



# Special Meeting YSU Board of Trustees Minutes

Youngstown State University - Board of Trustees

Aug 18, 2023 at 10:00 AM EDT

@ Tod Hall, Board of Trustees Meeting Room with Virtual Option Available

## Attendance

### Present:

Members: Julie Centofanti, Natalie Dando, Sergul Erzurum, Richard Fryda, Charles T. George, Allen L. Ryan, Jr., J.D., Joseph J. Kerola (remote), Helen Lafferty, Jocelyne Linsalata, Laura Lyden, Anita A. Hackstedde, M.D., Michael A. Peterson, Molly S. Seals, Eric Spiegel

Guests: Holly Jacobs, Jennifer Oddo, Jennifer Pintar, Mike Sherman, Brien Smith

#### I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order.

#### II. Proof of Notice of the Meeting

Board Secretary Trustee Hackstedde gave proof of notice of the meeting.

#### III. Disposition of the Minutes

Chair Peterson indicated that the minutes from the June meetings and from this meeting will be reviewed for acceptance at the September meetings. He encouraged the Trustees review those Drafts.

#### IV. Report of the President of the University

Dr. Lafferty noted that she has welcomed students at many Orientations and anticipates a great outcome for attendance in the Fall given the quality of their experience and noted that a focus is to foster for the student a sense of belonging. She noted that shortly the campus will be bustling with students that bring enthusiasm to their educational pursuits and help create a vibrant campus. She further recognized the successful outcome of negotiations with the Faculty Union and wants to acknowledge the countless hours that the two negotiating teams spent at the table discussing options and finding resolutions with student success as a central and guiding theme. She noted that it was a tremendously positive sign that an agreement was reached this early and the process it also demonstrated that parties can disagree; yet understand and respect different points of view and positions. She noted that an 89% positive vote by the faculty sends a tremendously positive message and sets the stage for continued positive collaborations and consultations.

Dr. Lafferty indicated she was thrilled to participate in an event recognizing the graduating students of the Baja Student Team as they were unable to attend commencement due to competition. She also noted that the energy, enthusiasm and sense of pride that was experienced and observed is what YSU is considering a possible shift to college-oriented graduation events.

#### V. Reports of the Committees of the Board

Chair Peterson noted that as this is a Special Meeting of the Board that there are no Reports of the Committees of the Board.

#### VI. Communications, Memorials, and News Updates

Chair Peterson noted that Communications, Memorials, and News Updates will be provided at the September meeting of the Board.

## VII. Unfinished Business

Chair Peterson noted that there is no Unfinished Business for the Board to consider.

## VIII. New Business

The Board entered the New Business component of the Agenda noting that a public session at which actions will be taken will occur following an Executive Session related to current litigation and personnel matters, as well as Collective Bargaining.

### A. Executive Session

A summary of current litigation and personnel matters, as well as a collective bargaining update.

Chair Peterson: I move that the Board enter Executive Session for the purposes of, "

consideration of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of one or more public employees or officials (O.R.C. 121.22(G) (1)) and/or preparing for, conducting, and/or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation, or other terms and conditions of their employment (O.R.C. 121.11 (G) (4)), and/or other appropriate matters that may come before the Board."

Trustee Hackstedde please conduct a roll-call vote to enter Executive Session and record the time-of-day entered into and exited from Executive Session. Secretary Hackstedde: Trustees,

please say "yes" or "no" to indicate your concurrence or lack thereof to enter Executive Session.

Trustee Erzurum Trustee Fryda Trustee George Trustee Hackstedde-I am recording myself as yes Trustee Kerola Trustee Linsalata Trustee Lyden Trustee Peterson Trustee Ryan

Trustee Seals Trustee Spiegel Trustee Centofanti Trustee Dando Chair Peterson: Vice President Sherman, please assure the appropriate steps are taken for Executive Session. Time

entered Executive Session: \_\_\_\_\_ Time exited Executive Session: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Motion:**


Chair Peterson made a motion that the Board enter Executive Session for the purposes of, " consideration of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of one or more public employees or officials (O.R.C. 121.22(G) (1)) and/or preparing for, conducting, and/or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation, or other terms and conditions of their employment (O.R.C. 121.11 (G) (4)), and/or other appropriate matters that may come before the Board."

Motion moved by Michael A. Peterson and motion seconded by Charles T.

George. A roll-call vote was conducted the result of which was unanimous to enter into Executive Session that began at 10:12 a.m. and ended at 11:10 a.m.

### B. Resolution Ratifying the 2023-2026 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the YSU-Ohio Education Association

CHAIR PETERSON IS THERE A MOTION AND AND A SECOND TO CONSIDER THE RESOLUTION FOR A VOTE? FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND \_\_\_\_\_ IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION? SECRETARY HACKSTEDDED, PLEASE CONDUCT A ROLL-CALL VOTE AS THIS MEETING HAS A VIRTUAL COMPONENT: Secretary Hackstedde: Trustees, please say "yes" or "no" to indicate your concurrence of lack thereof related to this Resolution. Trustee Erzurum Trustee Fryda Trustee George Trustee Hackstedde-I am recording myself as yes Trustee Kerola Trustee Linsalata Trustee Lyden Trustee Peterson Trustee Ryan Trustee Seals Trustee Spiegel Trustee Centofanti Trustee Dando CHAIR PETERSON THE RESOLUTION PASSES.....

 [Resolution to Ratify 2023 to 2026 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Ohio Education Association Faculty Union.pdf](#)


**Motion:**

To approve the Resolution related to the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Motion moved by Charles T. George and motion seconded by Laura Lyden.  
Passed unanimously via roll-call vote.

C. Resolution Providing Guidance For The September 2023 Meeting Of The Board Of Trustees: Continuing To Plan For A Vibrant Future State

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 [Resolution Providing Guidance for the September 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees.pdf](#)

**Motion:**

To approve the Resolution providing guidance for the September meetings of the Board

Motion moved by Charles T. George and motion seconded by Sergul Erzurum.  
Passed unanimously via roll-call vote.

D. Additional New Business

Trustee George presented a motion to name One Tressel Way

 [Resolution to Name One Tressel Way.pdf](#)

**Motion:**

To approve the naming of One Tressel Way.

Motion moved by Molly S. Seals and motion seconded by Sergul Erzurum. Passed unanimously via roll-call vote.

#### IX. Chairperson's Remarks

Chair Peterson noted that it is tremendous that the University and the Faculty Union reached an agreement well before the start of classes through what we have heard was a very respectful process, we thank the negotiating teams for their diligence and dedication.

He pointed out that this is one step in a series of steps to support the process to attract the very best candidates for our consideration as the next president with those being:

- Ratified Faculty Union collective bargaining agreement;
- A Brand launch the first week of classes;
- A communication to campus from the Board regarding our perspectives on a vibrant YSU Future State;
- September Board meetings considering the 14th-day count and a discussion of marketing (sales) as a foundational attribute of our enrollment strategy; academic portfolio design; and optimizing non-academic investments
- Release of a YSU Economic Impact Study.

Chair Peterson further noted that as the Board provided guidance concerning the construction of the FY-24 budget, today the Board is providing guidance pertaining to our expectations for the September meetings of the Board.

He also said that the Board anticipates the items outlined in the Resolution and any other similar such topics will be considered by the Governance Committee to which our Board Professional is the liaison, particularly as such topics are so intricately connected to the success of our *Plan for Strategic Actions to Take Charge of Our Future*, also noting that the Board anticipates considering a “renewed” such Plan in September.

Chair Peterson also stated that there are a plethora of challenges facing higher education in this State, the Mid West, and across the nation, and will work together to act on opportunities.

He said that this is an exciting time in the history of Youngstown State University and the members of this Board are excited to be engaged in helping map a pathway to a vibrant YSU Future State.

#### X. Dates and Time of the Upcoming Regular Meeting of the Board

Chair Peterson noted that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 10 a.m. in the Board Meeting Room in Tod Hall.

#### XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Peterson declared the meeting adjourned.