

Athens Technical College

Board of Directors Meeting

Teleconference Minutes

April 21, 2020

9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Kyle Brown
Mrs. Barbara Cabaniss
Mr. Terry Chandler
Mrs. Rebecca Dally
Mr. Tom Denny
Mr. Steve Hollis
Judge Robert Motley
Mayor Fred Perriman
Judge Lawton Stephens
Dr. Reginald Woods

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Jimmy Parker

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chair Barbara Cabaniss called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. welcoming everyone to the February board meeting.

ROLL CALL

Becky Allen, Executive Assistant in the President's Office, called the roll.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Cabaniss called for approval of the February minutes. Mayor Fred Perriman made a motion to approve the minutes and Tom Denny seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The minutes were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Daniel presented the President's Report. TCSG college presidents are having conference calls weekly with the Commissioner.

The college has changed over to all online classes for students. She thanked the students for all of their hard work during this time.

We were the first college to be approved to do limited labs on campus. We are providing labs for nursing, advanced EMT, and radiography. Students who participate in the labs must sign waivers and have their temperature checked before being allowed to enter the labs.

CDL testing is the next phase that the college has been approved for which will only include five students at a time.

Welding and physical therapy labs have been submitted for approval.

Mayor Girtz of Athens wrote a letter to the State showing that Athens Technical College was not violating the shelter in place order while providing labs on campus.

Summer semester has been moved back two weeks. We will continue with online classes through Summer semester with limited face to face labs.

The college has waived all application fees for Summer and Fall semesters as well as placement testing. We will be using students GPAs.

Students will be receiving money through the CARES Act which will help them with expenses.

We are working with our dual enrollment students to make sure they have what they need.

Graduation has been moved to August 3rd at the Classic Center.

She would like to thank the TCSG Foundation for donating six laptops to the college for students use.

We have donated 1,000 items to Piedmont Athens Regional. We have also donated gloves to the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA).

The Commercial Truck Driving program, along with Chief Gaissert and Lieutenant Larkins, have been picking up and distributing supplies.

The library and drafting program made face shields, which were donated to Elbert Memorial Hospital.

She is happy to announce that one of our graduates has been selected to serve on the UGA vaccine team. Another graduate has applied to be on the team as well.

Employees are currently teleworking from home. She wants to thank all of her employees for their hard work during this difficult time.

Colleges have not received their budgets yet. She has been told that there will be some budget cuts this year. She has asked employees to hold back 10% of their budgets.

She would like to congratulate Kay Helms and Nathan Loyd on Alpha Tau Zeta of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society being named one of the top 100 chapters.

The construction firm for the Agriculture Science Building on the Elbert County Campus has been awarded. They were able to hold the pre-bid meeting early on.

She is happy to announce that the campus entrance and visitor's center projects have both been completed. There is still some furniture that needs to be placed in the visitor's center. There will be a bronze plaque placed at the visitor's center which will have the names of the board members.

The next board meeting will be held in June. She is hoping to be able to hold a face to face meeting but if not, another teleconference will be held.

She would like to recognize Terry Chandler who will be retiring from the board.

At the May State Board Meeting, our new board member, Dennis Cobb, will be approved.

Barbara Cabaniss will be rolling off as chair of the board. However, she will continue to serve on the board. Rebecca Dally, who is currently vice chair, has agreed to be the new chair and Mayor Fred Perriman has agreed to be the new vice chair.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Chair Cabaniss asked board members if they had anything to report. Tom Denny thanked Chair Cabaniss for her service as chair. Judge Motley thanked everyone for doing an outstanding job. Rebecca Dally also thanked everyone and commented on how faculty and staff has shined during this difficult time. Chair Cabaniss thanked Dr. Daniel for sending the TCSG article to the board members regarding the face shields.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Chair Cabaniss adjourned the meeting with appropriate motion and second at 9:40 a.m.

Dr. Andrea Daniel, President
Rebecca Allen
Executive Assistant
April 21, 2020

Next scheduled Board Meeting: June (Date to be determined)

** Denotes action items that require a vote for approval by the local board.*