



## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Thursday, January 26, 10:30 a.m.

The Wolstein Center, Gerald H. Gordon Conference Pavilion,  
West Wing and via Zoom; livestreamed for public view.

Chair David M. Reynolds; Trustees Timothy J. Cosgrove, Patricia DePompei, Paul J. Dolan, Stephen F. Kirk, Lisa K. Kunkle, Alan G. Starkoff, and Vanessa L. Whiting; Student Trustees Brittany N. Sommers and Jake Wrege; Chair, CSU Foundation and Ex Officio Member Thomas E. Hopkins; Faculty Representatives Dr. Judy Ausherman and Dr. Anup Kumar; President Laura Bloomberg; and Secretary to the Board of Trustees, General Counsel and Vice President, Legal Affairs and Compliance Sonali B. Wilson.

Others in attendance: Provost and Sr. Vice President of Academic Affairs Nigamanth Sridhar; Sr. Vice President of Business Affairs and Chief Financial Officer David Jewell; Vice President and Dean of Enrollment Management Jonathan Wehner; Vice President of Advancement Julie Rehm; Vice President, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer Roy Gifford; and Heather A. Link, Assistant Board Secretary.

Chair Reynolds called the meeting to order at 12:54 p.m. He noted that the meeting was being livestreamed for public viewing and he confirmed the presence of a quorum.

The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2022 meeting. Trustee Kirk moved approval of the minutes; Trustee Starkoff seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a roll call.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Chair Reynolds welcomed members and noted a vibrancy on campus with the beginning of the spring semester. He reported that President Bloomberg and her team unveiled a new logo



**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Reynolds moved for the Board to recess into Executive Session to consider personnel matters involving the contract of a public employee and for the purpose of discussing imminent and pending litigation with the University General Counsel. Trustee Dolan seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken by the Secretary of the Board; voting in the affirmative were Mr. Cosgrove, Ms. DePompei, Mr. Dolan, Mr. Kirk, Ms. Kunkle, Mr. Starkoff, Ms. Whiting, and Mr.

### **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Committee Chair Cosgrove reported on the meeting held earlier in the day; the committee received an update from Provost Sridhar on CSU's partnership with Tri-C, comparative data from ODHE Completion reports, an update on the College of Business Dean Search, and details on the approach to review our Core Curriculum.

The Committee approved two items, which are included on the consent agenda for full board approval. Chair Cosgrove also reported that Professor Hanz Richter and Associate Professor Caryl Pagel discussed the work that was accomplished during each of their professional leaves, and that Dean Stephanie Brooks provided an update on the College of Health. He commented that the presentations were excellent and highlighted the value of student-professor relationships, which he considers to be an indicator of a successful institution.

The Committee also received an update on the University's DEI and campus engagement initiatives.

### **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Committee Chair Kunkle updated the members on the meeting held earlier in the day, which included a financial update from VP Jewell, an enrollment update from VP Wehner and an update from Legacy Strategic Asset Management advisors.

She noted that the Committee received an important update on the cybersecurity insurance market from Lockton Companies and will focus on the topic to help ensure that CSU is up to date on all aspects of cybersecurity and risk.

The Committee also reviewed two items for action, which are included on the consent agenda for approval by the full board, and there was an executive session during the meeting.

### **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Committee Chair Kirk updated members that the Committee met on January 18, 2023, and continued their discussion and comprehensive review of the Board Bylaws. He noted that the committee reviewed each section to ensure accuracy and best practices for board operations. Board members received the information in advance of the meeting, and he provided a summary of the proposed changes.

Committee Chair Kirk moved that the Board approve the amendments to the Bylaws; Trustee Cosgrove seconded the motion. Board Secretary Wilson called the roll, and the motion was approved.

**RESOLUTION 2023-1**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS OF THE  
CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**WHEREAS**, it is a good governance process to periodically review the Board's Bylaws to make necessary amendments to reflect changes to the committee structure and responsibilities, to clarify and update other sections of the Bylaws, and to en

Chair Dolan also reported new partnerships with The Aspire Group, Opendorse, and Teamworks. He reported that CSU received a \$100,000 grant from the NCAA for improvement of academic study hall spaces, including technology and furniture for student-athletes.

The Committee also received information on key findings and next steps from an external

Supplier; and Accepting Gifts and Pledges, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, FY23, October 1, 2022—December 31, 2022.

A roll call vote was taken by the Board Secretary; the consent agenda was approved.

**RESOLUTION 2023-2**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees hereby ratifies the appointment of Dr. Nigamanth Sridhar to the position of Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs.

**RESOLUTION 2023-3**

**PROFESSIONAL LEAVES**



**WHEREAS**, at its November 17, 2022 meeting, the Board was presented with the comprehensive Campus Master Plan Framework, including the introduction to emerging projects and a discussion of next steps; and

**WHEREAS**, the plan documentation process is completed and ready for adoption by the Board;  
and

**WHEREAS**,

projected local distribution company's Standard Service Offer price for power for a one-year period following the effective date of any such supply contract.

**RESOLUTION 2023-6**

**ACCEPTING GIFTS AND PLEDGE PAYMENTS  
2ND QUARTER, FY 2023  
OCTOBER 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022**

**RESOLVED**, that the gifts and pledge payments totaling \$4,530,009 received by the Cleveland State University Foundation during the period October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 are hereby accepted with thanks; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President is hereby directed to use these gifts subject to their terms and conditions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**APPROVED ON MARCH 16, 2023**