

Chairperson's Remarks

Chair Jakubek, noting that the board had an excellent series of committee meetings on Thursday, Dec. 8, emphasized the importance of upcoming YSU Future State conversations associated with updating the plan for Strategic Actions to Take Charge of Our Future. He also reported on the excellent result of the audit of FY 2022. But he noted that FY 2022 was an anomalous year, given the influx of federal funding to the university. “We must turn the corner in strategic ways with YSU as an institution of choice to optimize enrollment to support the long-term sustainability and vitality of YSU that is so essential to regional prosperity,” he said. YSU is proud, he added, of its position as an access institution with an increasingly unique educational experience that is amongst the best values in the state and region.

A. Trustees Comments on the President and First Lady's Accomplishment

Chair Jakubek said he was honored to be on the board when Tressel was named president in 2014, and that he has been doubly honored to serve alongside him over the past nearly nine years. Jakubek said all of the accolades in the Resolution, and all of the accomplishments Tressel mentioned in his comments earlier in the meeting, were because of Tressel’s initiative and leadership. While many boards spend a lot of time directing the chief executive, “we didn’t have to do much directing of President Tressel.” Jakubek recalled that, in his interview for the position, Tressel said work is “more fun than fun,” and that showed in his work as president. Tressel’s passion, Jakubek said, is for YSU, the community, the Mahoning Valley and the state of Ohio. He also recognized Ellen Tressel for her support of the university and the community. “I can’t find words to express my gratitude, other than to say, thank you,” he added. Trustee Peterson said Tressel “is a servant to this community and has been from the first day he set foot on this campus.” Trustee Hackstedde called Tressel a “selfless visionary.”

- XI. Dates and Times of Upcoming Regular Meetings of the Board** Thursday,
March 2, 2023 - 10 am Thursday,
June 22, 2023 - 10 am Wednesday,
September 22, 2023 - 10 am

XII. adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chair Jakubek declared the meeting adjourned.

YSU Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting, Dec. 9, 2022

APPENDIX

Approved Resolutions and other supporting documents

NOTE:

**Resolutions and other supporting documents will be inserted after the
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