

# Athens Technical College

Board of Directors Meeting

WebEx Minutes

October 19, 2021

9:00 A.M.

## MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Kyle Brown  
Mrs. Barbara Cabaniss  
Mrs. Rebecca Dally  
Mr. Tom Denny  
Judge Robert Motley  
Mayor Fred Perriman  
Dr. Reginald Woods

## MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Steve Hollis  
Judge Lawton Stephens

## CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chair Rebecca Dally called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. welcoming everyone to the October board meeting.

## ROLL CALL

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

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Kathryn Thomas, Glenn Henry and Al McCall presented a PowerPoint presentation on New Building Projects. Ms. Thomas presented first on the new Agricultural Facility on the Elbert County Campus. The building was funded with the FY2019 budget with a total project cost of \$8,200,000. The facility, which consists of two buildings, is a total of 34,053 square feet. One building will contain labs/classrooms and the other building will be an arena for livestock shows. Construction began in July, 2020 with a material completion date of October, 2021. Classes will begin in January, 2022. The facility is named the "Tom McCall Agricultural Science Complex."

Mr. Henry presented on the programs that will be in the "Tom McCall Agricultural Science Complex." These programs include Conservation Law and Agricultural Science, which will consist of Poultry Science, Horticulture, Animal Science and Ag Mechanics Lab.

Ms. Thomas presented on the new Industrial Systems Technical Building, which will be on the Athens Campus. This building has a current budget of \$12,400,00 and will be 39,085 square feet. Design was started in early 2021 and we are hoping classes will start in the new building in Fall, 2023.

Mr. McCall presented on Economic Development, which will be housed in the new Industrial Systems Technical Building. This will be much needed space for his department, which will give them more office space and enable them to provide more training.

Mr. Henry presented on programs that will be housed in the new Industrial Systems Technical Building. This building will contain HVAC, Industrial Systems and Mechatronics. Included in this will be an area for students to work on duct work for HVAC and a tiny house which will allow students to train on how to install an HVAC system.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Dally called for approval of the September 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.

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Ms. Thomas presented the Financial Report as of September 30, 2021.

### **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Glenn Henry presented an update on Academic Affairs. The Fall minimester began on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Spring semester schedule has been built. Students began registering for Spring semester on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

He is working with the career academies for classes to be offered Spring semester.

### **STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Lenzy Reid gave the board an update on Student Affairs. They have been registering students for Spring semester.

On October 21<sup>st</sup> there will be an event on the Walton County Campus for Walton County Schools.

There will be career fairs held on November 9<sup>th</sup> for Greene County and Athens Community Career Academy.

There will be a career fair held on November 19<sup>th</sup> for Oconee County.

They recently had a Compliance audit for Financial Aid.

There was a Walton County ATSAC meeting held this month.

There will be a Graduation Fair on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Al McCall gave the board an update on Economic Development. They have been providing CPR and First Aid training to people including some internal training for Adult Education and Early Childhood Care and Education.

Hazmat training, which is provided through a grant from the Community Colleges of the Appalachia, is currently taking place

They have been working with Cedar Shoals on a transition program.

Driver's Education began last week.

ManufactuREADY program began last Monday.

There is currently a CNA class going on.

There will be a Forestry Forum on November 10<sup>th</sup> on the Elbert County Campus.

## **ADULT EDUCATION**

Stephanie Benson gave the board an update on Adult Education. Adult Education students now have new ways to get measurable skills game.

The food pantry and clothes closet was recently moved to the K Building so students will have better access to these items.

Adult Education is working with Economic Development on a Welding to Work Program at Whitworth's Women Facility.

## **COLLEGE UPDATES**

Josh Paine gave the board an update on the Athens Tech Foundation and Public Relations. Spring semester scholarships will open this week.

The rescue rollout will disburse this week.

The Athens Tech Foundation Board of Trustees will have their first in-person meeting on Thursday.

They are working on an internal campaign.

Georgia Power has contacted the Athens Tech Foundation about helping students. They gave us a \$10,000 grant, which will begin Spring semester. This grant will help provide students with supplies and materials.

He has been working on marketing for Adult Education. Will be doing some student success stories.

He is working with Cox to build a new page for an ad campaign.

He is working on an overview brochure for academic programs.

He is starting a new podcast to help reach more people.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Daniel presented the President's Report. She had a productive meeting about the Athens Community Career Academy yesterday.

Congratulations to the board who will be recognized again this year as a 100% certified board.

The college is working on a partnership with Georgia Center for E-Mobility. This partnership will include UGA, Gwinnett Technical College and Lanier Technical College. They will be submitting a proposal on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

She and some others from the college will be attending the SACSCOC virtual conference in December. She will also be attending a SACSCOC board of trustees virtual meeting.

She recently chaired a SACSCOC on-site reaffirmation committee visit in Meridian, Mississippi.

She congratulated Octavius Davis, Lenzy Reid, and Kathryn Thomas on the recent Hope audit. There was only one finding that pertained to a home schooled student. That issue has since been taken care of.

She is happy with the progress of the two new buildings.

She submitted a new \$15,000,000 renovation project at the Walton County Campus. The Commissioner visited the campus recently.

Working on getting the land accepted by the State Properties Commission for the Social Circle property.

Thanked Lenzy Reid for all of his hard work on enrollment. Enrollment is everyone's job at the college but Mr. Reid has really focused hard on it.

Thanked Glenn Henry for working with programs and partnerships and work on getting a more robust Summer semester schedule in place.

Thanked Kathryn Thomas for her work on projects and buildings.

Thanked Stephane Benson for work with Institutional Effectiveness and strategic goals and objectives.

Thanked Al McCall for his work with companies and establishing important partnerships.

Thanked Josh Paine for his work with our marketing and getting the word out on social media.

Thanked Oconee County Schools and the work with dual enrollment students.

Dr. Daniel showed a photo of her presenting a student with her diploma at the Washington Wilkes Center. The student did not receive her diploma twenty-one years ago. She thanked Kyle Brown for letting her know about this student.

### **CLOSING COMMENTS**

Chair Dally asked board members if they had anything to report. Kyle Brown thanked Dr. Daniel for presenting the student with her diploma.

Chair Dally informed the board that she is expecting her fourth grandbaby soon. It's a baby boy.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, Chair Dally adjourned the meeting with appropriate motion and second at 9:50 a.m.

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Dr. Andrea Daniel, President  
Rebecca Allen  
Executive Assistant  
October 19, 2021

*Next scheduled Board Meeting: November 16, 2021*

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