

Athens Technical College
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Athens, Georgia
January 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
Dr. Reginald Woods

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Jimmy Parker
Judge Lawton Stephens

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chair Barbara Cabaniss called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. welcoming everyone to the January board meeting. She welcomed Daniel Dobbins, who is with the Economic Development Authority in Elberton.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Jennifer Palmer introduced the 2020 Athens Technical College Rick Perkins Award Winner, Dana Buxton. Ms. Buxton is a General Education Online Learning English Instructor for the college. Ms. Buxton spoke to the board members on how technical education has affected her life.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Cabaniss called for approval of the November minutes. Rebecca Dally 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.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Kathryn Thomas presented Budget Amendments for the board's approval. There are three budget amendments this month, which include one reduction and two additions from TCSG. Ms. Thomas asked for approval of the budget amendments. Mayor Fred Perriman made a motion to approve and Judge Robert Motley seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The budget amendments were approved.

Ms. Thomas presented the financial report as of December 31, 2019.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Glenn Henry presented an update on Academic Affairs. Spring semester is off to a good start.

He is happy to announce that Paul Blackmon and Billy Moyers are now certified welding inspectors.

There is a new full time instructor for the Emerging Technologies Program.

There are two new full time instructors who have started in the Health Information Management Technology Program.

Our General Education Division is offering over 400 academic classes with 865 credit hours at the high schools and career academies in our service area.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Jennifer Benson gave the board an update on Student Affairs. Building H recently got new furniture, carpet and paint. She invited board members to come over and take a tour of the building.

Tomorrow at 2:00 pm they will hold a GOAL/Rick Perkins Award Reception in the auditorium.

Spring Fling will be March 26th on the Athens Campus. It will have a carnival theme.

Honor's Day will be held on April 10th at 10:00 am in the auditorium.

Graduation will be April 29th at 10:00 am at the Classic Center.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Drew Palmer gave the board an update on Economic Development. Al McCall is sick and cannot attend the meeting.

Driver's Education is currently taking place in Athens.

ManufactuREADY class begins today in Athens.

There will be a CNA orientation this week.

They are developing a program in accordance with Piedmont Athens Regional.

They are hoping to sign their first amatrol contract with Leggett & Platt this week worth \$15,000.

Forklift training is currently taking place on the Elbert County Campus.

Recently signed a contract with Terrapin for some training.

Will soon be participating in the annual chamber events in our service area.

ADULT EDUCATION

Marchelle Sandoval gave the board an update on Adult Education. Stephanie Benson is out sick and cannot attend the meeting today.

Three people registered for the High School Career Plus and started classes in January. Seventeen people are coming to the next registration on February 7th and they would like to begin mid-semester. She should be receiving marketing materials and press releases soon.

Their numbers are on track to meet measurable skills gain and enrollment benchmarks.

New welding class should begin at Whitworth on January 31st. Over 200 inmates are on the waiting list for this certification program.

Second welding to work class at Athens- Clarke Corrections has finished. GA Best and A1 has reached out to an instructor to find out when we can start. Athens-Clarke County wants to fund one class each quarter.

Judy Marable from Oconee County has been nominated as our Instructor of the Year. Special thanks to the IT Department for their help with the video.

CAREER ACADEMIES

James Price gave board members an update on Career Academies. We currently have 1,023 dual enrollment students this semester.

Athens Community Career Academy is currently searching for a new CEO. They have 54 applicants.

He met with Broad River Career Academy about offering some new programs including Early Childhood Care and Education and Welding.

He is scheduling a meeting with each career academy CEO to look at Fall and Spring schedules.

There are currently three apprentices. Two are at Certainteed and one is at Nibco.

Skills USA Career Fair will be held March 12th – 14th. He invited board members to come and see demonstrations from over 5,000 students. Our college chapter currently has 81 members and 28 competitors.

He will be leaving this afternoon for the Workforce Development Institute held in Florida.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Darius Johnson gave the board a cyber security update. He has been working with TCSG on a curriculum baseline, which has a deadline of January 31st. This will allow spam emails to be sent to employees to see if they click on the email.

TCSG recently hired a cyber security consultant.

COLLEGE UPDATE

Jen Welborn gave the board members an update on the Athens Tech Foundation. They have three new board members and a new executive committee that begins this year.

Last year the Athens Tech Foundation gave out \$71,000 in scholarships.

Taste of Athens will be held on May 3rd at Southern Brewing.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Daniel presented the President's Report. Dr. Daniel passed out information on a new board member, Dennis Cobb, which was recommended by Scott Hardigree to take his place from Hart County.

Dr. Daniel passed out a save the date flyer for the 2020 Leadership Conference that will be held in Savannah October 19th – 21st.

House Bill 444 is a new bill being introduced in regards to dual enrollment. The state no longer has enough funding for dual enrollment so this bill helps cut back on some of the costs. The bill will limit credit hours to thirty and will limit 10th graders to taking classes only at technical colleges. Funding for 9th graders will no longer take place. The bill will also require high schools to be responsible for advising students.

TCSG now has a new commissioner, Greg Dozier.

Barbering is now being offered on the Walton County Campus.

The college is looking at providing LED lighting in the parking lots on the Athens Campus at night. It was brought to her attention by students on how dark the parking lots are at night.

The college serves many government agencies including Georgia Department of Agriculture, DFACS, Department of Natural Resources and Georgia Post-Secondary Commission.

We are looking at expanding our partnership with Piedmont Athens Regional. She and Glenn Henry met with them last week. She thanked Glenn Henry for all of his hard work to make that meeting a success.

She found out that college employees will be required to do training on human sex trafficking.

The college had a 3% - 4% enrollment increase this semester.

Dr. Daniel welcomed Daniel Dobbins to the meeting.

The new Agriculture Science Building is coming along. Before the holidays, she and Kathryn Thomas met with Commissioner Arthur who approved for the project to proceed. Right now, the comment process is taking place before they begin with the construction bid process. She has been communicating with the Governor's Office about scheduling a groundbreaking ceremony.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Chair Cabaniss asked board members if they had anything to report. She thanked Jennifer Benson who provided some information she was needing in order to help someone. Chair Cabaniss also reported that she was happy to see one of our students, Sylvia Walker, recently while she was at Piedmont Athens Regional.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Chair Cabaniss adjourned the meeting with appropriate motion and second at 9:51 a.m.

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

Next scheduled Board Meeting: February 18, 2020

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