

Athens Technical College
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2023
9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Rebecca Dally
Mr. Tom Denny
Mr. Steve Hollis
Mayor Fred Perriman
Mrs. Ruth Tellano-Daniel
Judge Lawton Stephens
Dr. Reginald Woods

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Kyle Brown
Judge Robert Motley

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Lenzy Reid introduced the 2023 Athens Technical College GOAL Winner Jess Chavers. Ms. Chavers is in the Radiography Program and was nominated by her instructor Amanda Stanley. Ms. Chavers presented her GOAL speech to the board members.

Josh Paine introduced the 2023 Athens Technical College Rick Perkins Award Winner Dr. Andraa Perrin. Dr. Perrin is the Program Chair for the ASN Program. She was nominated by her students. Dr. Perrin gave her Rick Perkins speech to the board members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Dally called for approval of the January 2023 minutes. Mayor Fred Perriman made a motion to approve the minutes and Dr. Reginald Woods 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 two budget amendments this month, which include Truist Grant funds and equipment funds for the Industrial Building. Ms. Thomas asked for approval of the budget amendments. Steve Hollis made a motion to approve and Tom Denny seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The budget amendments were approved.

Kathryn Thomas presented the Financial Report as of January 31, 2023.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Dr. Kristen Douglas presented some action items to the board for approval. The first is a termination request for the Healthcare Access Representative Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC). This TCC is a credential in the Health Information Management Technology Program. The enrollment has declined in the last year with only 2-3 students taking the offered courses. The program director, faculty, and program advisory committee have recommended the termination and teach out of this TCC due to the extremely low enrollment.

The next two requests are for new programs at the Walton County Campus. They consist of Gas Metal Arc Welding TCC and Gas Tungsten Arc Welding TCC. These would like to be offered starting Fall semester 2023 to help meet the workforce needs in the Walton area. Courses will be offered using the mobile welding trailer and a plan will be developed for the development of a permanent Welding Program space at the Walton County Campus.

The last request is for a new program at the Athens Community Career Academy (ACCA). This would be for a Pre-Nursing TCC. ACCA has requested this TCC as a dual enrollment pathway starting Fall semester 2023. This TCC will be comprised of general education courses that are already offered at ACCA and will attract more students that want to pursue a health related field.

Dr. Douglas asked for approval to terminate the Healthcare Access Representative TCC and to approve the Gas Metal Arc Welding TCC, Gas Tungsten Arc Welding TCC and Pre-Nursing TCC. Judge Lawton Stephens made a motion to approve and Mayor Fred Perriman seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The Healthcare Access Representative TCC was approved for termination and the Gas Metal Arc Welding TCC, Gas Tungsten Arc Welding TCC, and Pre-Nursing TCC were approved to begin.

Dr. Douglas passed out copies of the Strategic Plan to board members and discussed the information. There are five goals included in the plan, which include strategic enrollment, workforce development, internal/external marketing and communication, sustainability of resources, and technology enhancement. These goals are for the next five years and align perfectly with TCSG's strategic plan.

She will be uploading the SACSCOC reaffirmation report on Monday.

Perkins accreditation information is due next week.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Lenzy Reid gave the board an update on Student Affairs. The Athens Technical College Police Department is finalizing the hiring of a new Police Lieutenant. They are also working on updating the college's emergency plans.

Mr. Reid congratulated Ashton Dooley, Director of Student Activities, on his hard work with Skills USA. Last year we had 216 members and this year we have 254 members with 33 students participating in competition.

He presented a PowerPoint presentation with some images from Spring semester welcome week, GOAL, Rick Perkins and EAGLE announcement ceremony.

There was a blood drive held on January 24th.

The graduation expo took place on January 26th. So far, 564 students have applied for graduation.

The GOAL/Rick Perkins State Competition will be held April 23rd – 27th in Atlanta.

Spring Fling on the Walton Campus will be March 14th and will be held on the Athens Campus March 30th.

Honor's Day will be April 11th in the auditorium.

Graduation will be May 4th at 1:30 pm at the Classic Center.

We will be offering free applications March 20th – 31st.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Al McCall gave an update on Economic Development. His office staff have been attending local chamber annual meetings.

There is an in-person driver's education class taking place right now.

They have been providing CPR training to CNA students and students in the Early Childhood Care and Education Program.

CNA currently has eight students in the class.

They have been providing OSHA 10 and Serve Safe classes to Whitworth Women's Facility in Hart County. They just received approval to also provide a welding class using the mobile lab.

Open enrollment for basic forklift training is taking place every month.

They have nine candidates for the CNA class for Summer and Fall.

We recently hosted a dairy cow show in the new arena on the Elbert County Campus. There were around 68 cows in the show.

ADULT EDUCATION

Fabersha Flynt gave the board an update on Adult Education. She thanked Dr. Daniel and the Leadership Team for all their support in being nominated a Pat Tillman Scholar and while she participated in the coin toss at the Super Bowl.

They have awarded 65 GEDs so far this year. They have a target of 85 GEDs.

They have 30 students who are only missing Math to be able to complete the GEDs. They are working on helping those students get the last section completed.

Their enrollment numbers are picking up.

She is still looking for an instructor for Greene County.

Our EAGLE student and Adult Education Instructor will be recognized in Atlanta next week.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Josh Paine provided an update on the Athens Tech Foundation and Public Relations. The Athens Tech Foundation began in February 1988. To celebrate its 35th Anniversary they will be having a celebration on April 20th at the Georgia Club. They have sold fifteen tables for the event so far.

The Foundation is processing scholarships. Summer scholarships open next month.

The Foundation has received some In-Kind Donations recently for some of our programs.

He followed up with Cox Next regarding our recent campaign and there were 1,300 submissions tracked through marketing.

He is working on promoting free application week.

The GOAL/Rick Perkins Region competition is on Thursday at Lanier Technical College.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Daniel presented the President's Report. She thanked Mayor Fred Perriman for his help getting an article in the Madison newspaper about the college.

She thanked everyone for their hard work on the SACSCOC compliance documents.

On February 28th, Chris Carr, Attorney General, will be on campus for an Anti-Gang Commission Meeting and forum.

She congratulated Fabersha Flynt on being a Pat Tillman Scholar and participating in the coin toss at the Super Bowl.

We had a great Topping Out Ceremony for our new Industrial Systems Technology Building yesterday afternoon. She thanked Tom Denny and Dr. Reginald Woods for attending the event.

We will be having the naming and dedication of the new Agricultural Building on the Elbert County Campus on March 31st at 11:00 am.

She discussed the Governor's proposed budget. It includes a \$9 million cut to TCSG. We will also take another \$9 million cut to pay for the \$2,000 pay raises employees are getting. She has been speaking to our local legislators and the TCSG Commissioner about the cut. She will be asking for square footage money to help compensate for the cut.

We have four board members who will be rolling off the board at the end of the fiscal year. Their last meeting will be in April. The board members are Rebecca Dally, Steve Hollis, Judge Lawton Stephens, and Judge Robert Motley. She has been working on some replacements for these board members and will be presenting some information regarding the replacements to the board soon. The board will also need to elect a new chair and vice chair.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Chair Dally asked board members if they had anything to comment. Dr. Reginald Woods spoke about the strategic plan and how good it looked.

Chair Dally read the college's mission statement.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Chair Dally adjourned the meeting with appropriate motion and second at 10:10 a.m.

Dr. Andrea Daniel, President
Rebecca Allen
Executive Assistant
February 21, 2023

Next scheduled Board Meeting: March 21, 2023

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