve people's lives through the provision of high-quality patient care; and

WHEREAS the Obstetrical Services Standards for FY2026 ensure the appropriate evidence-based protocols, adequate provisions and equipment, qualified staffing,

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delineated obstetrical privileges and comprehensive faculty and staff training, supported by the Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement (QAPI) program, necessary to safely and effectively manage all aspects of obstetrical care, including emergencies, complications and immediate postdelivery care, in accordance with the scope and complexity of the services offered; and

WHEREAS the Obstetrical Services Standards for FY2026 are incorporated into and reflected within the Scope of Care documents for the Department of Emergency Services — University Hospital, the Department of Emergency Services — The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, East Hospital, and the Labor and Delivery/Antepartum/OB Emergency Department (attached); and

WHEREAS the board recognizes that federal regulations require the governing body to identify and document which staff must complete the required obstetrical training and acknowledges its responsibility to ensure such requirements are incorporated into the Scope of Care documents for the Department of Emergency Services — University Hospital, the Department of Emergency Services — The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, East Hospital, and the Labor and Delivery/Antepartum/OB Emergency Department (attached); and

WHEREAS the annual review of the Obstetrical Services Standards for FY26 was reviewed by the Quality and Professional Affairs Committee on February 24, 2026:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Wexner Medical Center Board and The Ohio State University Board of Trustees hereby approve the Obstetrical Services Standards for FY2026, which are incorporated into the Scope of Care documents for the Department of Emergency Services — University Hospital, the Department of Emergency Services — The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, East Hospital, and the Labor and Delivery/Antepartum/OB Emergency Department (attached) for University Hospital, Ohio State Ross Heart Hospital, Ohio State Harding Hospital, and East Hospital, which include the provisions necessary to ensure compliance with applicable federal regulatory requirements.

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APPROVAL OF THE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION REPORT

Resolution No. 2026-103

Synopsis: Approval of the University Foundation Report as of January 31, 2026, 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 five (5) endowed chairs as part of the Provost's Endowed Chair Matching Program: The Endowed Chair in

Comparative and Translational Oncology and Biomedical Research, The Endowed Chair in Comparative and Translational Parasitic and Infectious Diseases, the Endowed Chair in Comparative and Translational Immunology, Oncology, and Vaccinology Research, the Excellence in Veterinary Care Diagnostic Imaging Chair in the College of Veterinary Medicine, the Kokosing Construction Management Endowed Chair; one (1) endowed chair: The Paul L. Wright Chair in Agricultural Law; eight (8) endowed chair funds as part of the Provost's Endowed Chair Matching Program: the James and Patricia Dietz Endowed Chair Fund in Chemical Engineering, the Bernard and LaJune Cohen Endowed Chair Fund in Neurodegenerative Disease Research, the Libby and Rick Germain Chair Fund in Cancer Research, The Tom and Debra Feeney Family Endowed Chair Fund in Psychiatry and Behavioral Health, The John and Alix Ankele Endowed Chair Fund in Human Ethics, the Franklin Foundation Endowed Chair Fund, The Susan and Grant Douglass and Family Endowed Chair Fund in Pain Management, and the Buckeye Cruise for Cancer Chair Fund in Cancer Research; two (2) endowed professorships: the Bertha Lamme Professorship and the Maryann Z. and Larry Kennedy Endowed Professorship in Drug Discovery; seven (7) scholarships as part of the Scarlet and Gray Advantage Endowed Matching Gift Program; two (2) scholarships as part of the Joseph A. Alutto Global Leadership Initiative and forty-seven (47) additional named endowed funds; (ii) the revision of fourteen (14) named endowed funds; (iii) the closure of one (1) named endowed fund:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves The Ohio State University Foundation Report as of January 31, 2026.

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NAMING OF THE BAUGHMAN FAMILY TOWER

Resolution No. 2026-104

IN OHIO STADIUM

Synopsis: Approval for the naming of the northwest tower at Ohio Stadium, located at 411 Woody Hayes Drive, is proposed.

WHEREAS the Ohio Stadium is one of the most recognizable landmarks in all of college athletics, built in 1922 and renovated in 2001; and

WHEREAS the Ohio Stadium continues to advance Ohio State's athletic reputation and helps attract and retain the best prospective student-athletes; and

WHEREAS Doug and Janet Baughman have provided significant contributions to the Department of Athletics to support the men's football program; and

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

NOW THEREFORE

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BE IT RESOLVED, That in acknowledgement of Doug and Janet Baughman'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 Baughman Family Tower.

NAMING OF THE KOKOSING CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Resolution No. 2026-105

IN THE COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Synopsis: Approval for the naming of the Kokosing Construction Management Program in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences is proposed.

WHEREAS students who major in Construction Systems Management (CSM) in Columbus and Construction Management and Construction Systems Management at Wooster specialize in the management and operation of the business and technological aspects of the construction industry and develop managerial skills to prepare them for a career in a range of sectors across the construction industry; and

WHEREAS Ohio State provides construction education with a strong foundation in technical, analytical and business disciplines with the potential to evolve into a national model for heavy civil and infrastructure construction education; and

WHEREAS Kokosing Inc. has provided significant contributions to the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences; 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 Kokosing Inc.'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 the construction systems management program be named the Kokosing Construction Management Program.

NAMING OF THOMAS M. AND DEBRA F. FEENEY EDUCATION CENTER

Resolution No. 2026-106

IN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

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

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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 Thomas M. and Debra F. Feeney have provided significant contributions to the Wexner Medical Center and University Hospital; 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 Thomas M. and Debra F. Feeney'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 education center be named the Thomas M. and Debra F. Feeney Education Center.

NAMING OF THE VRABLE CENTER FOR PHARMACY EXCELLENCE

Resolution No. 2026-107

IN THE RIFFE BUILDING

Synopsis: Approval for the naming of the student learning center in the Riffe Building, located at 496 W. 12th Avenue, is proposed.

WHEREAS The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy drives transformative education, research, practice and community engagement, empowering innovators to advance health for all; and

WHEREAS the Riffe Building has been undergoing renovations by the college to create a new learning center to include active learning classrooms, individual study spaces, meeting rooms and a new student lounge to better serve and support students and staff within the college; and

WHEREAS Allan and Linda Vrable have provided significant contributions to the Riffe Building renovations; 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 Allan and Linda Vrable'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 Vrable Center for Pharmacy Excellence.

NAMING OF THE DR. GERALD M. GREGOREK AEROSPACE LEARNING LABORATORY

Resolution No. 2026-108

IN BOLZ HALL

Synopsis: Approval for the naming of the student flight sciences suite (containing rooms 102 and 103) in Bolz Hall, located at 2036 Neil Avenue, is proposed.

WHEREAS The College of Engineering strives to provide students with access to high quality, experiential learning; and

WHEREAS renovations in Bolz Hall have provided centralized access to unique state-of-the-art facilities and equipment for students throughout the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering; and

WHEREAS friends and colleagues of Dr. Gerald Gregorek have provided significant contributions to the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace 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 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 space be named the Dr. Gerald M. Gregorek Aerospace Learning Laboratory.

NAMING OF INTERNAL SPACES

Resolution No. 2026-109

IN THE RIFFE BUILDING

Synopsis: Approval for the naming of internal spaces in the Riffe Building, located at 496 W. 12th Avenue, is proposed.

WHEREAS The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy drives transformative education, research, practice and community engagement, empowering innovators to advance health for all; and

WHEREAS the Riffe Building has been undergoing renovations by the college to create a new learning center to include active learning classrooms, individual study spaces, meeting rooms and a new student lounge to better serve and support students and staff within the college; and

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WHEREAS The donors listed below have provided significant contributions to the College of Pharmacy; and

- Richard M. Mora Sr.
- Dr. Rosalie Sagraves
- Meijer Great Lakes Limited Partnership
- Dr. Ned M. Milenkovich and Mrs. Elvy Milenkovich
- Dr. Sheila M. Thomas and Mr. Adam C. Jackson
- Dr. Max J. Peoples Jr.
- Dr. Deanna Kroetz
- Dr. Amy W. Valley
- Dr. Julie A. Johnson

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:

- Dr. Milap C. Nahata Welcome Atrium Made Possible by Ric Mora BS Pharm '63
- Dr. Jack L. Beal Room Made Possible by Ric Mora BS Pharm '63 (rm. R201)
- Ric Mora BS Pharm '63 Kitchenette (rm. R103)
- The Sagraves Buckeye Huddle by Dr. Rosalie Sagraves PharmD, BS Pharm '69 (rm. R208)
- Meijer Pharmacy Classroom (rms. R112 & R118)
- Ned Milenkovich Family Group Study Room (rm. R209)
- Dr. Sheila M. Thomas-Jackson BSPharm '92 PharmD '00 Group Study Room (rm. R205)
- Nancy Perilla Peoples and Max J. Peoples Sr. & Belinda D. Peoples, MS, OSU, 83 & William A. Peoples, BS, OSU 83 Collaboration Room (rm. R106B)
- Mary Schickling Peoples and Wayne W. Peoples & Violet Grace Hurd Berdine (Pharmacist) and Anthony A. Berdine Collaboration Room (rm. R106A)
- Julie Johnson, PharmD Deanna Kroetz, PhD Amy Wells Valley, PharmD, BS Pharm '85, Group Study Room (rm. R207)

NAMING OF INTERNAL SPACES

Resolution No. 2026-110

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 new University Hospital enhances a unified Ohio State Wexner Medical Center campus; and

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

WHEREAS Lisa and John Warner, MD have provided significant contributions to the Wexner Medical Center and University Hospital; 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 philanthropic support provided by Lisa and John Warner, MD 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 following spaces be named:

- Lisa and John Warner, MD Welcome Desk
- Lisa and John Warner, MD Family Lounge (rm. 22036)

NAMING OF INTERNAL SPACES

Resolution No. 2026-111

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 Avenue and College Road, 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:

- John Baysore and Virginia Baysore
- George Smith and Gretchen Smith
- Douglas Herr and Jane Maliszewski
- Victor Yin and Kuei-Chun Yin
- Saeid Rahimian and Shelley Rahimian
- John Toussant and Libby Toussant
- Srinivasan Ganapathi and Nivedita Ganapathi
- Ann Schavey and Larry Schavey

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:

- The Baysore Family Engineering Suite (containing rms. 4200, 4200A, 4200B and 4220)
- The George and Gretchen Smith Foundations Lab (rm. 1230)
- Doug "Ben" Herr and Jane Maliszewski Collaboration Space (rm. 4319)
- The Victor Yin Lab (rm. 1210)
- Saeid and Shelley Rahimian Processing Studio (rm. 1320B)
- John and Libby Toussant Wet Lab (rm. 1320C)
- KG and Nivedita Ganapathi Conference Room (rm. 3243)
- The Schavey Family Office (rm. 5229)

NAMING OF THE CLINICAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FACILITY

Resolution No. 2026-112

IN THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Synopsis: Approval for the naming of the building located at 1960 Kenny Road (Building #0200), is proposed.

WHEREAS the Research Administration Building was named for its original purpose and served the Office of Sponsored Programs; and

WHEREAS the facility no longer houses the Office of Sponsored Programs and is currently home to the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health and many of its research programs; and

WHEREAS the College of Medicine recommends and Planning, Architecture and Real Estate reviewed this change; 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 the Clinical Research and Innovation Facility.

NAMING OF THE INSTITUTE OF BRAIN, BEHAVIOR AND IMMUNOLOGY

Resolution No. 2026-113

IN THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Synopsis: Approval for the naming of the building located at 460 Medical Center Drive (Building #0878), is proposed.

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WHEREAS The Institute for Behavioral Medicine Research building was named to reflect the institute's name at the time; and

WHEREAS the proposed name change aligns with the institute's name, as recently approved by University Senate; and

WHEREAS the College of Medicine recommends and Planning, Architecture and Real Estate reviewed this change; 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 the Institute of Brain, Behavior and Immunology.

Mr. Zeiger:

Thank you.

Upon the motion of Mr. Zeiger, seconded by Mr. Kaplan, the Board of Trustees adopted the foregoing 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, Mrs. Kiggin, Mr. Mitevski, Mr. Bigby, Mr. Perez, Mr. Kastan, Mr. Skestos, Ms. Trott and Mr. Tiberi.

Ms. Eveland:

Motion carries.

Mr. Zeiger:

Thank you. There being no further business before this board, our meeting is adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

Attest:

John W. Zeiger
Chairman

Jessica A. Eveland
Secretary

March 7, 2026, Board of Trustees meeting

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

Columbus, Ohio, March 7, 2026

Pursuant to paragraph (B) of bylaw 3335-01-1 of the *Bylaws of The Ohio State University Board of Trustees*, the board met upon the call of the chair, Mr. John W. Zeiger, in a special meeting on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at Columbus, Ohio, at University Square South and virtually over Zoom.

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March 7, 2026, Board of Trustees meeting

FULL-BOARD EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Chair John W. Zeiger called a special meeting of the Board of Trustees to order on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at 10:05 a.m.

Members Present: John W. Zeiger, M. Katherine Holcombe, Jeff M.S. Kaplan, Elizabeth A. Harsh, Reginald A. Wilkinson, Suzanne R. Kiggin, Tomislav B. Mitevski, Pierre Bigby, Juan Jose Perez, Bradley R. Kastan, George A. Skestos, Kara J. Trott, Patrick J. Tiberi

Members Present via Zoom: Elizabeth P. Kessler, Gary R. Heminger

Members Absent: N/A

Mr. Zeiger:

Good morning. 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 and to discuss personnel matters involving the appointment, employment and compensation of public officials.

Upon the motion of Mr. Zeiger, seconded by Dr. Wilkinson, 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, Mrs. Kiggin, Mr. Mitevski, Mr. Bigby, Mr. Perez, Mr. Kastan, Mr. Skestos, Ms. Trott and Mr. Tiberi.

The meeting entered executive session at 10:06 a.m. At 1:10 p.m., the board adjourned to meet at its next regular meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 2026, in Columbus at Longaberger Alumni House.

Attest:

John W. Zeiger
Chairman

Jessica A. Eveland
Secretary

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

Columbus, Ohio, March 12, 2026

Pursuant to paragraph (B) of bylaw 3335-01-1 of the *Bylaws of The Ohio State University Board of Trustees*, the board met upon the call of the chair, Mr. John W. Zeiger, in a special meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2026, in Columbus, Ohio, at Longaberger Alumni House and virtually over Zoom.

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March 12, 2026, Board of Trustees meeting

FULL-BOARD PUBLIC SESSION

Board Chair John W. Zeiger called a special meeting of the Board of Trustees to order on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 8:57 a.m.

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

Members Present via Zoom: Gary R. Heminger

Members Absent: N/A

Mr. Zeiger:

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

Ms. Eveland:

A quorum is present.

Mr. Zeiger:

Thank you. We will now convene this special meeting of the Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University. So that we may proceed without interruption, I ask all attendees to turn off the sound on cell phones and other devices and to follow rules of decorum proper to conducting the business at hand.

I'd like to begin this morning by thanking everyone who is joining us, either in person or virtually. This is an important meeting of the board. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues on the Board of Trustees for the tremendous commitment that they've all made reordering their lives in the last week to fulfill their responsibilities in a very impressive way.

In addition, we have a special guest this morning: Chancellor Mike Duffy of the Ohio Department of Higher Education, seated in the first row. Chancellor Duffy, thank you for making this a priority in your schedule. It's important to us, and we appreciate how important it is to you.

As was shared with members of our community and the public earlier this week, the Board of Trustees has accepted Ted Carter's resignation as the president of The Ohio State University. As you might imagine, the board was surprised, deeply disappointed and really saddened to learn of that situation and distressed to consider its consequences to the university. As fiduciaries charged with protecting this institution, we take this matter very seriously and are committed to acting in the best interest of the university and the state we serve.

We respect Ted's decision to resign, and we appreciate his cooperation in supporting the orderly leadership transition that is now unfolding.

The board is grateful to Ted for the many contributions he made to Ohio State over the last two years. In collaboration with the university's faculty, staff,

students and supporters, we have taken significant steps to advance the excellence of our academic, research and medical enterprises. We have redoubled our commitment to opportunity and affordability for Ohio students. And we are on a pathway that is elevating Ohio State's position in the national higher education landscape.

This momentum is a testament to the enduring strength of the Ohio State community, our faculty and to the broader leadership team we have in place. This includes, in particular, Dr. Ravi Bellamkonda.

Since joining Ohio State 14 months ago as our provost and chief academic leader, Ravi has impressed all of us with his commitment to this university and its people — and with his vision, energy and collegial spirit. He played an integral role in crafting the university's current strategic plan, and his leadership throughout the early phases of its implementation excites us about what lies ahead. Initiatives to enhance academic programs and attract additional eminent faculty — just to name two examples — are both off to a very promising start.

We are thrilled with Ravi's work to date, but few of us should be surprised by his success. Prior to joining Ohio State, he served four years as the provost of Emory University, where he focused on enhancing collaboration across academic disciplines, leveraging innovation, recruiting and retaining top faculty talent, and improving student well-being and success. Before that, he was associate vice president of research at Georgia Tech, and previously dean of the College of Engineering at Duke University.

Ravi has built a distinguished career also as a biomedical engineer, personally pioneering new treatments for brain tumors in children and adults. He is an elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the International Academy of Medical and Biological Engineering, and the Society for Biomaterials. Ravi holds 11 U.S. patents and has been elected a senior member of the National Academy of Inventors.

In addition to all these remarkable accomplishments, Ravi and his wife, Lalita — who is a faculty member in the College of Nursing and one of its leaders there — are the proud parents of two grown children and a beloved goldendoodle by the name of CJ.

In every major decision that the Board of Trustees confronts, we focus on a singular test. That test is what is in the best interest of The Ohio State University. So, when considering who the next president of this university should be, we are fortunate to have had more than a year to discover that the answer to this all-important test is close at hand.

The right leader is already at our university, and his vast experience, his personal values and management skills, his strong record here at Ohio State, and his ability to inspire excellence in all those around him give this Board of Trustees great confidence that Dr. Ravi Bellamkonda is the right person to lead this university into the future as our president.

Thus, with great pleasure — and I know the enthusiastic support of every one of our 15 trustees — I hereby move to appoint Dr. Ravi Bellamkonda as the 18th president of The Ohio State University.

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The resolution for this appointment is at the seat of each trustee. It is also available to the public and members of the press from the university's media relations team.

May I please have a second?

Dr. Wilkinson:

Second!

Mr. Zeiger:

Thank you, Dr. Wilkinson. I said "enthusiastic" and I do believe it. Thank you for the second.

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTION

Resolution No. 2026-114

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 March 5, 2026, meeting of the board, including the following appointment:

Name:	Ravi V. Bellamkonda
Title:	President
Unit:	Board of Trustees
Term:	March 12, 2026 – June 30, 2031

Mr. Zeiger:

Before we formally vote on this matter, I will open the floor for discussion.

I would ask Vice Chair Liza Kessler to comment.

Ms. Kessler:

Thank you, Chair Zeiger.

"President Bellamkonda" has a good ring to it, doesn't it?

You have built trust and relationships across the board and all of our academic community, our students, our faculty and our staff. You are, as you've heard — just heard from our chair — you are an exceptionally accomplished academic and researcher. Across every facet of our core missions — our academics, research, medical care and athletics — you are going to continue to drive excellence in everything Ohio State does. We have incredible momentum, and we are so excited to see you continue that incredible momentum as our 18th president.

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And on a small personal note, in the time that I've gotten to know you, I would say you are amongst the most sincere, kind and smart people that I have had the opportunity to work with and get to know. And on behalf of the entire board, I know we are extraordinarily proud and excited to welcome you as our 18th president.

Mr. Zeiger:

Thank you, Liza.

Jeff?

Mr. Kaplan:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I support the resolution.

You know, in situations like this, I think people always hurl superlatives. And, it might be hackneyed, but when we were interviewing for the provost position and called references, I was privileged to talk to one of them who said "he's a brilliant academic, but he really cares about people — as does his wife, Lalita. And he will care about the state of Ohio." The person said to me — and the person was from Georgia — "as your old coach talked about paying forward, Ravi and Lalita will pay forward." And as he also said, you win with people and you will win with these people.

So, thank you.

Mr. Zeiger:

I know that the board has unanimously supported our decision, but I'm sure that there are at least a few others who would like to make comments.

Dr. Wilkinson.

Dr. Wilkinson:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And Ravi, congratulations. I say Ravi now because we'll have to start calling you Mr. President.

Couldn't be more pleased, but I think the backdrop of you being president is what's important here. You were proof that we went out to try to find the best that we could find to be the provost of this university. We've had a great history of provosts in the office and success in the Office of Academic Affairs. But we found you, and all the discussion has always been, "well, he's going to be a president somewhere." There's no doubt about that and probably could have already been before now, but you've committed to this university and your love for this university — and we certainly appreciate that — and that's evident. Because of the unfortunate situation over the last week or so, you know, we were fortunate to have you to kind of leave no stone unturned and to allow us to keep the ball in play.

So, I really appreciate what you've done for this university, but I'm more appreciative for what I think we're going to see in the coming years with you as the 18th president of The Ohio State University.

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Congratulations.

Mr. Zeiger:

Kendall, I think it'd be useful to have the student perspective, please.

Dr. Buchan:

To say that this week has been a lot is an understatement, but I think we're ending on a really high note. I've been so impressed, and I know all the students been so impressed with you since you've come here. And I want to echo what everyone else has said. I think your academics and your brilliance are impressive, but it's really how you treat people. And that's the most impressive thing. So, I think this is a really exciting change.

And I also think back on all the things that we've accomplished over the last year or so since you've been here. And you're the action in the strategic plan. And I don't expect that momentum to slow down at all.

So congratulations, very well deserved, and I'm very excited to see where the future takes you and this university.

Mr. Zeiger:

Kendall once again shows how impressive our student trustees are.

Other comments?

Hearing none, I will remind you that we have a motion on the floor that has been seconded. Will the secretary please call the roll on the motion?

The motion, having been made by Mr. Zeiger and seconded by Dr. Wilkinson, was adopted by the Board of Trustees 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, Mrs. Kiggin, Mr. Mitevski, Mr. Bigby, Mr. Perez, Mr. Kastan, Mr. Skestos, Ms. Trott and Mr. Tiberi

Ms. Eveland:

Motion carries.

Mr. Zeiger:

Thank you. It is my honor now to introduce the 18th president of The Ohio State University: Dr. Ravi Bellamkonda.

APPLAUSE

President Bellamkonda:

Thank you.

Mr. Zeiger:

Ravi, would you like to share a few remarks with us?

President Bellamkonda:

I would indeed. Thank you so much.

It's an honor, truly, for Lalita and me to be here. I'd like to begin by thanking the board for your faith in Ohio State and for your dedicated service. From our first conversations you alluded to 14 months ago, you've made it very clear that you believe that Ohio State, from its inception, was built to lead. And indeed, we were one of the first universities to be invited to join the AAU, the Association of American Universities, back in 1916.

Lalita and I joined, as I said, the Ohio State family about 400 days ago — a little over. And we've gotten to see and experience our motto, "Education for Citizenship," in action. Citizenship is wonderful because it alludes to both the individual and the relationship of the individual to the community that they're part of. And indeed, what a community we're a part of. In our 400 days here, we've had the pleasure to interact with our amazing faculty, our staff, our students, our student leaders, our clinical leaders, our cabinet colleagues who are wonderful, the University Senate on our shared governance process, our leaders across the institution, our deans, department chairs, and center directors. And not just our own community here, our governor and first lady have been incredible, our state legislature, our mayor and his team, the higher ed partners — it really takes a village — our higher education partners — Chancellor Duffy's here — and agencies and our business partners. And not to mention our federal and state congressional delegations. Our regional campuses are represented and are so important to us. And our unbelievable alumni who show up every day — not just on football Saturdays — to help the university.

And there is another special sauce we've experienced, which actually took us a little bit by surprise, but in a delightful way. There is an incredible civic community in central Ohio that is very vested in us doing well as a state and as a region, and we've had the joy of experiencing that.

When I reflect on this, what binds this wide cross-section of our community is their love for Ohio State and, importantly, their recognition that Ohio State, as the flagship land-grant university, plays a critical role in our state's economy, and they recognize the power of Ohio State to positively impact the citizens of this great state. When a first-gen student graduates from Ohio and Ohio State, they are transformed. Not just they — their families, siblings and their children will be transformed. That is the promise and delight of The Ohio State University.

The whole world knows and talks of us as an athletics powerhouse, and that we are. I had the joy, five days after starting — and I know you told me not to get used to this — of winning the national championship. What an experience that was. And thanks to our amazing student-athletes and coaches, we compete at the highest level, show excellence on the field and off the field, at the Olympics and for many national championships in many sports — not just football. In tennis, for example — Lalita and I like to play a little bit of tennis — I've had the pleasure of trying to keep up with Coach Ty Tucker on the tennis court. George knows what I'm talking about. And it was quite a humbling experience, actually.

But what the world doesn't fully know is that — and what I know as the chief academic officer of this university in the last 400 days — is that we are an academic powerhouse as well. We are ranked No. 5 by *Time* Magazine in public

universities. We have a top-20 engineering school. We have the finest nursing school in the country, the top public nursing school in the country. Our undergraduate business program is ranked sixth in the country, and they're reimagining business education. We have one of the finest, amazing cancer hospitals in the country in The James, something that we have to be proud of. Our College of Arts and Sciences has 13 departments that are ranked in the top 10 in public universities. We have a fantastic agricultural school, vet school, and the list goes on.

And these top-ranked departments and schools don't just mean that we do an amazing job with our education, but the research and innovation that is present across the university is really breathtaking. We're ranked No. 12 in the country — not just publics — in our research progress and expenditures. We have three national centers that our faculty lead in the space of artificial intelligence. And at a time when artificial intelligence is asking us, "what does it really mean to be human?" we have incredible strengths in the liberal arts and humanities and law to probe and answer that question and lead in defining what that future looks like.

We are an academic powerhouse, thanks to this board's support, without a doubt.

"Why does it matter?" one might ask themselves. It matters because the best scholars in the world are in our classrooms teaching our undergraduate, graduate and professional students. It matters because our entrepreneurial mindset and relentless pursuit of excellence has the power to transform the world, starting right here in Ohio.

We pursue excellence not because we want to be elitist. We pursue it because when we accept \$1 — whether it's a tuition dollar or from philanthropy, from the generosity of our supporters, a sponsored research dollar, or a dollar from a taxpayer here in Ohio — we are serious about being the best possible stewards of that dollar. And that is why we pursue excellence. We pursue excellence because we want to rid the world of cancer, to help diminish the agonizing helplessness of families facing challenges in mental health. We pursue excellence because we want to make Ohio the most dynamic economy in the country.

We often hear that Ohio State is a large place, one of the largest universities in the country — and that we are. But consider this, when excellence happens at the scale of Ohio State, we create an impact that is unmatched in its transformative power. That is the power of Ohio State. That is why Ohio State matters to the state and to the country. And so, in looking ahead, knowing our collective strengths, I promise you this: Together, we will take on hard things that are worth doing — hard things that are worth doing in athletics, in healthcare, in education. In fact, in all the things we do, we will lead and we will not be afraid to lead. And we choose to lead because the challenges we face as a society, from our economy to how we organize ourselves as a society, and to helping create abundant energy that powers the ideas that we have, these challenges and others demand that we lead and choose to lead. That is the promise of Ohio State. And we will lead with some humility. It'll be informed by our values, and we will do it with responsibility. And yes, we will do it with some abandon and joy as well.

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I have been here a little over 400 days, and I know I have much to learn. But what I do know confidently is this: We know how to win. And each of us at Ohio State, in this room and across our beautiful state, have the agency to create the Ohio State we want to inhabit. And we will choose to exercise this agency in the service of hard things worth doing for the citizens of Ohio and the world.

So, I thank you, Chairman Zeiger, for this honor — and this board and the broader community of Ohio State. Lalita and I are at once humbled and proud to be citizens of this great community. Go Bucks!

APPLAUSE

Mr. Zeiger:

We are indeed fortunate to have a leader like Ravi to assume this responsibility. The future of Ohio State is bright. And I know that all of us in this room and all of those out there — both in our auditorium and online and throughout our state — we'll do everything we can, Ravi, to support your vision, your efforts to make Ohio State the very best. We're so delighted.

President Bellamkonda:

Thank you, sir.

APPLAUSE

Mr. Zeiger:

There being no further business to come before the board, our meeting is adjourned.

At 9:21 a.m., the board adjourned to meet at its next regular meeting on Tuesday, June 3, 2026, in Columbus at Longaberger Alumni House.

Attest:

John W. Zeiger
Chairman

Jessica A. Eveland
Secretary