

3354:1-10-01 Board of trustees: appointments, resignations, powers and duties, and general matters.

- (A) Cuyahoga Community College (herein “the College”) is subject to Chapter 3354 of the Revised Code of Ohio. In the event of conflict between these Bylaws and Chapter 3354 of the Revised Code of Ohio, such state law shall prevail.
- (B) The principal office of the College shall be fixed and located at such place as the Board of Trustees (herein “the Board”) shall determine. The Board is granted full power and authority to change said principal office from one location to another. The current principal place of business of the College is 700 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.
- (C) Appointment and conditions of office of members of the Board:
 - (1) Nine persons shall be appointed to the Board. Six trustees shall be appointed by the Cuyahoga County Executive and three trustees shall be appointed by the Governor of the State of Ohio.
 - (2) Each appointment shall be for a term of five years except for those appointments made to fill an unexpired term.
 - (3) The trustees shall serve without compensation but may be paid for their necessary expenses when engaged in the business of the Board.
 - (4) Before entering upon his or her official duties, each trustee shall take an oath that the trustee will honestly, faithfully, and impartially perform the duties of the office.
 - (5) Trustees may resign at any time during the term for which they were appointed by an instrument in writing to that effect filed with the Secretary of the district. Whenever for reason of death or resignation of a trustee there shall be a vacancy in the Board, the Secretary of the district shall notify the Cuyahoga County Executive or the Office of the Governor of the State of Ohio, as applicable, to fill the vacancy.

(D) Powers and duties of the Board:

- (1) The Board shall own and operate the College pursuant to an official plan prepared and approved in accordance with section 3354.07 of the Revised Code.
- (2) The Board may hold, encumber, control, acquire by donation, purchase or condemnation, construct, own, lease, use, and sell real and personal property as is necessary for the conduct of the program of the College on whatever terms and for whatever consideration may be appropriate for the purpose of the College.
- (3) The Board may accept gifts, grants, bequests, and devices absolutely or in trust for support of the College.
- (4) The Board may appoint the administrative officers, faculty and staff necessary and proper for the College, and fix their compensation.
- (5) The Board shall provide for the College necessary lands, buildings or other structures, equipment, means, and appliances.
- (6) The Board shall develop and adopt, pursuant to the official plan, the curricular programs identified in section 3354.01 of the Revised Code as arts and sciences programs and technical programs, or either. Such programs may include adult education programs.
- (7) The Board shall approve schedules of fees and tuition.
 - (a) The Board shall approve such schedules for students who are residents of the district; residents of Ohio but not of the district; and students who are nonresidents of Ohio.

- (b) Students who are nonresidents of Ohio shall be required to pay higher rates of fees and tuition than the rates required of students who are residents of Ohio but not of the district, and students who are residents of the district shall pay a smaller tuition and fee rate than the rate for either category of nonresident students.
- (8) The Board may authorize, approve, ratify, or confirm any agreement relating to the College with the United States government, acting through any agency of such government designated or created to aid in the financing of such projects, or with any person, organization, or agency offering grants in aid in financing such educational facilities or the operation of such facilities except as prohibited by law.
- (9) The Board may grant appropriate certificates of achievement to students successfully completing College programs.
- (10) The Board may prescribe policies regarding the effective management of the College, and exercise such other powers as are necessary for the efficient management of the College. The Board shall appoint the President, who shall be responsible for establishing the procedures to carry out such rules or policies.
- (11) The Board may receive and expend gifts or grants from the State of Ohio for the payment of operating costs, for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of buildings or other structures, or for the acquisition or use of land. In no event shall state gifts or grants be expended for the support of adult education programs.
- (12) The Board may retain consultants in the field of education, planning, architecture, law, engineering, or other fields of professional skill.
- (13) The Board may purchase such policies of insurance as permitted by the Revised Code or as otherwise not prohibited by law.
- (14) The Board may exercise all other powers and duties authorized from time to time by the laws of the State of Ohio.

- (E) General matters.
- (1) The Board shall adopt a seal, and shall keep records of all its proceedings, which records shall be open for public inspection to the extent required by law.
 - (2) A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum, and the Board may act on any matter by majority vote of its whole membership. The Board may designate in its rules and regulations matters of an administrative nature which may be acted upon by a vote of a majority of those present when a quorum is in session.
 - (3) Any rule or regulation adopted by the Board to govern its own proceedings may, when not otherwise required by law, be temporarily suspended; provided that a majority of those present when a quorum is in session determine by affirmative vote that such action will serve the best interests of the College.
 - (4) Trustees and non-trustee committee members shall be entitled to legal defense and indemnification against any claim or liabilities, which might arise from the performance of their duties on behalf of the College to the fullest extent permitted by Ohio law and as enumerated in Ohio Revised Code section 9.87.

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