



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THE CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 19, 2020, 7:30 a.m.
PLACE: Conducted remotely through Zoom Meeting

PRESENT: Chair David H. Gunning II, Trustees Thomas W. Adler, Timothy Cosgrove, Patricia M. DePompei, Stephen Kirk, Len Komoroski, Lisa K. Kunkle, and Dan T. Moore, David Reynolds; Student Trustees Erykah J. Betterson and Allison K. Younger; Community Board Members Robyn N. Gordon, Thomas E. Hopkins, Heather Lennox, and Joseph D. Roman; Faculty Representatives Dr. William M. Bowen and Dr. Rachel K. Carnell; Secretary to the Board of Trustees Dr. William J. Napier and President Harlan M. Sands. Other participants: Dr. Randy Deike, Senior Vice President of Enrollment Management, Dr. Forrest Faison, Senior VP of Research & Innovation, and Chief Healthcare Strategy, Ms. Heather Link, Chief of Staff, and Ms. Sonali Wilson, General Counsel.

Chair Gunning called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. and thanked Trustees for participating remotely, noting that Ohio Attorney General David Yost has stated that due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, remote meetings are allowable.

Chair Gunning asked Secretary Napier to perform a roll call; all voting Trustees were participating remotely and he confirmed the presence of a quorum.

Chair Gunning asked if there were any corrections, additions or deletions to the minutes of the January 16, 2020 Board meeting. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the minutes. Moved by Trustee Adler, and seconded by Trustee Moore, the minutes were approved by voice vote.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Gunning thanked President Sands for his incredibly impressive efforts in leading the University during this challenging time and for the collective efforts of the University staff for addressing the impact of all aspects of the pandemic and how it affects the Cleveland State University community.

Chair Gunning also thanked Trustees for their personal efforts and sharing their specific organizational expertise during the pandemic situation.

Chair Gunning reflected on the service of Student Trustee, Erykah Betterson, whose appointment ends on May 1, 2020. He commended her for her student leadership, ability to capitalize on engaged learning opportunities and for leading by example. Trustee Reynolds moved and Trustee DePompei seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a voice vote.

RESOLUTION 2020-4

RECOGNITION OF STUDENT TRUSTEE BEAUXERYKAH “ERYKAH” J. BETTERSON

WHEREAS, Beauxerykah “Erykah” J. Betterson was appointed by Governor John Kasich to the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees as a Student Trustee on August 1, 2018, for a term ending May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Erykah has made the most of her term on the Board of Trustees, conscientiously performing her duties while advocating for the needs of her fellow students, ensuring that they all have the tools and resources needed to excel at Cleveland State and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Erykah, a member of the Mandel Honor’s College, has been actively engaged in campus life and served in various Student Government Association leadership roles, including as a senator representing the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, as the Director of Policies and Procedures, and as a presidential student ambassador in the 1964 Society, seeking to enhance relationships between current students and CSU alumni; and

WHEREAS, Erykah has successfully promoted Cleveland State University and the student experience with a starring role in the CSU video, “Tomorrow Is Yours”; and

WHEREAS, Erykah has demonstrated leadership skills and has successfully balanced academic studies, a Congressional internship on Capitol Hill and professional experiences in the fields of environmental studies and urban studies; and

WHEREAS, Erykah embraces inclusion and diversity, and is committed to making the CSU campus and community a better place and experience for all through her appointment to the Student Life Diversity Committee and participation in the Levin College Diversity Council’s panel discussion “Looking Forward, Looking Back: Views on Black History Across the Generations”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees expresses its deep appreciation to Erykah Betterson for her outstanding student leadership and contributions in support of Cleveland State University and extends to her our very best wishes in all future endeavors. Please stay in touch!

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Sands reported on the University's response to the coronavirus, the planning of which began early in March. He thanked the Trustees for their full support.

The CSU Coronavirus response team is being led by Dr. Forrest Faison, the former Surgeon General of the Navy and Cleveland State's Senior VP of Research and Innovation and Chief Healthcare Strategy Officer; the team has been working hard on all aspects of the University's response to ensure full compliance with guidance and recommendations of the CDC in order to best protect the health and safety of our CSU family. The team includes senior and faculty leadership and has support of faculty, staff, and union representatives.

President Sands committed to working together to continue to provide quality education for the success of students. There are more than 2,000 courses affected this semester and President Sands has received positive feedback from faculty about the process. The faculty have supported the move to remotely provide instruction from the onset, and almost 100% of them have reached out to their students.

President Sands thanked the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland for their support in providing the University with 300 laptop computers for students. The University will also have 450 Wi-Fi Hotspots available for students who need them.

The Women's Basketball Coach, Chris Kielsmeier, tested positive for COVID-19; it was the CSU community's first confirmed case. Individuals who may have been in close contact with Coach were contacted and advised to self-isolate. President Sands thanked Coach Kielsmeier for publicly confirming his test results and for self-isolating, enabling a quick response and communication to those who had previous contact.

President Sands noted that operations are at a near shut down with only essential personnel on campus, roughly 50 people; campus buildings are accessible with badge access only.

Remote teaching will be conducted through the semester and the May Commencement ceremony will be rescheduled.

Dr. Forrest Faison provided an overview of how Cleveland State University is responding to the pandemic; he noted the coordinating efforts of the leadership team and greater region including the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County.

President Sands spoke about commitment to CSU students to continue to provide an engaged learning opportunity. Current information is posted to the CSU website and is updated daily, lists frequently asked questions, and provides links to good information.

President Sands reported that there are still critical decisions ahead including helping students with clinical rotation requirements, establishing criteria to repopulate campus at some point, and keeping strategic issues in mind as decisions are made. He further noted that updates

will be provided to Trustees, students, faculty and staff on a regular basis, and the University has a dedicated webpage specifically for coronavirus updates.

Chair Gunning thanked the President and Dr. Faison for the update noting that the Board is appreciative for the efforts and the University is fortunate to have strong leadership in place.

President Sands has asked his leadership team to review enrollment requirements to see how to best assist enrolling graduating high school students who may not be able to participate in standardized testing or receive traditional transcripts from their high schools during the pandemic.

He noted that the University has already committed to more than \$1 million additional need-based financial aid for the fall semester, and that aid may be increased depending on the situation.

President Sands shared good news of two recent gifts to the University including a \$1 million gift from an alumna in Florida and a \$500 thousand gift from a new donor, details will be announced soon. In February, a record number of donors contributed more than \$460 thousand in one day as part of CSU's Giving Day.

President Sands mentioned that the University suffered a ransom-wear attack in early March affecting the University's shared drive system; the IS&T team has resolved most issues and expects full resolution soon.

President Sands reinforced that the University is focused on all strategies for enrollment, but that in this current pandemic environment, the primary concern is on the safety and education of the Cleveland State students and community.

Memorial Tribute to William F. Patient

President Sands introduced a memorial tribute resolution for William F. Patient, an expert businessman, former Trustee, Executive-in-Residence, and University friend who passed away in February.

Trustee Cosgrove moved and Trustee Adler seconded the motion. The following resolution was passed by voice vote.

RESOLUTION 2020-5

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM F. PATIENT

WHEREAS, it is with a heavy heart that Cleveland State University collectively mourns the loss of William F. Patient, who passed away February 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from a remarkable business career at Polyone Corporation, William F. Patient served the University with distinction; appointed as a Trustee by Governor George V.

Voinovich in 1992, elected Chairman of the Board (1999-2000), elected Chairman of the Cleveland State University Foundation Board (2000-2001), and appointed as an Executive-in-Residence in the Monte Ahuja College of Business; and

WHEREAS, William F. Patient received an honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree from Cleveland State University in 2002 for his strong leadership style, high standards, commitment to achieving goals and genuine concern for student success; and

WHEREAS, William F. Patient, a leader in business, was also an advocate for the Northeast Ohio community, serving on the Boards of Cleveland area organizations including Cleveland Tomorrow, the Playhouse Square Foundation, University Hospital Health Systems and the Musical Arts Association; in his words, “Corporate leaders need to be community leaders”; and

WHEREAS, the generosity of William F. Patient was demonstrated by his support of University initiatives and through the establishment of the William F. and Bonnie L. Patient Endowed Scholarship assisting students pursuing degrees in the sciences or engineering at Cleveland State University;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, on behalf of the Cleveland State University community, the Board of Trustees extends its deepest sympathy to William F. Patient’s wife, Bonnie Patient, as well as the other members of his family. Mr. Patient will be remembered as a dedicated leader and scholar whose efforts will positively impact Cleveland State University for future generations.

Memorial Tribute to Vir K. Sondhi

President Sands introduced a memorial tribute resolution for Vir K. Sondhi, an international businessman, a dedicated former Trustee and University friend, who passed away in March.

Trustee Adler moved and Trustee Cosgrove seconded the motion. The following resolution was passed by voice vote.

RESOLUTION 2020-6

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO VIR K. SONDHI

WHEREAS, the Cleveland State University community was saddened to learn of the passing of former trustee Vir K. Sondhi on March 5, 2020, and pays tribute to his life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, prior to his appointment to the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees by Governor Bob Taft in June 2000, Vir Sondhi had been actively engaged with the University, serving 13 years on the CSU Foundation Board of Directors, and member and chair of the College of Education Visiting Committee; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Board of Trustees, Vir Sondhi served with distinction as Chair of the Presidential Search Committee, resulting in the appointment of then University president Michael Schwartz. In addition to the search committee, Mr. Sondhi simultaneously chaired from 2001-2002 the Strategic Planning Committee and Board Committee on Visiting Committees and Honorary Degrees, leading a comprehensive revision of the Visiting Committee Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, Vir Sondhi, served a distinguished career as international banker and businessman in the roles of president, chief executive officer and principal owner of NASCO Industries, Inc.,; senior vice president, international division of Bank of America; senior vice president of world-wide operations for the Bank of Montreal and Union Commerce (Huntington) Bank; and president and chief executive officer of the Overseas Capital Corporation; and

WHEREAS, utilizing the expertise of Mr. Sondhi as an international and corporate banker, and upon his recommendation, the Board of Trustees created an Audit Committee in 2005, which he chaired; and

WHEREAS, Vir K. Sondhi, was active civically during his early career in Los Angeles, serving on the Boards of the Salvation Army and Junior Chamber of Commerce; and continued his civic engagement in Cleveland on the Cleveland Browns Foundation Board, Cleveland Port Authority, and Crime Stopper Board of Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sondhi served as chair of the Citizens Advisory Board, appointed by the federal court to monitor the transition of the Cleveland Public Schools from governance by an elected board to governance by Mayor Michael White and appointed school board; and was also appointed by Federal Judge Frank Battisti to chair the Office of School Monitoring and Community Relations, which oversaw desegregation of the Cleveland schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, on behalf of the Cleveland State University community, the Board of Trustees extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Vir K. Sondhi, who will be remembered for his dedicated service to Cleveland State University and to the citizens of Cleveland, the State of Ohio and globally as a native of India.

Authorizing the Execution of Sublease Agreements Between the University and Youth Opportunities Unlimited and the Cleveland Playhouse in the East 13th Street Building

President Sands presented information on proposed sublease agreements that will result in the East 13th Street building being occupied at near-full capacity. The sublease agreements are with Youth Opportunities Unlimited (through December 2031) and The Cleveland Playhouse (through June 2025).

Moved by Trustee Cosgrove, and seconded by Trustee Adler, the following resolution was passed with a voice vote.

RESOLUTION 2020-7

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SUBLEASE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY, AND YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED AND
THE CLEVELAND PLAYHOUSE IN THE EAST 13TH STREET BUILDING**

WHEREAS, the University Administration has determined that it is prudent to continue its subleasing plans relating to space located at 1901 East 13th Street, Cleveland, Ohio and has agreed to terms for Sublease Agreements with Youth Opportunities Unlimited and The Cleveland Playhouse; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland State University (“Sublessor”) has master leased all space located at 1901 East 13th Street, Cleveland, Ohio from 1901 East 13th Street LLC (Lessor) through December 31, 2034; and

WHEREAS, Sublessor and Youth Opportunities Unlimited mutually desire to enter into a Sublease Agreement for a term of eleven years through December 31, 2031; and the Sublessor and The Cleveland Playhouse also mutually desire to enter into a Sublease Agreement for a term of five years through June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the amounts required for tenant improvements and incentives, building improvements and lease commissions for Youth Opportunities Unlimited of \$2.6 million and were approved by this Board as part of the 1901 East 13th Street subleasing plan presented in November 2019; and

WHEREAS, the University Administration recommends entering into the Sublease Agreements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the Sublease Agreements between Youth Opportunities Unlimited and The Cleveland Playhouse and the University, which include key terms disclosed to the Board of Trustees, as negotiated by the University’s Administration, subject to any modifications deemed necessary by University General Counsel or required by applicable law.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

Chair Moore stated that the Committee met on March 3 (**Attachment A**). He reported that Provost Zhu shared some highlights since the last meeting:

- Mechanical Engineering Professor Wei Zhang received a National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Award (over \$580,000), which is a highly competitive national award received by only four CSU faculty to date.
- Exploring online programs, particularly in the areas of Business, Education, Social Work, Public Administration, and Nursing, to grow enrollment to 1,500 students in two years.

- Highest student participation in all-inclusive access textbook programs among Ohio public institutions, saving CSU students \$700,000 a year.
- New Senior Vice President Faison will provide an update on general strategy to enhance programs in healthcare, including Nursing, at a future Board meeting.

The Committee received an update on the Bernie Moreno Center for Sales Excellence from Monte Ahuja College of Business Dean, Dr. Sanjay Putrevu, and an update from Senior Director of Outreach and Engagement in the Monte Ahuja College of Business, Ms. Collette Hart, on the College's entrepreneur initiatives.

In compliance with state legislation passed in 2017, Chair Moore reported that Provost Zhu presented CSU's annual report on remediation coursework, submitted to the Ohio Department of Higher Education. He reported that in FY19, 1,512 students required remedial classes in English and Math.

Moore reported that an analysis and CSU student profile of 2019 Freshmen and Transfer students, including general demographics, top feeder schools, and top majors, was presented by Senior Vice President for Enrollment and Student Success Dr. Randy Deike. Chair Moore reported that the Committee recommended to the Board approval of 30 faculty for tenure and promotion and one librarian promotion.

In closing, Chair Moore encouraged the representation of the Academic Affairs and Student Success on the Executive Committee of the Board.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chair Kirk stated that the Committee met on March 2 (**Attachment B**). He gave a financial update, noting that the Operating funds and income revenue are \$1.7 million higher than forecasted. He reported expenditures are in check with the \$4.4 million in cost reductions implemented, and \$3 million savings from unfilled positions, resulting a \$2.5 million surplus, as opposed to the slight deficit previously forecasted. He noted, however, that the budget does not include the impact of the current coronavirus in terms of student refunds and expenses.

The Committee received and discussed an administrative proposal for rate changes: a 2% parking rate increase, 3% dining rate increase, and no change in housing rates, reported Chair Kirk. Board members raised questions about refunding room and board charges considering the current pandemic, and what other institutions were doing. President Sands responded that there is no state policy; some institutions are prorating costs, and others providing credit. He stated that a plan is being developed with Chief Financial Officer Michael Biehl.

In closing, Chair Kirk noted that there are five items, recommended by the Committee, that are on the Consent Agenda for approval.

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Chair Komoroski reported that the Committee met recently on March 4 (**Attachment C**) and received a departmental briefing from Athletics Director Scott Garrett and a presentation on the department's draft strategic plan from Director Garrett and Deputy Directors Tyler Jones and Kelsie Gory Harkey.

The following represents top highlights reported:

- Student athletes posted a 3.31 cumulative GPA in the Fall 2019 semester, with over 200 Dean's List honorees.
- Student-athlete graduation success rate of 95%, the second highest among public Division I NCAA institutions.
- Corporate sponsorship sales, managed with CSU staff, rather than outsourcing, resulted in a net revenue increase of nearly \$200,000.

Chair Komoroski reported that the Athletics strategic plan is about 85% complete, and will be presented to stakeholders (Faculty Senate Committee on Athletics and Student-Athlete Advisory Council) before being publicly released later this spring. The plan is built around the following five goals:

1. Enhancing the CSU mission
2. Attracting championship Vikings
3. Developing community support
4. Sharing CSU Athletics accomplishments
5. Embracing compliance

Board Chair Gunning highlighted the successes of other athletic teams, including Women's Basketball, Swimming, Fencing, Tennis, and Lacrosse. He congratulated all the student athletes, noting that over half have earned a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Chair Adler reported that one of his responsibilities as Chair of the Governance Committee is to appoint a nominating committee for next year's Board officers. He appointed Trustee Len Komoroski as Chair, with Trustees David Reynolds and Lisa Kunkle. He noted that the Nominating Committee will meet by phone before the May Board meeting when the election of officers will be held, and any nominations should be forwarded to him and Trustee Komoroski.

REPORT OF THE CSU FOUNDATION

The Board of Trustees was provided with revamped fundraising reports through January 31, 2020. Trustee Hopkins reported that funds raised are modestly ahead of last year, and this year's Giving Day resulted in a record high amount of donations.

Mr. Hopkins reported that due to the coronavirus and restrictions on meetings and events, *Radiance*, scheduled for April 28, is postponed to a fall date, yet to be determined. Sponsors will be notified and thanked. Currently, \$1.85 million has been raised toward the \$2.5 million goal, which Mr. Hopkins believes will be exceeded.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Gunning stated that routine matters, or those recommended by committees and discussed previously, are considered on the Consent Agenda. He asked if there were any items that Board members wished to discuss; there were none. Under the current circumstances, if the vote is determined invalid, the Consent Agenda items would be ratified at a future regular meeting.

Trustee DePompei moved, and Trustee Reynolds seconded, the motion to approve the following consent agenda items: Faculty Promotion and Tenure Recommendations, 2020-2021 (**Attachment D**), Librarian Promotion Recommendation (**Attachment E**), Bank of America/Merrill Lynch Corporate Card Agreement (**Attachment F**), Renewal of External Parking Lot Leases (**Attachment G**), Berkman Hall – General Classroom Upgrade Project – Phase II (**Attachment H**), University Data Backup and Storage Services (**Attachment I**), Approval of External Auditor Appointment and Fees, FY 2020-2024 (**Attachment J**), FY20 Second Quarter Gift Report (**Attachment K**), and Research/Sponsored Programs, FY20 Second Quarter (**Attachment L**). The following resolutions were approved by voice vote.

RESOLUTION 2020-8

PROMOTION AND TENURE RECOMMENDATIONS AY2020 - 2021

WHEREAS, the individuals in the attached exhibit have been reviewed by the appropriate Department and College committees, the Chairperson, the Dean, the University Peer Review Committee (where appropriate), the Provost and the President; and

WHEREAS, they have fulfilled the requirements for promotion and the award of tenure as set forth in Article 12 of the Agreements between Cleveland State University, the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and the CSU Chapters of the American Association of University Professors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the promotions to the rank of Professor, promotions to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure, and promotion to the rank of Clinical Associate Professor with tenure effective at the beginning of the 2020/2021 academic year for those individuals as recommended.

RESOLUTION 2020-9

PROMOTION OF LIBRARIANS RECOMMENDATIONS

WHEREAS, the individuals in the attached exhibit have been reviewed by the appropriate Personnel Action Committee for Promotion of the Michael Schwartz Library, the Director of the Michael Schwartz Library, the Provost and the President; and

WHEREAS, they have fulfilled the requirements for promotion as set forth in Section 3344-62-03 (4) of the Librarians' Personnel Policies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the promotion to the rank of Senior Assistant Librarian, effective July 1, 2020, for those individuals as recommended.

RESOLUTION 2020-10

**APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO CORPORATE PURCHASING CARD AGREEMENT
WITH BANK OF AMERICA/MERRILL LYNCH**

WHEREAS, the University is a member of the Inter-University Council of Ohio (IUC) and participates in joint contracts that result in cost savings.

WHEREAS, the IUC conducted a competitive process to identify a financial institution that will provide the IUC Purchasing Group (IUC-PG) members a Purchasing Card Program; and

WHEREAS, the IUC-PG selected Bank of America/Merrill Lynch (BOA/ML) to be the provider of the Purchasing Card Program; and

WHEREAS, under the Purchasing Card Agreement with BOA/ML, the University will be granted an estimated annual spending limit of \$10,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the \$10,000,000 spending authority is beyond the University Administration's spending authority and requires Board of Trustees approval; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees has reviewed this matter and recommends full Board approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Cleveland State University hereby approves entering into a Corporate Purchasing Card Agreement with BOA/ML for the purpose of providing purchasing credit cards to faculty and staff under the IUC-PG Purchasing Card Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administration is authorized and required to establish procedures governing the use of the purchasing cards provided under the Purchasing Card Agreement that conform with the University's purchasing policies; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby adopts this agreement and further authorizes and empowers the Administration, in carrying out this Resolution, to make any necessary changes to the BOA/ML Purchasing Card Agreement as may be required to ensure compliance with the applicable and effective provisions of federal and state laws, or as General Counsel deems appropriate.

RESOLUTION 2020-11

AUTHORITY TO LEASE TWO OFF CAMPUS PARKING LOTS

WHEREAS, The Department of Parking and Transportation Services is charged with providing parking services for students, faculty, staff, visitors and special events on campus; and

WHEREAS, the current student enrollment and has resulted in a shortage of parking spaces for commuter students, faculty, staff and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees has reviewed this matter and recommends full Board approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Trustees hereby approves the recommendation by the University Administration to lease parking spaces from August 15, 2020 to May 14, 2021 (10 months) at facilities located at 2178 Cedar Avenue and 2020 Carnegie Avenue for a total cost not to exceed \$35,000 and authorizes and empowers the Administration, in carrying out this Resolution, to make any necessary changes to the subject lease as may be required to ensure compliance with the applicable and effective provisions of federal and state laws, or as otherwise deemed appropriate by the University's General Counsel.

RESOLUTION 2020-12

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE CONTRACT FOR BERKMAN HALL PHASE II CLASSROOM UPGRADE PROJECT

WHEREAS, on November 28, 2017, the University submitted a request for a State capital appropriation, of \$15.4 million for the FY19-FY20 capital budget; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2018, the State signed into law H.B. 529 which allocated \$15.4 million to Cleveland State University; and

WHEREAS, \$5,525,000 of the appropriation was designated for the continuation of improvements (Phase II) to the Ronald Berkman Hall General Classroom Upgrade project to be locally administered on the University's campus; and

WHEREAS, Phase I of the Ronald Berkman Hall General Classroom Upgrade project with a total amount previously appropriated by the state of \$4,000,000 has been completed; and

WHEREAS, after a competitive process, iVideo was selected as the lowest responsive and responsible bid for Phase II AV equipment and installation with a cost of \$500,000 or more; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees has reviewed this matter and recommends full Board approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the University's Administration to enter into a contract with iVideo not to exceed an amount of \$1,187,500, including contingency of 20%, for the AV systems and installation as part of Phase II of the renovation of Berkman Hall classroom spaces, to contract for any additional construction, services and equipment for the project not to exceed the total remaining unappropriated project funds of \$1,073,500 for completion of this renovation project, and to make any necessary changes to the contracts as may be required to ensure compliance with the applicable and effective provisions of federal and state laws, or as General Counsel deems appropriate.

RESOLUTION 2020-13

APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO IMPLEMENT DATA BACKUP AND STORAGE CLOUD BASED SERVICES

WHEREAS, the existing data backup procedures currently used for the University's student and business systems data needs to be replaced; and

WHEREAS, technologies and services are currently available providing high availability and reliability, greater security and faster recovery in the event that the on-premise data center environment would become incapacitated; and

WHEREAS, to ensure competitive pricing, the service provider was selected through an RFP process to facilitate the delivery of the services; and

WHEREAS, the University is asking for approval to enter into a five-year agreement with MRK Technologies, LTD to implement data Backup and Storage Cloud Based Services, not to exceed \$1,200,000, payable over five years.

WHEREAS, the Financial Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees has reviewed this matter and recommends full Board approval.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes and empowers the Administration, in carrying out this resolution, to negotiate and enter into a five-year agreement to implement data Backup and Storage Cloud Based Services for a total value not to exceed \$1,200,000, payable over five years, and to make any changes that may be required to ensure compliance with the applicable and effective provisions of federal and state laws, or as General Counsel deems appropriate.

RESOLUTION 2020-14

**APPROVE APPOINTMENT AND FEES OF
EXTERNAL AUDIT FIRM FOR FY 2020 - 2024**

WHEREAS, the current contract for external auditing services has expired, and

WHEREAS, the State Auditor jointly issued an RFQ with the University for a five-year audit contract, and

WHEREAS, the University participated in the State Auditor's and University's RFQ evaluation process for review of the four responses received, and

WHEREAS, in the best professional judgment of the Committee formed to evaluate the firms, RSM has the highest-ranking score under the State Auditor and University's RFQ evaluation guidelines and criteria and, after certain due diligence, RSM has been recommended as the top choice to the State Auditor to be the University's external audit firm, and

WHEREAS, the State Auditor has agreed and selected RSM as the external audit firm, and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been drafted by the State Auditor to engage RSM for Fiscal Years 2020 through 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of RSM, selected by the State Auditor, and authorize the Administration to enter into an MOU to engage RSM for fees not to exceed \$1,005,600 for Fiscal Years 2020 through 2024, commencing with the 2020 audit.

RESOLUTION 2020-15

**ACCEPTANCE OF FY 2020 SECOND QUARTER
GIFTS AND PLEDGE PAYMENTS**

RESOLVED, that the gifts and pledge payments totaling \$4,970,444 received by the Cleveland State University Foundation during the period October 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 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.

RESOLUTION 2020-16

**ACCEPTANCE OF SPONSORED PROGRAMS FUNDS
FOR FY 2020 SECOND QUARTER**

RESOLVED, that the Sponsored Programs funds totaling \$2,557,390 received by the Cleveland State University during the period October 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019, are hereby accepted with thanks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is hereby directed to use these Sponsored Program funds subject to their terms and conditions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Gunning moved to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing real estate matters, imminent and pending litigation matters with general counsel, and personnel matters involving employment issues related to public employees. Vice Chair Cosgrove seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken by the Secretary of the Board; voting in the affirmative were Mr. Adler, Mr. Cosgrove, Ms. DePompei, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Komoroski, Ms. Kunkle, Mr. Moore, Mr. Reynolds, and Chair Gunning. The motion carried.

Chair Gunning excused everyone except the voting and community trustees present, President Sands, Board Secretary Napier, Senior Vice President Faison, General Counsel Wilson, Provost Zhu, and Chief of Staff Link.

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 9:35 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gunning announced at 11:40 a.m. that the Board had finished its business in Executive Session and was adjourning, noting that there was no further business. The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED ON MAY 21, 2020

Sonali B. Wilson
Acting Secretary to the Board of Trustees

APPROVED ON MAY 21, 2020

David H. Gunning II
Chair, Board of Trustees