

**TOPIC INTRODUCTION**  
**SECTION II (A.) – CONSENT AGENDA**

**Ohio History Connection – Board of Trustees**  
**June 23, 2022**

**TOPIC:** Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting

**DISPOSITION:** Action

**BACKGROUND:** The Board of Trustees met on March 17, 2022

**DOCUMENTS:**

- Minutes Board of Trustees March 17, 2022

**MOTION:** *To approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held on March 17, 2022*

**PREPARED BY:** Burt Logan, June 2022

**OHIO HISTORY CONNECTION**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, March 17, 2022 - 1:00 pm**  
**OHC – Cardinal Room**

- Trustees Present:** Charles Moses (Vice President), Jon Elsasser (Treasurer), Melody Young (Secretary), Alex Hastie, Rich Hillis, Anthony Joseph, Chief Billy Friend
- Trustees Absent:** Jim Dicke (Vice President) Tom Chema (President), Bob Lucas (Immediate Past President), Ann Bair, Suhas Kakde, Greg Simpson,
- Trustees on Phone:** Betty Weibel (Vice President) Jen Miller, Ellen Connally, JB Hadden Heidi Samuel, Robert Roach. Guadalupe Velasquez
- EX Officios Present:** Laura Battocletti (Director, Capital Square and Review Advisory Board); Gary Cates (Designee for Chancellor, Ohio Department of Higher Education); Mathew MacLaren (Designee for Director, Ohio Development Services Agency); Jennifer Brown (Designee for Governor Mike DeWine), Laura Lanese (Designee, Robert Cupp, Speaker of the Ohio House)
- Ex Officio on Phone:** Joe Miller (Designee, House Minority Leader)
- Staff & Others Present:** Jen Aultman, Jen Cassidy, Theresa Hopewood, Todd Kleismit, Stacia Kuceyeski, Burt Logan, Wesley Newhouse (General Counsel), Ann Ruege, Fred Smith, Amanda Terrell, Jeff Ward, Alex Wesaw, Megan Wood, Lauren Barber, Steve George, Jerry Dannemiller, Jillian Ramage
- Staff Phone in:** Elizabeth Woods

**I. Call to Order**

Vice President Charley Moses called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. He welcomed new trustees Anthony Joseph attending his first in-person meeting and Heidi Samuel, attending via phone. Mr. Moses recognized the ex-officios attending in person and via phone. Mr. Moses also recognized new Chief Officer Jerry Dannemiller, who has now been in his role for over 2 months.

Mr. Moses turned the meeting over to General Counsel, Wes Newhouse.

Mr. Newhouse noted that a revised Code of Ethics is being presented to the Board review and approval. The revised Code is more succinct and eliminates redundant language from a number of Board policies. The revised Code conforms to the American Alliance of Museums template Code. Sections of the policy are:

- Statement of the scope of the applicability of the new policy applies to employees, trustees, volunteers, and site management partners
- Governance; the structure of the policy; conflicts of interest
- Not engaging in political activities (endorsement and support of political candidates) on behalf of OHC; consciously removing personal politics from the activities of OHC.

Rich Hillis pointed out that OHC has a Government Relations committee that engages in lobbying to support our mission.

Following discussion, Mr. Moses asked that the political activity portion of the Code of Ethics be reworked and brought back to a future Board meeting.

## **II. Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Logan referenced the summary reports in the Consent Agenda and encouraged everyone to review them.

He thanked the Marketing and Information Systems divisions for updating and launching the new site earlier in March.

Mr. Logan and Jen Aultman distributed copies of the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks World Heritage dossier, which has been certified as "technically complete" by UNESCO. An evaluator will visit each of the sites later this year and prepare a report for UNESCO.

Statehood Day was held March 1 at the Statehouse, with close to 200 people attending. The Semiquincentennial Commission for Ohio (America 250) was introduced. The commission held their first meeting at the conclusion of Statehood Day activities. Todd Kleismit was appointed Executive Director of the Commission, and will transition into his new role between now and June 30.

## **III. Consent Agenda**

Consent agenda was approved as published.

## **IV. Strategic Plan**

Chuck Wash was ill and not available to give an update on the Major Organization Project, Art of Soul.

For the Major Division Project, Megan Wood and Bill Mahon presented an update on a project OHC is working on in partnership with Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). The new park (yet unnamed) will interpret the history of Old Town/Old Chillicothe in Green County

Mr. Elsasser asked who would be the site partner for this project. Ms. Wood answered that ODNR has hired a tribal citizen to operate the park and that it will not an OHC site.

## **Fundraising Committee**

Ms. Ruege reported the committee met in February and staff gave updates on: the Ohio Village master plan; World Heritage inscription; Conestoga's upcoming fundraiser in support of Ohio Village; and the opening of "Indigenous Wonders of Our World" in April.

## **PS&L Committee**

On behalf of Chair Jen Miller, Megan Wood reported the committee is presenting the following motion:

To approve the transfer of the building located at 151 E. First Street, Zoar, Ohio to the Zoar Community Association with a reverter clause in the deed transfer.

The building is not contributing to the National Historic Landmark nomination or the historic district. This went through an internal group of staff in the organization.

Mr. Moses requested for a motion and a second to approve the transfer. Unanimously carried.

**Trusteeship & Governance Committee**

On behalf of the Committee, Mr. Logan presented the following motion:

To elect Steve Coon as a Trustee to fill a vacant Board-elected seat for a term of three years.

Mr. Moses requested a motion and a second to accept Mr. Coon as a new Board-elected Trustee, which was unanimously approved.

**VIII. New Business**

There was no new business

**IX. Executive Session**

Mr. Moses called the meeting into Executive Session at 2:09 p.m.

The Board emerged from Executive Session at 2:37 pm

**XI. Adjournment**

There was no additional business and the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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Melody Young, Secretary

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Date

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Charles Moses, Vice President

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Date

Prepared by Theresa Hopewood