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SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN

June 2, 2026 – Athletics Committee Meeting

Members Present:

Gary R. Heminger
Elizabeth P. Kessler
Jeff M.S. Kaplan
Pierre Bigby
Bradley R. Kastan
George R. Skestos
John W. Zeiger (ex officio)

Members Present via Zoom: N/A

Members Absent:

Patrick C. Arp

PUBLIC SESSION

The Athletics Committee of The Ohio State University Board of Trustees convened on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, in person at Longaberger Alumni House on Ohio State's Columbus campus. Committee Chair Gary Heminger called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Item for Discussion:

1. Athletics Director's Report: Senior Vice President and Wolfe Foundation-Eugene Smith Endowed Athletics Director Ross Bjork shared highlights from the Department of Athletics over the last quarter. Each of the university's 36 varsity sports teams achieved cumulative grade-point averages of at least 3.0 for the 2025-26 academic year. Twenty programs achieved a perfect single-year academic progress rate score. Four squads earned national championships — pistol, dance, spirit and Brutus — as did six individual student-athletes. Ohio State is currently ranked No. 4 in Director's Cup standings.

   Operationally, the past year has seen all-time high revenues from ticket sales, licensing and trademark activities, and sponsorships and multimedia sales, and it has been the department's second-best year for fundraising. Major concerts at Ohio Stadium, the Schottenstein Center and Mershon Auditorium generate revenues that are then reinvested into those facilities for upkeep and improvements. Efforts are underway to consolidate the department's data sources to better inform customer relations and strategic decision making going forward.

   (See Attachment X for background information, page XX)

Item for Action:

2. Approval of Minutes: No changes were requested to the March 5, 2026, meeting minutes; therefore, a formal vote was not required, and the minutes were considered approved.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

The committee entered into executive session at 12:38 p.m., and the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.