

Athens Technical College

Board of Directors Meeting

WebEx Minutes

September 21, 2021

9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Judge Robert Motley

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

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

ROLL CALL

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Stephanie Benson, Vice President for Adult Education, presented a PowerPoint presentation on Adult Education Flexible Options. Athens Technical College provides free classes and programs across our eleven county service area. Some of these classes and programs include Adult Secondary Education, Adult Education Basic Education, English Language, Employability Skills, and Job Training. We want to offer enough options to students so they can reach their career goals.

There are several High School Equivalency Options for students, which include the GED Test, HSET Exam, and Career Plus HSE. We want students to begin with the end in mind. We have conducted a Comprehensive Labor Market Analysis (EMSI) to help meet the local labor market demand. Adult Education partners with Student Affairs to provide Optimal Resume to connect students with employers.

We have some college partnerships, which include Backpack Bridge, College for a Day, and community service and outreach activities. We help our students with items like community connections, business partnerships, apprenticeships, the Phoenix Project with the Department of Corrections and UGA, Athens Tech Foundation scholarships that cover the costs of tests, bus passes that are donated, a professional clothes closet, and a food pantry.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Dally called for approval of the August minutes. Judge Lawton Stephens made a motion to approve the minutes and Barbara Cabaniss seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The minutes were approved.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Kathryn Thomas presented the Budget Amendments. There are three budget amendments which include MR&R Funds, Adult Education Funds, and CARES Funds. Ms. Thomas asked for approval of the Budget Amendments. Mayor Fred Perriman made a motion to approve and Tom Denny seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The Budget Amendments were approved.

Ms. Thomas presented the Financial Report as of August 31, 2021.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Glenn Henry presented an update on Academic Affairs. We are continuing to work on the last eight weeks of Fall semester.

He has been working on building Spring semester.

Clinical sites for students have been shutting down due to COVID. We are working to get students their clinicals through simulation.

Students have been doing very well on national exams. UGA EMT class, Paramedic class, and Veterinary Technology class all passed their exams with 100% pass rate.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Lenzy Reid gave the board an update on Student Affairs. It has been a good start to Fall semester.

We have 4,046 students currently enrolled for Fall semester. We are down a little bit from last Fall semester due to COVID and employers being short staffed and not able to allow their employees time to go to class.

There are currently 812 dual enrollment students for Fall semester.

There was a whiffle ball contest last week between students and faculty and staff.

We are happy to provide a Shampoo TCC class at the Greene County Campus. There are twenty-five students enrolled.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Al McCall gave the board an update on Economic Development. They have a ManufactuREADY class starting on October 4th.

CNA class will begin next week. The clinicals will probably have to be provided through simulation.

ServeSafe classes are taking place every first and third Thursday of the month.

They recently provided some Six Sigma training for Athens-Clarke County.

The Forestry Forum will be taking place soon on the Elbert County Campus. In the past, the training took place in White Plains, Georgia. Foresters and loggers are provided continuing education classes. Approximately seventy companies participate in the training.

Driver's Education is currently taking place. The classroom part is still being provided virtually while the driving part is in person.

They provided Blackboard crossover for pest control.

They provided some forklift training for Hitachi.

ADULT EDUCATION

Stephanie Benson gave the board an update on Adult Education. Board members will be receiving a Mission and Vision survey to complete. This survey was also provided to employees.

She thanked Josh Paine for his assistance with some Adult Education videos.

They have partnered with Savannah Technical College on a grant. We will be receiving some virtual headsets for students to be able to participate in a virtual environment.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Josh Paine gave the board an update on the Athens Tech Foundation. There will be a fundraiser on October 3rd at the Southern Brewing Company. The Foundation will be having a corn hole tournament. So far, they have raised \$9,000 for the fundraiser.

He will be doing some scholarship testimonials from students. They will be able to share how their scholarship has helped them with their education.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Daniel presented the President's Report. We had a good TCSG State Board visit earlier in the month. She would like to thank her team for all of their hard work on the visit. State Board members were able to tour the new UGA Athletic Facility as well as see a 1967 Mustang that belonged to one of our Automotive students.

She will be rolling out a COVID Incentive Plan soon which has been approved by TCSG. Employees who provide proof that they are vaccinated will receive a \$100 stipend in their paycheck. Students who provide proof that they are vaccinated will receive a \$100 Zaxby's gift card. There will also be ten drawings for employees and students to receive a \$100 Zaxby's gift card. A grand prize drawing of \$1,000 will also be available for employees and students.

There will be a flu vaccine clinic on campus October 1st.

Coach Vince Dooley has agreed to be our guest speaker for graduation next year.

She will be chairing a SACSCOC Reaffirmation Committee Visit in Meridian Mississippi the first week in October.

She along with Becky Allen and two board members will be attending the TCSG Leadership Conference in Savannah at the end of October.

Board members should have received an Athens Technical College picnic blanket in the mail. If for some reason you did not receive one, please let Becky Allen know and she will get one to you.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Chair Dally asked board members if they had anything to report. Kyle Brown thanked Becky Allen, April Hitchcock-Watson, Al McCall, Tina Bone and Barbara Davis for all of their hard work helping him get a student enrolled in classes for Fall semester.

Mayor Fred Perriman thanked Chair Dally for serving the board. He thanked Dr. Daniel and her team for everything they do. He also thanked the board members for serving on the board. He is happy to announce that he has been elected to serve as Mayor another four years in Madison, Georgia.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Chair Dally adjourned the meeting with appropriate motion and second at 9:45 a.m.

Dr. Andrea Daniel, President
Rebecca Allen
Executive Assistant
September 21, 2021

Next scheduled Board Meeting: October 19, 2021

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