

**MINUTES****HYBRID VIRTUAL MEETING**

**Date: June 2, 2025**

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The hybrid virtual meeting of the Hocking College Board of Trustees was held Monday, June 2, 2025. 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 6:07 pm

**ROLL CALL**

Stephen Powell, Board Secretary, called the roll:

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

Board members absent: Trustee Jeanie Addington

Members present constitute quorum.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Ben Mitchell asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the April 21, 2025 regular meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Leon Forte' and seconded by Trustee Stuart Brooks to approve the April 21, 2025 Board of Trustees minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman requested a motion to adjourn into Executive Session:

In pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G) (2) to consider the purchase or sale or lease of real or personal property.

The Executive Session invitation may include:

Dr. Betty Young

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

On a roll call vote:

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

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 6:12 pm.

### **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

Chairman Ben Mitchell announced the return to regular session at 6:19 pm.

### **TRUSTEES TRAINING SESSION**

Requirements of the Public Records Law Training was presented by Dr. Betty Young to the Board of Trustees members.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Young gave the following report:

#### **CULINARY ITALY TRIP:**

Dr. Young shared that the Culinary students and staff that traveled to Italy for the international trip was a success and returned to campus on Friday May 30, 2025.

#### **2024 TREE CAMPUS usa:**

Hocking College has once again been recognized as the 2024 Tree Campus bu USA.

#### **OPPORTUNITY COLLEGE :**

Hocking College has been identified by the American Council on Education (ACE) as an Opportunity College that has programs to provide greater opportunity to underprivileged individuals and communities in Southeast Ohio, resulting in above average wages for teh region.

#### **NORTH GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE VISIT:**

North Georgia Technical College will be visiting Tuesday June 3, 2025. Their team will be asking questions about Hocking Colleges Entrepreneurship ventures and the AI strategy and implementation.

#### **COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF APPALACHIA:**

The CCOA will be held in Ashville, North Carolina on June 8-10, 2025. Dr. Young will present on AI

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

Dr. Young presented an update on the strategic plan for Hocking College. The Entire plan was reviewed this year in the Cabinet retreat to align with federal changes and State SB1.

**STRAGETIC INITIATIVES 2025-2026:**

The 2025-2026 strategic initiatives were shared with the Board and a motion was requested to accept these initiatives.

# Institutional Initiatives

2025 - 2026

## INITIATIVE ONE

To continue to refine our institutional capacity for teaching, we will develop and implement a comprehensive faculty evaluation model for continuous improvement and continuing professional development for faculty.

## INITIATIVE TWO

To empower foster youth with stability, education, and opportunities, transforming their futures through comprehensive support at Hocking College. Hocking College will address the critical gap for foster youth that are aging out of the foster care system at 18 years of age without secure housing, financial resources, or access to higher education. Hocking College will launch the Foster Talent program to support these young adults in building independent, successful lives by providing housing, meals, education pathways, and on-campus employment opportunities.

## INITIATIVE THREE

Hocking College will become an AI Centric Institution. By fully integrating artificial intelligence into academic programs, student services, workforce development, and operational practices. Hocking College will prepare the next generation of learners for an AI-driven world, ensuring regional leadership and national relevance.

## INITIATIVE FOUR

Hocking College will pursue baccalaureate degree in areas whereby we have expertise and there is a need to serve the workforce development needs of employers.

A motion was made by Trustee Stuart Brooks and seconded by Alan McMillan to accept the 2025-2026 Institutional Initiatives. This motion was unanimously passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Mike Budzik to authorize Dr. Betty Young to negotiate and sell the Meechum Building located at 770 West Columbus Street, Nelsonville, Ohio 45764 and was seconded by Shaun North. The motion was unanimously approved.

## STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT



### **Hocking College Statement of Commitment**

At Hocking College, we are committed to transforming the lives of our students by providing an accessible, high-quality, and student-centered education in a caring, supportive environment. In alignment with our mission to prepare students for careers, advanced education, and lifelong learning, we affirm the following principles as part of our institutional commitment under Section 3345.0216 of the Ohio Revised Code:

1. **Commitment to Free and Rigorous Inquiry**  
Hocking College will educate students through free, and rigorous intellectual inquiry in pursuit of truth. We support a learning environment that encourages critical thinking, evidence-based reasoning, and civil discourse.
2. **Fostering Independent Thought**  
We believe our duty is to provide all students the opportunity to develop the intellectual skills needed to reach their own informed conclusions. Our faculty and staff are dedicated to guiding students without imposing personal ideology or political bias.
3. **Upholding Free Speech and Lawful Assembly**  
Hocking College will not prohibit free speech or lawful assembly. We foster a community where expression is protected and where voices can be heard respectfully and lawfully.
4. **Creating a Respectful Community of Inquiry**  
We are committed to a campus culture rooted in civil and free inquiry. This includes support for individual autonomy, for personal and academic growth, and support for differing opinions and perspectives that naturally arise in a varied academic community.
5. **Ensuring Opportunities and Individual Dignity**  
Hocking College will treat all faculty, staff, and students as individuals, holding all to common standards and ensuring common opportunities, and individual dignities. We do not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

This Statement of Commitment will be displayed prominently alongside our mission statement on our website and in all materials where the mission statement appears.

The creation of the Statement of Commitment directed through Senate Bill 1 was shared with the Board and a motion was requested to accept this statement. A motion was made by Trustee Jessica Hoag and second by trustee Leon Forte'. This motion was unanimously passed.

## EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT

Dr Jarrod Tudor shared updates on Academics, Athletics, and the rescue kitchen.

Dr. Jarrod Tudor requested a motion for the acceptance of the policy for Prohibition of activities related to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for compliance with Ohio SB1.



**Policy Category: Administrative**

**Policy Number: 63.008**

**Policy Issued: June 2, 2025**

**Policy Revised:**

**Policy Reviewed:**

**Policy Title: Prohibition on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Activities**

**Policy Approved: June 2, 2025**

**Pages: 1 of 1**

In accordance with Section 3345.0217; 90-day Provision.

- 1.) Hocking College will not provide any orientation, training, or seminar on the topic of diversity, equity, and inclusion (hereafter, "DEI") unless expressly authorized by the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.
- 2.) Hocking College will abolish, and not establish in the future, any DEI office or program nor will Hocking College appoint an administrator with DEI responsibilities.
- 3.) Hocking College will not require any DEI responsibilities as part of any job description.
- 4.) Hocking College will not engage with any third party to promote the admissions, hiring, or promotion ~~on the basis of~~ race, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.
- 5.) Hocking College will not provide directly, nor entertain from a third party, any scholarships that promote DEI initiatives or criteria.
- 6.) Hocking College will not seek grant funding that requires responsibilities or metrics that promote DEI initiatives.

A motion was made by Trustee Alan McMillan and second by trustee Jessica Hoag. The Board discusses the Pros and Cons recognizing compliance with State Senate Bill 1. This motion was passed with six (6) yes votes and one (1) No vote.

Dr. Jarrod Tudor requested a motion to accept the policy on Affirmation of Intellectual Diversity for compliance with Senate Bill 1.



**Policy Category:** Administrative

**Policy Number:** 63.007

**Policy Issued:** June 2, 2025

**Policy Revised:**

**Policy Reviewed:**

**Policy Title:** Affirmation of Intellectual Diversity

**Policy Approved:** June 2, 2025

**Pages:** 2

In accordance with Section 3345.0217; 90-day provision.

- 1.) Intellectual diversity is defined as the presence of multiple, divergent, and varied perspectives on an extensive range of public policy issues.
- 2.) Hocking College affirms its commitment to intellectual diversity on its campuses and in its curriculum to the fullest degree.
- 3.) Hocking College is committed to making sure that intellectual diversity is the standard by which faculty, staff, and students participate in all activities.
- 4.) Faculty and staff at Hocking College will encourage students to reach their own conclusions on all controversial matters and will not promote any specific social, political, or religious point of view.
- 5.) Hocking College will demonstrate intellectual diversity in the course approval process for all courses, including general education courses, as well as conducting student course evaluations, developing common reading programs, performing annual reviews, drafting strategic goals, and creating learning outcomes.
- 6.) Hocking College declares that it will not endorse or oppose, as an institution, any controversial belief or policy, except on matters that directly impact the institution's funding or mission of discovery, improvement, and dissemination of knowledge. Hocking College may endorse the United States Congress when it establishes a state of armed hostility against a foreign power.

7.) Hocking College affirms that it will not encourage, discourage, require, or forbid students, faculty, or administrators to endorse, assent to, or publicly express a given ideology, political stance, or view of a social policy, nor will the institution require students to do any of those things to obtain an undergraduate post-graduate degree.

8.) Hocking College will not require any political or ideological litmus tests in all hiring, promotion, and/or admissions decisions including diversity statements and any other requirement that applicants describe their commitment to any ideology, principle, concept, or formulation that requires commitment to any controversial belief or policy.

9.) Hocking College affirms and declares that no hiring, promotion, or admissions process or decision, including activities such as committee assignments, course scheduling, or workload adjustment policies, shall encourage, discourage require, or forbid students, faculty, or administrators to endorse, attest to, or publicly express a given ideology or political stance.

10.) Hocking College commits to seeking out invited speakers who have diverse ideological or political views.

11.) Hocking College will not endorse or oppose, as an institution, any controversial belief or policy, except on matters that directly impact the institution's funding or mission of discovery, improvement, and dissemination of knowledge.

A motion was made by Trustee Mike Budzik and second by trustee Stuart Brooks. This motion was passed unanimously.

Dr. Jarrod Tudor requested a motion to accept the policy on Intellectual Diversity Rights Complaint Process for compliance with Senate Bill 1.





**Policy Category:** Administrative

**Policy Number:** 63.006

**Policy Issued:** June 2, 2025

**Policy Revised:**

**Policy Reviewed:**

**Policy Title:** Intellectual Diversity Rights Complaint Process

**Policy Approved:** June 2, 2025

**Pages:** 2

In accordance with Section 3345.0215, 3345.0217, and 3345.0218; 90-day provision.

- 1.) Faculty and students, while engaged in classroom instruction may engage in discussion and debate so long as students are provided a right to express intellectual diversity.
- 2.) In a case whereby a student believes that an administrator, faculty member, staff member, or other student has interfered with a student's rights to intellectual diversity is eligible to submit a complaint to the Executive Vice President.
- 3.) Any complaint must identify the time, place, setting, and substance of the intellectual diversity rights violation.
- 4.) The Executive Vice President will interview the parties involved, including the complainant and the alleged violator as well as any other parties involved in, or had knowledge of, the alleged violation.
- 5.) The Executive Vice President will determine, based on the investigation conducted, whether a violation of intellectual diversity rights has been violated.
- 6.) In the case whereby a violation has occurred, the Executive Vice President will notify the complainant and the violator in writing and will also convene a meeting between the complainant and the violator to reach a better understanding and to create an opportunity for reconciliation.
- 7.) In the case whereby a violation has not occurred, the Executive Vice President will notify the complainant and the alleged violator in writing.
- 8.) In the case whereby the Executive Vice President believes that a violation has not occurred, but the complainant still believes a violation has occurred, the complainant may appeal to the President.

A motion was made by Trustee Jessica Hoag and second by trustee Mike Budzik. This motion was passed unanimously.

#### **COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND STUDENT EXPERIENCE REPORT**

Ms. Guada shared the successes that student services have been having with students and shared the videos on the new marketing plan focused on each academic school within the organization.

#### **FINANCE AND PERSONNEL REPORT**

Trustee Ben Mitchell asked Mr. Mark Fuller to give the Finance and Personnel Report.

#### **Financial Updates**

Mark Fuller shared FY2025 Financial updates.

**Hocking College Financial Update  
FY2025 Through 3/31/2025**

**BUDGET TO ACTUAL COMPARISON**

	<b>ANNUAL BUDGET (000'S)</b>	<b>YEAR TO DATE ACTUALS (000'S)</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
REVENUE	\$ 34,082	\$ 29,928	On pace for \$33.2 million
EXPENSE	\$ 34,082	\$ 24,779	On pace for \$33.2 million
NET	\$ 0	\$ 5,149	

**LIQUIDITY AND FUNDING FIGURES**

	<b>MAR 2025 (000'S)</b>	<b>JUNE 2024 (000'S)</b>	<b>YTD NET CHANGE</b>
OPERATING CASH	\$ 7,973	\$ 6,887	\$ 1,086
RESERVES & ENDOWMENTS	\$ 5,471	\$ 5,058	\$ 413
CAPITAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$ 5,205	\$ 6,801	\$ (1,596)

**Budget to Actuals Detail**

College operating and auxiliary revenues are currently at \$29.9 million and are on pace to reach \$33.2 million by the end of FY 2025, which is 2.6% less than the budgeted amount. This decrease is driven largely by an anticipated 4.8% reduction in tuition and fees from budgeted levels. The other major revenue areas of the College including auxiliary revenues and state subsidy are currently in line with budgeted levels.

Operating expenses, after adjusting for timing differences, are tracking at 2.9% better than at this point last year and appear to be on pace to allow the College to offset the 2.6% reduction in anticipated revenue. The College's savings from budgeted expenses are spread over many categories, including: salary expense, facility repair/maintenance, utility expense, and course materials.

**Liquidity Detail**

The College has a current operating cash balance of \$7.9 million or approximately 85 days of cash on hand. This is an increase of \$1.1 million from the beginning of the fiscal year, driven largely by the College's collection of receivables outpacing operating expenses. Operating cash is currently on par with this point last year. Operating cash is anticipated to improve in April before tightening through the end of the semester and into the summer.

Strategic reserves, fee reserves, and replacement reserves combine to total \$2.9 million. College Endowments equate to \$2.6 million, making the amount of reserves and endowments total \$5.5 million. Reserves and endowments are \$0.4 million more than at the beginning of the fiscal year based on reserve contributions outpacing the uses of reserves. The College continues to contribute monthly to strategic reserves to help replenish reserve levels.

Mark Fuller shared the FY 2026 Budget

## **Hocking College Budget – Fiscal Year 2026**

### **June 2, 2025**

#### **Executive Summary**

Hocking College proposes a balanced budget for FY 2026 totaling \$38.3 million.

The budget's three components are proposed as follows:

- **Operating Budget: \$27.3 million--** includes the core operations of the College.
- **Auxiliary Budget: \$5.8 million--** includes the College's dorms, dining services, and entrepreneurial ventures.
- **Capital Budget: \$5.2 million--** includes infrastructure projects funded by state appropriations.

Budget considerations include the following significant items:

- **Tuition & Course Fees** are anticipated to total \$14.8 million in FY 2026 based on stable enrollment compared to the prior year.
- **State Share of Instruction (SSI)** is anticipated to increase by \$0.3 million (2.9%) in FY 2026.
- **Auxiliary areas** are anticipated to contribute \$1.0 million in net income to the College in FY2026, most significantly from Dining Services (\$506,000), Dormitories (\$397,000), the Lodge (\$150,000), and Lake Snowden (\$73,000).
- The operating budget includes over \$1.1 million in transfers to reserves. Reserve transfers include: \$500,000 transfer to strategic reserves, \$525,000 contribution to student program reserves, and \$150,000 contribution to replacement reserves for the Dorms and the Lodge.
- A total of \$1.6 million is budgeted toward students via scholarships, summer internships, and student employment. This total includes funds designated for work scholarships.
- The \$5.2 million capital budget is anticipated to be fully funded by state appropriations.

#### **Budget Details**

##### **Long Term Planning Initiatives**

The framework of the FY 2026 Budget incorporates the following initiatives related to the long-term success of the College:

- **Funding strategic and operational reserves**
- **Increasing operating cash levels**
- **Prudent management of expenses to maximize funding available for priority initiatives**

The Budget includes over \$1.1 million in reserve contributions planned for FY 2026. These planned contributions will continue to move the College toward a model where long-term capital expenditures can be funded through reserves as needs arise. Budgeted reserve contributions for FY 2026 are as follows:

- **Strategic Reserves - \$500,000**
- **Program Reserves - \$525,000**
- **Replacement Reserves – Dorms - \$100,000**
- **Replacement Reserves – Lodge - \$50,000**

A primary component to the College fulfilling its strategy to increase operating cash levels is through efficient collection of its receivables, particularly its student account receivables. To help achieve this, the College will continue to work from a "Seat Ready" model, where students' finances must be in place prior to the start of the semester. This requirement has a negative impact on enrollment but the College

continues to believe that this methodology is better for the student and the long term health of the College.

FY 2026 budget continues to use a 5-year lookback period for receivables. The College will be writing off the FY 2022 uncollected receivables during FY 2026. Bad Debt Expense totaling \$0.6 million is anticipated. This is the third year in which the College will be realizing savings from the Seat Ready strategy implemented in FY 2020. The annual reduction in bad debt expense from previously levels is \$0.7 million, or approximately a 50% savings.

The College continues to actively manage recurring contractual, fixed costs. One of the key ways that the College finds efficiency is by maintaining a robust contract review process which reviews the necessity of contracts and eliminates those which may no longer apply or which the College is able to find a better or lower cost alternative. It also provides the College with an opportunity to negotiate terms and bid opportunities as appropriate. Budget managers are responsible for products/services specific to their area and the Fiscal Department reviews college-wide contracts and obligations. As an additional cost control, the President continues to be the sole source of final approval for all College contracts.

#### **Capital Expenditures**

The \$5.2 million proposed capital budget is funded by state appropriations and includes various renovations and upgrades across campus.

#### **Revenues**

The College's operating budget includes \$27.3 million in revenues, being made up of Tuition and Fees (\$14.8 million), SSI (\$11.1 million), net income from auxiliary operations (\$1.0 million), and other income (\$0.4 million).

Overall, revenues are anticipated to remain level to FY2025 budgeted levels. Key considerations in revenue include:

- Enrollment and tuition rates are budgeted to be level with FY2025 levels
- Full implementation of the Technology Fee which is \$75/semester is anticipated to generate \$200,000 in revenue (which will offset the cost of providing students with access to ChatGPTedu)
- Dorm and Meal plan revenues budgeted to be level with FY2025 levels though there is optimism around additional athletic programming (bowling, soccer, track, and tennis) driving increases to occupancy – athletics is currently projecting approximately 350 athletes on campus in Fall 2025, an increase of 120 athletes from Fall 2024.
- No revenue considerations are made for the College's pending Employee Retention Credit (ERC) which remains pending IRS review. The anticipated net refund is approximately \$2.4 million.

#### **Expenses**

The budget calls for \$27.3 million in operating expenses and \$5.8 million in auxiliary expenses.

Most significant among operating expenses are summarized as follows:

- \$14.2 million in salary/wage and benefits expense. The overall line item is proposed to decrease by \$350,000 and makes up 52% of the operating budget.
- \$3.2 million in textbooks and course materials, which are essentially a pass through of course fees collected from the students. Included in this figure is \$525,000 in student reserve contributions for future capital purchases. The overall line item remained basically stable from FY2025.

- \$2.4 million in Service & Maintenance Contracts. The overall line item increased by \$200,000, driven by the introduction of ChatGPTedu subscription costs for students (the budget includes the offsetting revenue from the Technology Fee). The largest item in this line item, the College's Managed IT Services, is flat year-over-year as the College was successfully able in 2024 to negotiate a fixed contract amount for three years.
- \$1.6 million in student employment and scholarships. Included in this figure are work scholarships, district scholars, and other college funded scholarships. The overall line item remained basically stable from FY2025.
- \$1.3 million in utility expense, a 15% increase from FY2025. The increase was driven by increases in electricity and natural gas, both of which have fixed supplier rate contracts expire at the onset of FY2026. The College previously operated with a 48 month fixed rate agreement entered into in 2021 when energy prices were much lower.
- \$0.6 million in bad debt expense, retiring the remaining student receivables from FY 2022. This expense is stable from FY2025.
- \$100,000 in savings from a renegotiation of the College's contract with its credit card processor. The College will no longer be responsible for interchange paid when taking card payments for student tuition.

#### **Conclusion**

The College proposes a balanced budget with \$1.1 million in planned reserve contributions. The budget aligns with the College's strategic goals and will help assist in its mission to serve as a pathway to prosperity.

**Operating Budget  
Fiscal Year 2026 vs Fiscal Year 2025**

	2026 Budget	2025 Budget	O/(U) \$	O/(U) %
<b>Total Operating</b>				
Revenue	27,328,091	27,250,676	77,415	0.3%
Expense	27,328,091	27,250,676	77,415	0.3%
Net	-	-	-	N/A
<b>Selected Revenue Categories</b>				
Tuition & Fees	14,803,697	14,780,671	23,026	0.2%
State Share of Instruction	11,121,270	10,810,144	311,126	2.9%
Other Income	416,600	339,100	77,500	22.9%
Auxiliary Net Income	986,524	1,320,761	(334,237)	-25.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,328,091</b>	<b>27,250,676</b>	<b>77,415</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>Selected Expense Categories</b>				
Bad Debt Expense	576,000	581,000	(5,000)	-0.9%
Benefits	3,444,613	3,568,786	(124,173)	-3.5%
Dues & Memberships	135,879	145,830	(9,951)	-6.8%
Ind Contractor	733,255	447,060	286,195	64.0%
Leases & Rentals	36,000	43,000	(7,000)	-16.3%
Legal, Accting, Insur	766,135	746,035	20,100	2.7%
Maintenance	72,500	103,200	(30,700)	-29.7%
Meals & Refresh	106,700	118,300	(11,600)	-9.8%
Misc Expense	770,726	913,494	(142,768)	-15.6%
Outsourced Teaching	130,800	120,250	10,550	8.8%
Salary & Wages	10,709,093	10,927,194	(218,101)	-2.0%
Scholarships	641,500	654,500	(13,000)	-2.0%
Service & Maint Con	2,434,378	2,245,072	189,307	8.4%
Strategic Reserve Transfer	500,000	500,000	-	0.0%
Student Emp / Work Scholar	957,270	990,070	(32,800)	-3.3%
Supplies	417,150	443,585	(26,435)	-6.0%
Travel / Prof Dev	290,180	272,590	17,590	6.5%
Tuition Reimburse	115,000	130,000	(15,000)	-11.5%
Txtbk & Course Mats	3,175,926	3,157,737	18,189	0.6%
Utilities	1,314,986	1,142,974	172,012	15.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,328,091</b>	<b>27,250,676</b>	<b>77,415</b>	<b>0.3%</b>

**Auxiliary Budget  
Fiscal Year 2026 vs Fiscal Year 2025**

	2026 Budget	2025 Budget	O/(U) \$	O/(U) %
<b>Total Auxiliary</b>				
Revenue	6,764,070	6,937,880	(173,810)	-2.5%
Expense	5,777,546	5,617,119	160,427	2.9%
<b>Net</b>	<b>986,524</b>	<b>1,320,761</b>	<b>(334,237)</b>	<b>-25.3%</b>

**Capital Budget  
Fiscal Year 2026**

	Budget
<b>Sources:</b>	
State Capital Appropriations & Reappropriations	5,205,720
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>5,205,720</b>
<b>Uses:</b>	
<b>State Capital Funded</b>	
WRKFRC BSD TRAIN & EQUIP-TAX	11,021
BASIC RENOVATIONS	1,413,677
PUB SAFE & NAT RESORC LAB RENO	1,825,992
MCCLLENAGHAN CENTER RENO	987,086
HOCKING AQUACULTURE PROJECT	117,944
FIRING RANGE & CLASSROOM RENO	150,000
STNA PROGRAM	200,000
FAIRFIELD CTY CDL TR & TEST LT	300,000
HOCKING COLLEGE ADV MFG LAB	200,000
<b>State Capital Funded</b>	<b>5,205,720</b>
<b>Total Uses</b>	<b>5,205,720</b>

Mark Fuller requested a Motion to Approve Operating, Auxiliary, and Capital budget for the Fiscal year 2026. A motion was made by Trustee Alan McMillan and second by trustee Stuart Brooks. This motion was passed unanimously.

Mark Fuller requested a Motion to approve the Reserve Contribution & Distribution - Baseball Field Project.





**Hocking College  
Board of Trustees Action**

**Date:** June 2, 2025

**Submitted by:** Mark Fuller

**SUBJECT:**

Reserve Contribution & Distribution – Baseball Fields Project

**BACKGROUND:**

Hocking College is in the process of constructing a baseball field on its campus for use of its baseball team which is projected to bring 60 student athletes to campus in academic year 2026. The total project cost, including fencing, dugouts, fieldwork, and infrastructure is \$385,000 – a significant discount from the cost if the college utilized an outside contractor.

The project is scheduled to be completed in stages over the next 6 to 9 months. The College has identified excess operating dollars from the FY2025 budget as a partial source of funds for the project. As the funds will not be expended until FY2026, they will need to be set aside in a reserve fund and then utilized as needed.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Board of Trustees authorize the College to make a special reserve contribution in FY2025 for up to \$150,000 and further authorize the College to utilize that reserve in FY2026.

**ORGANIZATIONAL/ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT**

The motion will help the College be able to complete its baseball field.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Provide up to \$150,000 in funding across fiscal years to allow for the construction of the baseball field.

A motion was made by Trustee Stuart Brooks and second by trustee Leon Forte'. This motion was passed unanimously.

Mark Fuller requested a motion to approve the increase in Hocking College's Instructional Fee.



**Hocking College  
Board of Trustees Action**

Date: June 2, 2025

Submitted by: Mark Fuller

**SUBJECT:**

Increase Hocking College's Instructional Tuition Fee

**BACKGROUND:**

Authority for the College to increase its tuition is granted by the Ohio General Assembly. Per section 381.260 of HB 96 (in its current form) state community and technical colleges are permitted to increase instructional fees by up to \$5 per credit hour for FY2026.

A survey of Ohio community and technical colleges shows the following current instructional fees:

Name	Instructional Fee
Belmont College	\$ 125.75
Stark State College	\$ 141.50
Clark State Community College	\$ 152.33
Edison State Community College	\$ 160.32
Columbus State Community College	\$ 162.43
Zane State College	\$ 168.00
Central Ohio Technical College	\$ 168.00
Hocking Technical College	\$ 169.00
Washington State Community College	\$ 170.00
Owens State Community College	\$ 177.50
Northwest State Community College	\$ 186.33
Cincinnati State Community College	\$ 188.64
North Central State College	\$ 189.60
James A. Rhodes State College	\$ 190.00
Terra State Community College	\$ 199.00
Southern State Community College	\$ 202.00
Marion Technical College	\$ 210.00

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The board approve a motion that allows the college to increase the instructional fee by \$5, from \$169/credit hour to \$174/credit hour. The increase will occur in Academic Year 2025-26, being effective for all classes beginning on or after January 1st, 2026.

A motion was made by Trustee Mike Budzik and second by trustee Stuart Brooks. This motion was passed unanimously.

Mark Fuller requested a motion to approve Full time students credit hours threshold.



**Hocking College  
Board of Trustees Action**

Date June 2, 2025

Submitted by: Mark Fuller

**SUBJECT:**

Full Time Student Credit Hour Threshold

**BACKGROUND:**

Proposed revisions to the Federal Title IV program are changing how students qualify for financial aid and have redefined a full-time student, moving the minimum number of credit hours from 12 to 15. Under the revised full-time definition, a student at 12 credit hours will be eligible for only 80% of Title IV Aid.

Hocking College's current threshold for full time status is 12 credit hours, and in 2025SP semester, only 39% of Hocking College students met the 15 credit hour threshold that will become applicable for Federal Financial Aid.

Of the 21 other Ohio community and technical colleges, 16 of them have already moved to a 15 credit hour threshold for full time status.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The board approve a motion that moves the College's full-time status threshold from 12 to 15 credit hours starting 2026 Summer Semester. The change will help allow the College to align itself with the Federal Title IV program and help prevent students from losing access to valuable financial aid resources.

	Current	Proposed	Difference
<b>Range for Full Time Students</b>	12-18 credit hours	15-18 credit hours	3 credit hours
<b>Base Tuition for Full Time Student @ \$169/CH</b>	\$2,028 per semester	\$2,535 per semester	\$507 per semester
<b>Maximum Pell Award for Student @ Minimum FT Credits</b>	80% of \$3,698 = \$2,958 per semester	100% of \$3,698 = \$3,698 per semester	\$740 per semester
<b>Maximum Subsidized Loan Award for Student at Minimum FT Credits</b>	80% of \$2,250 = \$1,800 per semester	100% of \$2,250 = \$2,250 per semester	\$450 per semester

A motion was made by Trustee Jessica Hoag and second by trustee Alan McMillan. This motion was passed unanimously.

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### **FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT –**

Dr. Young provided updates to current projects taking place on campus.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Ben Mitchell shared positive insights into the committee meeting discussions and with Dr. Young.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**NEXT MEETING –** The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for August 11, 2025 starting at 6:00 pm at The Lodge.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct, a motion was made to adjourn by Trustee Mike Budzik and seconded by Trustee Leon Forte'. The motion was approved. The Board adjourned at 8:08 pm.

  
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Ben Mitchell, Chair  
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Stephen Powell, Board Secretary