3354:1-11-08.1 Trustee emeritus procedure

(A) Appointment of Trustee Emeritus.

(1) The trustee emeritus designation is reserved for a retiring Board of Trustee member who has provided significant, substantive service to benefit Cuyahoga Community College students and enhance the educational, training and public service mission of the institution. The Trustee has established throughout his or her tenure on the Board, a record of unmatched commitment through documented acts and deeds to Cuyahoga Community College. Actively engaged through policy development and implementation, the Trustee has enabled the College to accomplish its mission and strategic priorities through innovative programs and operations.

(2) It is expected, also, that the Trustee has demonstrated a history of professional accomplishment, national and state Board/College representation and community engagement that would warrant external recognition and that would bring honor and distinction to the individual and the College.

(3) The trustee Emeritus designation is to be awarded at the conclusion of the final term of the Board member at the last official meeting or immediately thereafter. The recipient will be deemed ineligible for re-appointment to the Cuyahoga Community College Board of Trustee by the appointing authorities in the future.

(B) Trustee Emeritus Qualifications. Candidates for the Trustee Emeritus must demonstrate a history of distinguished and noteworthy commitment to the College and community in the following ways:

(1) Serve on the Board a minimum of fifteen (15) consecutive years or three terms.

(2) Attend, at a high ratio, Board and committee meetings, retreats, state and national meetings, and other activities that foster Board engagement, development and active participation.

(3) Be known as an advocate for the College and its students at the local, state, and national levels through attendance and visible involvement in student-centered initiatives.

(4) Exhibit a dedication to students and the College by attending and engaging in College events, including but not limited to commencements, convocations, educational programs, student activities, College Foundation benefits, reaccreditation visits, and institutional membership groups, such as the League of Innovation.

(5) Contribute monetarily in support of College initiatives and the College Foundation.

(6) Exemplify public decorum and demeanor expected of a Trustee and representative of the College.
(7) Achieve in professional, civic and community roles.

(C) Trustee Emeritus Nomination. Eligibility for trustee Emeriti is assessed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees in consultation with the College President to ensure that candidates meet all the qualifications noted above. If it is determined that all criteria are met or exceeded, a resolution is prepared and presented for a vote by the Cuyahoga Community College Board of Trustees.

(D) Trustee Emeritus Privileges. The following privileges will be afforded the Trustee Emeriti:

1) Photograph with an entitled “Trustee Emeritus” plaque displayed in the Cuyahoga Community College Board Room.

2) The Trustee Emeritus name is included in publications along with the names of standing members of the Board of Trustees.

3) Special guest at College and Trustee events and activities, where appropriate.

4) Invitation to participate in ad hoc groups or committees where expertise may be beneficial.

5) Receive College publications to be kept abreast of College initiatives.

6) Other individual privileges as deemed appropriate by the Board of Trustees, in consultation with the President.

Effective date: June 17, 2021.