
Date: April 27, 2026

The regular meeting (Hybrid) of the Hocking College Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 27, 2026. Members either signed in on the provided link or attended in person at the Lodge at Hocking College.

Administrators attending: Dr. Betty Young, President; Dr. Jarrod Tudor, Executive Vice President; Mr. Stephen Powell, Chief-of-Staff, Secretary to the Board; Mr. Mark Fuller, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer / Treasurer; Ms. Hannah Guada, Vice President of Student Life; Mr. Joe Deer, CIO.

CALL TO ORDER

Ben Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

ROLL CALL

Stephen Powell, Board Secretary, called the roll:

Board members are present: Trustees Jeanie Addington, Mike Budzik, Stuart Brooks, Jessica Hoag, Leon Forte', Alan McMillan, and Ben Mitchell.

Board members absent: Trustee Shaun North.

Members present constitute quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

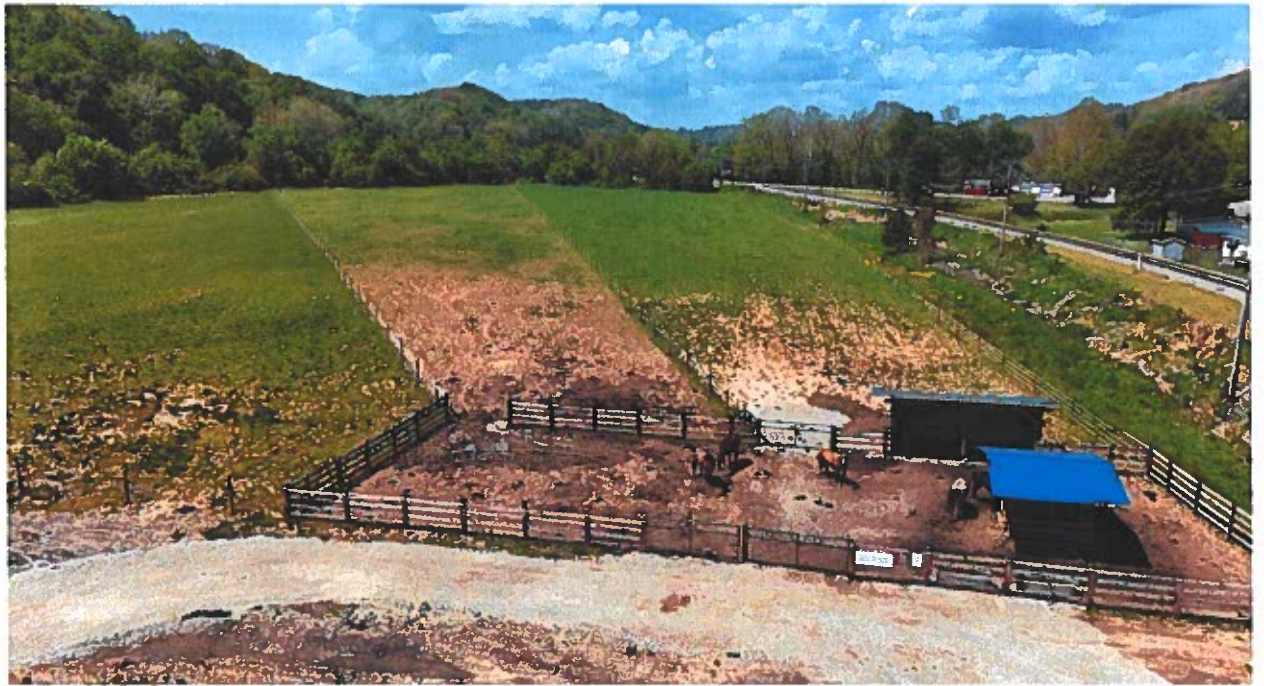
Chairman Ben Mitchell asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the February 23, 2026 regular meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Jessica Hoag and seconded by Trustee Mike Stuart Brooks was unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Young gave the following report:

Hocking College Drone Program: Dr. Young introduced Robert Weiler the dean of Natural Resources and Stuart Davis the program manager of the Drone Program.

Stuart and Robert shared information on the Drone Program at Hocking College to include additional job opportunities for the graduates.



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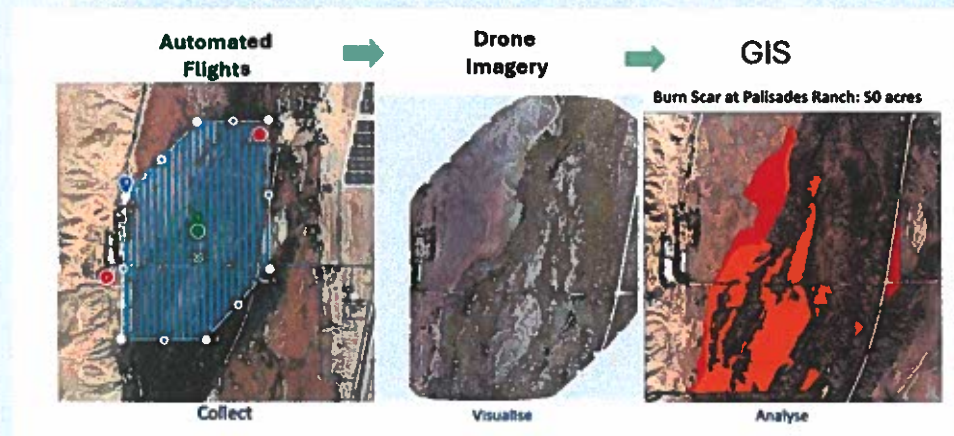
Framework for NR Drone Course

Drone surveys provide invaluable data to NR managers. Surveys completed can be referenced in the future and new insights can be gained from past flights.

Topics that Will be Covered by Course

- Thermal Wildlife Surveys
- Habitat Monitoring
- Multispectral Remote Sensing
- 3D Modeling of Forests
- Wildfire and Prescribed fire Surveys
- Search and Rescue Flights

Students will learn to Produce High Resolution Maps and analyze with GIS



Following the presentation with the Board members the group went outside for a live demonstration of how the drone technology works and functionality of the program. The Board members were actively excited about the direction and incorporation of the Drone Classes



Jamaica AI Conference

Hocking College has been invited to participate in an AI conference with the WHI Institute in Jamaica. Dr. Young, Hannah Guada, and Eladio Vassell we be participating in the conference. They are also holding recruiting events in multiple locations.

2026 NACCE Wayfinder Award

Dr. Young shared with the board that she has been selected as the recipient of the 2026 National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE) Wayfinder Award for Higher Education Excellence. Dr. Young will be awarded this on June 24, 2026 at the 2026 Prosperity Summit.

Fostering Talent 2026

Hocking College will host the Fostering Youth Talent week July 19-25, 2026. This event will allow foster youth between 15 and 17 years old to come to campus and understand that when they age out of the system at 18 years old they have options and opportunities.

Spring Graduation

The Spring 2026 Semester Graduation will be held Saturday May 9, 2026 at 9:00am and 11:00am.

Dr. Young requests a motion to authorize the Tear Down of the Meachum Building at 770 West Columbus Street, Nelsonville, Ohio 45764:

A motion was made by Trustee Alan McMillian and seconded by Trustee Stuart Brooks to approve the authorization to tear down the Meachum building. The motion was passed unanimously.



**Hocking College
Board of Trustees Action**

Date: April 27, 2026
Submitted by: Dr. Betty Young

SUBJECT:

Authorization for Dr. Betty Young to proceed with tearing down the Meachum Building

BACKGROUND:

The Meachum Building, located at 770 West Columbus Street, Nelsonville, Ohio 45764, is currently owned by Hocking College. The College has determined that the property no longer serves a core institutional purpose and has assessed potential strategic benefits of divesting from this real estate asset by tearing down the building.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees authorize Dr. Betty Young, President of Hocking College, to proceed with tearing down the Meachum Building.

ORGANIZATIONAL/ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT:

This authorization will streamline decision-making and facilitate an efficient transaction process under the leadership of Dr. Betty Young.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Tearing down the Meachum building will stop the process of the building being condemned.

COMMENTS:



Motion to Authorize Dr. Betty Young to proceed with tearing down the Meachum building located at 770 West Columbus Street Nelsonville, Ohio 45764

Adopted: 4/27/2026

Approved: 
Chairman

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman requested a motion to adjourn into Executive Session:

Chairman

I request a motion to convene into Executive Session:

In pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G) (1) to consider the employment, demotion, or compensation of a public employee, and consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee.

In pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G) (2) To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property in accordance with section 505.10 of the Revised Code

The Executive Session invitation may include:

Dr. Betty Young

A motion was made by Trustee Stuart Brooks and seconded by Trustee Mike Budzik to go into Executive Session.

On a roll call vote:

Voting Yes: Trustees Mike Budzik, Stuart Brooks, Jessica Hoag, Alan McMillan, Jeanie Addington, Leon Forte', and Ben Mitchell.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:50 pm.
The executive session ended at 7:43 pm.

Executive Vice Presidents Academic Affairs report:

Academics:

- 1) Shared information on the Rescue Kitchen fund raiser and the success for contributions.
- 2) Shared the success of the Sam Jones Boxing exhibition and that it was a great event for the community.
- 3) Shared about the Fashion Show and the energy that was involved in the event.
- 4) Shared an athletics update.

Dr. Tudor requests a motion to approve the Curriculum Approval Process Policy 2.102.

A motion was made by Trustee Jessica Hoag and seconded by Trustee Leon Forte' to approve Curriculum Approval Process Policy 2.102. The motion was passed unanimously.



**Hocking College
Board of Trustees Action**

Date: April 27, 2026
Submitted by: Dr. Jarrod Tudor

SUBJECT: Curricular Approval Process.

BACKGROUND: In order to meet the requirements of House Bill 96, ORC 3345.457, any change in the curriculum for any for-credit course, degree, or certificate will incorporate the following process. This process will be followed for any establishment or modification of academic programs, curricula, course, general education requirements, and degree programs.

RECOMMENDATION: It is the recommendation of the Hocking College administration that this policy be approved.

ORGANIZATIONAL/ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT: There is no organizational or administrative impact on the college.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact on the college.

COMMENTS: N/A



Motion to approve the Curricular Approval Policy 2.102 for Hocking College.

Adopted: 4/27/2026

Approved: 
Chairman

Dr. Tudor requests a motion to approve the Academic Integrity policies:

A motion was made by Trustee Leon Forte' and seconded by Trustee Jessica Hoag to approve the Academic Integrity Policy. The motion was passed unanimously.

Finance and Personnel Report:

Financial Updates:

Mark Fuller shared the FY2026 through 03/31/2026 Financial Update:

**Hocking College Financial Update
FY2026 Through 3/31/2026**

BUDGET TO ACTUAL COMPARISON

	ANNUAL BUDGET (000'S)	YEAR TO DATE ACTUALS (000'S)	STATUS
REVENUE	\$ 33,983	\$ 30,507	On track to meet budget
EXPENSE	\$ 33,983	\$ 25,806	On track to meet budget
NET	\$ 0	\$ 4,701	

LIQUIDITY AND FUNDING FIGURES

	MAR 2026 (000'S)	JUNE 2025 (000'S)	YTD NET CHANGE
OPERATING CASH	\$ 8,503	\$ 7,131	\$ 1,372
RESERVES & ENDOWMENTS	\$ 7,296	\$ 6,685	\$ 611
CAPITAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$ 4,284	\$ 5,205	\$ (921)

Budget to Actuals Detail

College operating and auxiliary revenues are currently at \$30.5 million and are on pace to end the year on budget. Revenues for the year have largely been made up of tuition & fees (\$14.0 million), state subsidy (\$8.3 million), and auxiliary services (\$6.0 million).

Operating expenses are on pace to meet budget. Expenses, after adjusting for timing differences, have increased 3.1% year-over-year. Contributing most significantly to the increase have been utility costs (+19.5%), employee benefit costs (+4.7%), and course materials (+5.0%). The large increase in utility costs was budgeted for and is the result of the College's fixed rate supplier agreements from 2021 ending on 6/30/2025. The College has made all scheduled reserve contributions so far this year according to the budget.

Liquidity Detail

The College has a current operating cash balance of \$8.5 million or approximately 91 days of cash on hand. This is an increase of \$1.4 million from the beginning of the fiscal year. Compared to March 2025, the College's operating cash has increased by \$0.5 million. Operating cash is expected to increase through the end of the semester as the College collects upon the remaining \$3.0 million in student receivables from spring semester before tightening through the summer.

Strategic reserves, program reserves, and replacement reserves combine to total \$4.4 million. College endowments equate to \$2.9 million, making the amount of reserves and endowments total \$7.3 million. The College continues to contribute monthly to reserves to help replenish reserve levels and has budgeted for over \$1.1 million in reserve contributions for FY2026.

Mark Fuller requests a motion to approve the Full-Time Support (SBU) Bargaining agreement.

A motion was made by Trustee Jeanie Addington and seconded by Trustee Stuart Brooks to approve the motion for the Full-Time Support (SBU) Bargaining Agreement. The motion was passed unanimously.

Community Relations and Student Experience Report

Hannah Guada shared with the Board documentation that the admission team is taking and sharing at recruitment events.

Hannah Guada shared the subject of her dissertation being loneliness in the workplace for female executives and the numerous invitations she has received to present at various events.

FACILITIES REPORT:

Dr. Young shared updates:

- 1) The renovation plan for the culinary arts building
- 2) Baseball Field
- 3) Softball Field
- 4) Football Bleachers
- 5) Soccer Field
- 6) New Horse Fields by Young Hall

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday June 1, 2026, at 5:30 Committee meetings and 6:00pm Board meeting, at the Hocking College Lodge.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Chairman Ben Mitchel adjourned the meeting. The Board adjourned at 8:12 pm.



Ben Mitchell, Chair



Stephen Powell, Board Secretary