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Excellence and Growth Opportunities on Horizon Following Coming Changes

During the Southern State Community College Board of Trustees meeting on November 21, 2024, the Board entertained two agenda items essential to long-term sustainability and the College's mission component of quality. The first item proposed several programmatic changes while the other involved a resolution to resume full operational use of the College's entire physical footprint at the Early Learning Center in Hillsboro.

Both items reflect directives delivered to Trustees during Governor Mike DeWine and the Ohio Department of Higher Education Trustees Conference in June 2024 and are repeated consistently by legislators, decision makers, and the public. Enhancing accountability among Trustees and college leaders by encouraging more questions, relying on data-informed decisions, and consistently monitoring institutional outcomes and viability is essential to long-term sustainability and effectiveness. "These necessary and important priorities represent a direct order to college presidents to keep their Trustees informed, be transparent, and provide insights to mission-driven work," offered Dr. Nicole Roades, President of Southern State Community College.

November meeting are consistent with the calls for accountability

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ted and considered by President Roades on November 21, 2024. The Board of Trustees will meet again on December 10, 2024, to discuss the proposed changes.

