



WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE THREE HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHTH MEETING Friday, June 14, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Endeavour Room, Student Union 156

MINUTES

- Present:** Chair Gunlock, Vice Chair Platt, Secretary Kejriwal (Webex), D. Conway (Webex), J. Ebbing, E. Ferris (Webex), J. Thompson, M. Crabtree, B. Bucklew (Webex), D. Fecher, A. Goyal, R. Peters, B. Whiteside (Webex), J. Wilson
- Absent:** M. Grunder, C. Jenkins
- Guests:** J. Conley, M. Grushon, A. Salazar, S. Schaurer, S. Todd

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gunlock called to order the June 14, 2024 meeting at 9:00 a.m.

A. Roll Call

Chair Gunlock asked the Secretary, Daniel Palmer, to call the roll. A quorum was present. Gunlock read the Chair's Statement and the Conflict of Interest Statement.

Chair's Statement:

The Wright State University Board of Trustees is a public body subject to the Ohio Open Meetings Act. It operates on a fixed agenda available to those attending the meeting. Persons wishing to address the Board in its public session should submit a written request to the Board of Trustees' office 72 hours in advance of the meeting in order to be placed on the agenda. However, all persons address the Board at the invitation of the Board and are subject to time limitations and other guidelines established to maintain the good order of the meeting.

Conflict of Interest Statement

It is of utmost importance to ensure that all university decisions are free from any real or

perceived conflicts of interest.

Therefore, please be mindful of all obligations with which you have been charged as a Trustee of Wright State University, and take the steps you deem appropriate to perform your duties fairly and impartially.

B. Disposition of Previous Minutes

Trustee Vice Chair Platt moved to approve the minutes and Trustee Ebbing seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved by a roll call vote (7,0,0).

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Gunlock requested the Board move into Executive Session pursuant to Revised Code Section 121.22(G).

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION 24-49

RESOLVED that the Wright State University Board of Trustees agreed to hold an Executive Session on June 14, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED that pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G), the following issues may be discussed in Executive Session:

- To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official pursuant to Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1); and
- Conference with an attorney for the Board regarding disputes with the Board that are subject of pending or imminent litigation pursuant to Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3); and
- Matters Required to be Kept Confidential Pursuant to Federal Law or State Statute pursuant to Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(5).

Vice Chair Platt moved to approve the resolution and Trustee Thompson seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (7,0,0).

III. RECONVENE

A. Roll Call

The Board of Trustees, at the calling of Chair Gunlock, reconvened at 10:05 a.m. Chair Gunlock asked Board Secretary Palmer to call the roll and a quorum was present.

IV. APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL TRUSTEE

Chair Gunlock stated that as part of the enhanced affiliation with Premier Health, the Boards of each organization would become more interlocked with the Board chairs of each organization serving as an ex-officio member of the other Board.

Chair Gunlock noted that he was pleased to welcome Jill Wilson, Chair of the Board at Premier Health to the Wright State Board of Trustees. He added that Ms. Wilson was a well-accomplished executive leader, serving as the CEO of Otterbein Senior Life, a not-for-profit ministry based in Lebanon, Ohio.

Vice Chair Platt moved to appoint Ms. Wilson to the Board of Trustees and Trustee Ebbing seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (7,0,0).

V. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

A. Opening Remarks

Chair Gunlock began his remarks by welcoming everyone to the annual budget meeting. He noted that the Board would be considering a budget that remained fiscally responsible while providing investment in strategic priorities for the University. Chair Gunlock added that it was vitally important the University does not forget that while it has experienced a growing number of successes, it must continue to exercise restraint on spending while focusing limited resources on enrollment and retention efforts.

Chair Gunlock welcomed Dr. Amelia Salazar to the University and noted that Dr. Salazar brings knowledge and experiences that will elevate the Division of Student Success and execute best practices to enhance the University's retention rate.

Chair Gunlock concluded his remarks by noting that several Trustees had attended the Trustee Symposium with Governor DeWine earlier in the month. He noted that the Governor was especially complimentary of the work occurring at Wright State, particularly with the partnership with Premier Health.

B. Recognition of Former Trustee Bruce Langos

Chair Gunlock noted that after 7 years of service to Wright State University, Trustee Bruce Langos retired from the Wright State Board of Trustees.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

RECOGNITION OF FORMER TRUSTEE BRUCE LANGOS

RESOLUTION 24-50

WHEREAS, Bruce Langos received an appointment to the Wright State University Board of Trustees from Governor John Kasich in 2017 and subsequently reappointed in 2018, faithfully serving as a trustee for seven years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Langos has provided exemplary leadership to the Board of Trustees, serving as the Chair of the Finance, Audit, Governance, and Compliance Committee, helping guide the University to increased fiscal stability; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Langos is a well accomplished and a seasoned business leader, making substantial contributions to the technology industry, various community organizations, and commercial real estate development; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Langos began his career at the NCR Corporation, reaching the role of Senior Vice President of Global Operations before becoming the Chief Operating Officer of the Teradata Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Langos has been heavily involved in the community, serving as a member of the Business Advisory Board for the Raj Sooin College of Business, holding a gubernatorial appointment to the Third Frontier Commission for 12 years, serving as a founding member of the Montgomery County Drug Free Coalition, and holding an officer position for the Greener Pastures Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Langos has made significant contributions towards the public good, notably leading the development of the Regional Crime Intelligence Center in 2017, assisting local law enforcement agencies, the Drug Enforcement Agency, and other stakeholders with the goal of impacting the opioid epidemic in the region; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Langos's vision and leadership have helped shape the future of Wright State and contributed to the educational foundation that supports the University's mission; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the University Board of Trustees does hereby express its sincere appreciation and heartfelt commendation to Bruce Langos for his commitment, service, leadership and most importantly, dedication to Wright State University.

Vice Chair Platt moved to approve the resolution and Trustee Thompson seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (7,0,0).

C. Amending of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees

Chair Gunlock noted that Trustee Doug Fecher had overseen the bylaws and related policies review and amending process. He added that the review had led to a comprehensive new series of bylaws and policies that better reflect the manner in which the Board of Trustees conducts its business.

Chair Gunlock recognized Trustee Fecher to provide a summary of the changes to the Bylaws and Policies.

Trustee Fecher provided a summary of the changes and recommended the Board of Trustees adopt the new series of Bylaws and Policies.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

AMENDNING THE BYLAWS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION 24-51

WHEREAS, the Wright State University Board of Trustees governs the conduct of University Board business according to Bylaws that it has drafted and adopted in previous Board proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it wishes to revise and update its Bylaws in the way it conducts University Board business; and

WHEREAS, the Board has conducted a comprehensive review process of its existing Bylaws and Policies and made revisions and updates to its Bylaws; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the appended is hereby adopted as the Bylaws and Policies of the Wright State University Board of Trustees, and the Bylaws previously adopted by the Board on September 17, 2021 are hereby superseded.

Vice Chair Platt moved to Amend Article I, Section 2A, Line 5 to read as the following:

“National trustees may be assigned to standing or special committees but may not serve as chairs of standing committees. Further, national trustees may not vote on any committee business that commits or binds the University in any way.”

Vice Chair Platt stated that this proposed amendment would allow National Trustees to chair special committees, leveraging their strengths and experiences. He added that currently as written in the bylaws, National Trustees would not be able to chair any committee. He noted this change states that National Trustees cannot chair standing committees.

Trustee Ebbing seconded the motion to amend. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (7,0,0).

Trustee Conway also moved that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee be renamed to

the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee. She further moved that all references in the proposed bylaws and policies of the Committee be reflective of this name change.

Trustee Conway stated that the University had placed a tremendous emphasis on the success of its students, namely concerning the retention of students and career services. She added that renaming the committee to the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee better reflected the charge of the committee and placed a greater emphasis in achieving the student success objectives.

Trustee Thompson seconded the motion to amend. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (7,0,0).

With no further amendments, Vice Chair Platt moved to approve the resolution and Trustee Thompson seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (7,0,0).

C. Appointment of Additional Officers

Chair Gunlock noted that as a part of the amendments to the Board bylaws, the option now existed to appoint a strong secretary position that was a staff member of the University. Chair Gunlock recommended a motion to appoint the current Secretary to the Board, Daniel Palmer, to the Secretary position.

Trustee Ebbing moved to appoint Mr. Palmer as Secretary and Trustee Thompson seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (7,0,0).

Chair Gunlock stated that in newly adopted Bylaws, the Executive Committee was to be comprised of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past Chair. He added that in the event that only 3 positions were filled on the Executive Committee, excluding the Secretary, there shall be an at-large executive committee member elected by the Board.

Chair Gunlock added that because the immediate past chair is no longer on the Board, an at-large member would be elected.

Vice Chair Platt moved to appoint Trustee Kejriwal as an at-large member of the Executive Committee. Trustee Ebbing seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (7,0,0).

D. Appointment of Committee Membership

Chair Gunlock made committee appointments, subject to the advice and consent of the Board.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

RESOLUTION 24-52

WHEREAS, Article I Section 6 of the Bylaws of the Wright State University Board of Trustees empowers the incoming chair to appoint members to standing and special committees at the final scheduled meeting of the year with the advice and consent of the Board; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the committee appointments as submitted to the meeting be, and the same hereby are approved.

Trustee Thompson moved to approve the resolution and Trustee Ebbing seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (7,0,0).

VI. REPORTS ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Chair Gunlock recognized Provost Amy Thompson to present the Campus Completion Plan.

Provost Thompson noted that the Board of Trustees must approve the Campus Completion Plan report every two years to be sent to the Ohio Department of Higher Education. She added that Wright State's report focused on the efforts on curricular redesign, academic support to students, student engagement and support, advising pathways, and career planning.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

APPROVAL OF THE CAMPUS COMPLETION PLAN

RESOLUTION 24-53

WHEREAS, Section 3345.81 of the Ohio Revised Code requires that the board of trustees of each institution of higher education adopt an institution-specific strategic completion plan to increase the number of degrees and certificates awarded to students; and

WHEREAS, the plan shall be consistent with the mission and strategic priorities of the institution, include measurable student completion goals, and align with the state's workforce development priorities; and

WHEREAS, the plan shall be updated at least once every two years and upon adoption by the board of trustees, each institution of higher education shall provide a copy of its plan to the chancellor of higher education; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Wright State University Board of Trustees adopts the Wright State University 2024-2026 Campus Completion Plan and instructs the Secretary to the Board of Trustees to provide a copy of the plan to the chancellor of higher education.

Trustee Thompson moved to approve the resolution and Vice Chair Platt seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (7,0,0).

Next, Provost Thompson noted the Boonshoft School of Medicine requested to change the name of the Neurology Department to the Department of Clinical Neurosciences. She indicated the name change better reflected the broad range specialties offered within the department, which included neurology, neurosurgery, physical medicine and rehabilitation, pain management, and neuropsychology.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENTAL NAME CHANGE

RESOLUTION 24-54

WHEREAS, Wright State University offers a neurology residency and various fellowships through the Premier Health Clinical Neurosciences Institute; and

WHEREAS, the Boonshoft School of Medicine desires to rename the Department of Neurology to the Department of Clinical Neurosciences to better reflect the range of specialties offered within the department; and

WHEREAS, the Provost, in consultation with the Faculty Senate, recommends the approval of the proposed name change; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the proposed departmental name change as submitted to the meeting be, and the same hereby is endorsed.

Trustee Ebbing moved to approve the resolution and Vice Chair Platt seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (7,0,0).

Next, Chair Gunlock indicated Wright State University received funding from the Ohio Legislature to establish the Center for Civics, Culture, and Workforce Development as an independent academic unit. He noted the Board of Trustees must appoint a seven-member council for the Ohio Senate's consideration.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

APPOINTMENT OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL FOR THE WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR CIVICS, CULTURE, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION 24-55

WHEREAS, Section 3352.16 of the Ohio Revised Code, adopted under Substitute House Bill 101 of the 135th General Assembly, established the Wright State University Center for Civics, Culture, and Workforce Development “the Center” as an independent academic division within the University reporting directly to the President; and

WHEREAS, the Center is directed to provide instruction on (1) the foundations of free societies; (2) the American Constitutional order, which includes the United States armed forces; (3) responsible and informed citizenship; (4) the purpose and role of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base; and (5) the workforce needs of the Base; and

WHEREAS, The Center at Wright State University has been granted special authority to waive out-of-state surcharges for military-connected students and recognizing military service for academic credit, furthering Wright State University’s mission in being military-friendly campus; and

WHEREAS, the Center is to serve as a catalyst for dialogue and conversation among members of the campus community, placing a strong foundation for responsible and informed citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the Center is guided by a seven-person Academic Council appointed by the Board of Trustees with the advice and consent of the Ohio Senate; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Wright State University Board of Trustees appoints the following individuals to the Academic Council:

- Mr. Burhan Kawosa, Vice President, Finance, Planning, & Analysis, Wright State University
- Dr. Laura Luehrmann, Chair, School of Social Sciences and International Studies, Wright State University
- Lt. General (Retired) Tom Owen, President & CEO, A ZiaStar Consulting
- Mr. Mark Ridenour, Chair Elect, American Council of Trustees and Alumni
- Mr. Greg Sample, Executive Vice President & Chief Operations Officer, Wright State University
- Mr. Rick Schwartz, Chairman of the Board, Winsupply
- The Honorable Adolfo Tornichio, Judge, Greene County Common Pleas;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Secretary, or their designee, is authorized and directed to inform the Clerk of the Ohio Senate that this Resolution has been adopted and to request the advice and consent of the Ohio Senate, as required by law.

Trustee Ebbing moved to approve the resolution and Trustee Thompson seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (7,0,0).

VII. REPORTS ON FINANCE, AUDIT, GOVERNANCE, AND COMPLIANCE

Mr. Matt Grushon presented the contracts for Board approval.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

RESOLUTION 24-56

WHEREAS, in order for the University to conduct business on an on-going basis, and provide products and services in a timely manner, purchases must be made; and

WHEREAS, these expenditures may amount to greater than \$250,000 and up to \$500,000, requiring committee approval, or may exceed \$500,000, requiring Board of Trustees approval; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that authorization is granted for the accompanying contracts greater than \$250,000 and up to \$500,000 before the Finance, Audit, Governance, and Compliance Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED that authorization is granted for the accompanying contracts exceeding \$500,000 before the Board of Trustees; and be it further

RESOLVED that approval for any contract dated July 1, 2024 or later is subject to appropriation and adoption of the University operating budget by the Board of Trustees.

Vice Chair Platt moved to approve the resolution and Trustee Thompson seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (7,0,0).

VIII. PRESENTATION OF THE 2024-2025 UNIVERSITY BUDGET

Mr. Sample and Mr. Kawosa presented the FY 2025 proposed budget (Presentation on Board Website).

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

ADOPTION OF THE FY 2025 UNIVERSITY OPERATING BUDGET

RESOLUTION 24-57

WHEREAS, the University's current funds budget has been developed within a framework of fiscal stewardship to deliver student success; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive planning within the University and with key stakeholders has been

accomplished; and

WHEREAS, the University has developed a budget plan to guide operations and expenditures aligned with anticipated revenues to support the University's Mission, Vision and Values; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the President may authorize expenditures within the overall budget plan, limit the expenditures of funds within any given category, transfer funds within the major budget categories, and take such other actions as may be in the interest of the University; and be it further

RESOLVED that the University's current funds budget as described in the accompanying schedules and tables now before the Board of Trustees be and, hereby are approved.

Vice Chair Platt moved to approve the resolution and Trustee Thompson seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (7,0,0).

Next, Mr. Javan Conley presented the University's capital projects improvements included in the State Capital Budget.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

LOCAL ADMINISTRATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

RESOLUTION 24-58

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3345.51 Wright State University may administer capital facilities projects for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, renovation, enlargement, or alteration of a public improvement under its jurisdiction for which the total amount per project is immaterial; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University will comply with the guidelines established pursuant to section 153.16 of the Ohio Revised Code and all laws that govern the selection of consultants, preparation and approval of approval of contract documents, receipt of bids, and award of contracts with respect to the projects; and

WHEREAS, the University Board of Trustees shall notify the chancellor the higher education of its intent to administer the capital facilities projects after the general assembly makes an appropriation; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University is currently pursuing additional federal and local appropriations requests; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the University shall locally administer the projects in the Capital Budget Bill as listed below:

Appropriation	Project	Appropriation Amount
C27570	Building Envelope Renovations	\$625,200
C27582	Campus Paving and Grounds	\$600,000
C27594	Health College Renovations	\$2,650,000
C275A2	Lake Campus Infrastructure	\$1,000,000
C275B2	Allyn Hall Hangar Beautification	\$2,500,000
C275B3	Student Union Atrium Renovation	\$1,625,000
C275B4	Paul Lawrence Dunbar Library Renovation	\$1,000,000
C275B5	Campus Restroom Upgrades	\$300,000
C275B6	Laboratory Animal Resources Occupational Safety Phase II	\$225,000
C275B7	Technology Infrastructure Upgrades	\$1,095,000
C275B8	Festival Playhouse Upgrades	\$500,000
C275B9	Campus Safety Exterior Cameras and Access Control	\$500,000
	TOTAL HIGHER EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT FUND:	\$12,620,200

and be it further

RESOLVED, the President, or her designee, may accept any additional funding from a government entity and allocate to specific university projects, pending official notification to the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Ebbing moved to approve the resolution and Vice Chair Platt seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (7,0,0).

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Gunlock stated there was no old or new business before the Board.

XI. ADJOURNMENT at 11:48 a.m.

With no further business before the Board, Vice Chair Platt moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Ebbing seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.