TERRA STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Fremont, OH 43420
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 2, 2026
12:30 p.m. Boardroom B206

The Terra State Community College Board of Trustees met for a special meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2026, in the Boardroom in the General Technologies Building on the Terra State Community College campus.

Board Members Present: Tim Ellenberger, Nick Gerber (virtually), Derek Gerstenberger, Mircea Handru, Jodi Rucker, and Luke Sutter

Board Members Absent: Dr. Jim Lahoski

Others Present: Dr. Ronald Schumacher, Lisa Shuey, Dr. Cory Stine, Dr. Doug Mead, Wayne Yerdon, Kelli Gilbert, Jan Jazwiecki, Jennifer Fehnrich, Regina Mendicino-Dwyer (virtually), Jacob Oetama-Paul (virtually), Chelle Younker, Krista Weirich, Kayla Kipps, Connor Malan, Larry Cunningham, Hanna Carnicom, Heidi Hessel, Jessica McCarthy, Kristen Smith, Amy Drongowski, Roger LaPointe, Yvonne Hammer, Dr. Terry Farris, Robert Cordell, Mike Holewinski, Jonah Donathan, Tim Shaal, Michelle White, Brooke Beane, and Jim Webber

Call to Order
Chair Handru called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. Those in attendance recited the *Pledge of Allegiance*. The Mission, Vision, and Values were reviewed.

Roll Call
Roll call was taken.

Changes or Additions to the Agenda
There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

Fiscal Watch Discussion
The board was given updates on the Auditor of State call, which Trustee Ellenberger attended.

Executive Session* **R-2026-16**
Trustee Sutter made a motion pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 to enter into Executive Session to consider: Personnel, specifically, appointment/employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, and compensation, of a public employee. Trustee Rucker seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Voting *aye* were Trustees Ellenberger, Gerber, Gerstenberger, Rucker, Sutter, and Chair Handru. The Chair declared the motion passed at 12:37 p.m.

Return to Public Session* **R-2026-17**
Trustee Rucker made a motion to return to Public Session with a second by Trustee Sutter. Roll call was taken. Voting *aye* were Trustees Ellenberger, Gerber, Gerstenberger, Rucker, Sutter, and Chair Handru. The Chair declared the motion passed at 12:50 p.m.

Request for Board Action*
Amendment to President's Contract **R-2026-18**
Trustee Ellenberger made a motion that the Terra State Community College Board of Trustees approves amendment to the employment contract for President Schumacher. Trustee Sutter seconded the motion.

Roll call was taken. Voting *aye* were Trustees Ellenberger, Gerber, Gerstenberger, Rucker, Sutter, and Chair Handru. The Chair declared the motion passed at 12:51 p.m.

President's Resignation **R-2026-19**

Dr. Schumacher tendered his formal notification to the trustees that he is resigning his position as president of Terra State and that his last day of employment will be April 2, 2026. He expressed his sincere gratitude for the opportunity to hold this position and expressed his commitment to ensuring a smooth transition.

The Board of Trustees thanked President Schumacher for his leadership, commitment and hard work on behalf of Terra State Community College over the past eight and a half years. President Schumacher led our College through some significant developments and challenges, including, but not limited to the COVID 19 pandemic closedown; installation of the campus solar field, which will significantly lower the College's long-term operational costs; and the modernization of many campus facilities. The Board wishes President Schumacher the all the best in his future endeavors.

Trustee Rucker made a motion that the Terra State Community College Board of Trustees accepts the resignation of Dr. Ronald M. Schumacher as written. Trustee Ellenberger seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Voting *aye* were Trustees Ellenberger, Gerber, Gerstenberger, Rucker, Sutter, and Chair Handru. The Chair declared the motion passed at 12:57 p.m.

Executive Session* **R-2026-20**

Trustee Rucker made a motion pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 to enter into Executive Session to consider: Personnel, specifically, appointment/employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, and compensation, of a public employee. Trustee Gerstenberger seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Voting *aye* were Trustees Ellenberger, Gerber, Gerstenberger, Rucker, Sutter, and Chair Handru. The Chair declared the motion passed at 12:58 p.m.

Return to Public Session* **R-2026-21**

Trustee Rucker made a motion to return to Public Session with a second by Trustee Gerstenberger. Roll call was taken. Voting *aye* were Trustees Ellenberger, Gerber, Gerstenberger, Rucker, Sutter, and Chair Handru. The Chair declared the motion passed at 1:45 p.m.

Interim President* **R-2026-22**

Trustee Sutter made a motion pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 to name Dr. Cory Stine interim president of Terra State Community College, effective immediately. Trustee Gerber seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Voting *aye* were Trustees Ellenberger, Gerber, Gerstenberger, Rucker, Sutter, and Chair Handru. The Chair declared the motion passed at 1:46 p.m.

Adjournment* **R-2026-23**

Trustee Rucker made a motion to adjourn, and Trustee Ellenberger seconded the motion. Roll call was taken. Voting *aye* were Trustees Ellenberger, Gerber, Gerstenberger, Rucker, Sutter, and Chair Handru. The Board Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

**Indicates agenda items requiring a motion and a vote*