

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Kyle Brown
Mrs. Rebecca Dally
Mr. Tom Denny
Mr. Steve Hollis
Mayor Fred Perriman
Mrs. Ruth Tellano-Daniel
Dr. Reginald Woods

MEMBERS ABSENT

Judge Robert Motley
Judge Lawton Stephens

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chair Rebecca Dally called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. welcoming everyone to the March board meeting. Chair Dally began the meeting by reading the college's mission statement.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Ashton Dooley introduced the 2023 Skills USA winners. The students did an outstanding job and brought home nine medals this year including two gold medals. The two students who won gold medals will go on to compete in the national competition in Atlanta.

Marchelle Sandoval introduced the 2023 EAGLE Winner Shelby Long. Ms. Long has been an Adult Education student since 2019. She has earned two Technical Certificates of Credit (TCCs) while working on her GED. Ms. Long spoke to the board members about herself and how Athens Technical College has changed her life.

Marchelle Sandoval introduced the 2023 Athens Technical College Adult Education Instructor of the Year Katina Tate. Ms. Tate began teaching part-time and later went on to be a full-time Adult Education instructor in 2019. She teaches in Elbert, Madison and Hart Counties. Ms. Tate spoke to the board members about teaching at Athens Technical College.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Dally called for approval of the February 2023 minutes. Mayor Fred Perriman made a motion to approve the minutes and Steve Hollis 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 an addition of Perkins Carryover funds and a reduction in Dual Achievement funds. Ms. Thomas asked for approval of the budget amendments. Tom Denny

made a motion to approve and Dr. Reginald Woods seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The budget amendments were approved.

Kathryn Thomas presented the Financial Report as of February 28, 2023.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Dr. Kristen Douglas presented an update on Academic Affairs. They have been preparing for a self-study visit for the Health Information Management Technology (HIMT) Program this week. The visit will be virtual.

The FY2024 academic calendar has been finalized and is now available on our website.

They have partnered with Walton County School System to provide the mobile welding lab at the Walton County Campus next year so dual achieve students can take welding classes.

They are planning an event for the leadership team to meet and go over the strategic plan. We need to come up with a plan to execute the goals that are listed in the strategic plan.

The SACSCOC Reaffirmation report was submitted on March 1st. We are waiting for their response. The on-site visit will be October 9th – 12th.

A QEP proposal has been prepared and presented by Missy Lockhart, Director of Online Learning. A steering committee is being developed to go over the proposal.

We have partnered with Southern Crescent Technical College on a Lowe's grant.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Lenzy Reid gave the board an update on Student Affairs. The Athens Technical College Police Department has hired a new lieutenant. They are working with the Information Technology Department on a contract for a new mass notification system for the college.

He congratulated Ashton Dooley on his work with Skills USA.

The Walton County Campus Spring Fling was March 14th and the Greene Campus Spring Fling was March 15th.

Mr. Reid announced some upcoming events:

- March 23rd – Blood drive on the Athens Campus
- March 27th – Elbert County Campus Spring Fling and Program Expo
- March 30th – Athens Campus Spring Fling
- April 11th – Honor's Day at 11:00 am in the auditorium

- May 4th – Graduation at 1:30 pm at the Classic Center
- May 5th – GED Graduation at 10:00 am in the auditorium

A new Assistant Director of Registration and Records has been hired.

Pell has increased for students from \$6,895 to \$7,395.

They will be attending a recruiting event at Rock Eagle.

Our counselors are still working hard to help students who are dealing with issues.

IT is working on upgrading some of our technology.

Mr. Reid presented a PowerPoint presentation of some photos of Student Affairs events.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Al McCall gave an update on Economic Development. They are continuing to provide CPR training to the Early Childhood Care & Education Program.

The March driver's education class began yesterday.

They are having open enrollment for forklift and OSHA 10 training.

They are providing aggregate testing for the Department of Transportation.

Marcus Weatherby from TCSG will be doing an apprenticeship presentation at the Department of Labor on March 29th.

They are providing Hazmat training for Kubota.

The Welding Program started last week at Whitworth Women's Facility in Hartwell. They have also provided OSHA 10 and Serve Safe classes for them.

They are doing a CPR class for Coca Cola.

The Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Tom McCall Agriscience Building on the Elbert County Campus will be March 31st.

ADULT EDUCATION

No update was given for Adult Education. Fabersha Flynt was involved in a car accident this morning and could not be at the meeting.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Josh Paine provided an update on the Athens Tech Foundation and Public Relations. The Athens Tech Foundation 35th Anniversary event will be April 20th. The event is sold out. He will be doing filming on Thursday for the event.

They are working on the annual report.

He has been doing some promotion for the Program Expo on the Elbert County Campus and for free application week.

He will be conducting a student survey regarding media preferences.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Daniel presented the President's Report. Next month is the last board meeting for four of our board members who will be rolling off the board after having served their terms. These board members include Rebecca Dally, Steve Hollis, Judge Robert Motley and Judge Lawton Stephens. She has met with three new board members and would like to present them to the board for recommendation. They include Judge Cheveda McCamy, Phil Bettendorf, Jr. and Mike Sale. Chair Dally called for approval of the new board member recommendations. Kyle Brown made a motion to approve and Steve Hollis seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The three new board members were approved.

It is also time to approve a new board chair and vice chair for FY2024. The nominating committee has recommended Mayor Fred Perriman for chair and Dr. Reginald Woods for vice chair. She has been in contact with both board members and they have agreed to serve as chair and vice chair. Chair Dally called for approval of the new board chair and vice chair for FY2024. Ruth Tellano-Daniel made a motion to approve and Kyle Brown seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The new board chair and vice chair were approved.

She thanked board members for contacting their local legislators regarding the budget. She has spoken to some of the leadership in the House and \$8.2 million was put back into the budget. They have also increased the amount we can charge for CDL and additional funding was put back in the budget for the Nursing Program and Aviation Program, which we do not have. The House has approved the budget and it is now waiting for the Senate to approve.

She invited everyone to the Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Tom McCall Agriscience Building on the Elbert County Campus on March 31st. Governor Deal will be attending the event.

She is proud of our Skills USA students and instructors who have worked so hard. She thanked Ashton Dooley for all of his hard work as well.

Dr. Flora Tydings was recognized as Tennessee's Woman of the Year by USA Today.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Chair Dally asked board members if they had anything to comment. Tom Denny thanked Chair Dally for her service on the board and for serving as chair. He also thanked the other three board members who are rolling off the board for their service.

Chair Dally asked that board members please keep her assistant, Lisa, in their prayers as she prepares to have surgery for a tumor pushing on her brain.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Chair Dally adjourned the meeting with appropriate motion and second at 10:00 a.m.

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

Next scheduled Board Meeting: April 18, 2023

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