

Athens Technical College
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2023
9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Kyle Brown
Judge Cheveda McCamy
Mayor Fred Perriman
Mr. Mike Sale
Mrs. Ruth Tellano-Daniel
Dr. Reginald Woods

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Phil Bettendorf
Mr. Tom Denny

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chair Fred Perriman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. welcoming everyone to the November board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Perriman called for approval of the October 2023 minutes. Judge Cheveda McCamy made a motion to approve the minutes and Ruth Tellano-Daniel seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The minutes were approved.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

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

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS/INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Stuart Frew presented an update on Academic Affairs and Institutional Effectiveness. Dr. Kristen Douglas had knee surgery and could not be at the meeting today.

The Paralegal Program will have an accreditation visit by the American Bar Association in January 2024.

Some staff recently attended the annual Cognia conference. Cognia is the accrediting body for high school credentials.

They are working with Rivian on a technical trade program. It concentrates on a Precision Machine apprenticeship for Athens Technical College. Two other technical colleges, Southern Crescent and Georgia Piedmont, will offer the Industrial Systems apprenticeship. The information session on November 7th at the Walton County Campus was well attended. The next virtual information session will be November 14th at 6:00 pm. Our first class cohort will be in January 2024.

They are planning to hold a second faculty forum next year.

We are excited to offer more courses through e-Campus.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Lenzy Reid gave the board an update on Student Affairs. Enrollment for Fall semester increased by 8.9%. Our goal for Spring semester 2024 is 3,428 students. So far, we have 2,317 students registered.

Financial Aid is working with VA students with third party contracts to get them enrolled. They are also working on processing Pell for students.

Information Technology is working hard on security measures at the college.

Athens Technical College Police Department is working on completing mandatory training.

Mr. Reid presented a PowerPoint presentation with photos from events that recently occurred at the college. We had a Fall Festival with over seventy vendors. We celebrated Veteran's Day which included a student being sworn in by the National Guard. We also held a Fall Leadership Conference.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Al McCall gave an update on Economic Development. They recently provided some OSHA training at Whitworth Women's Facility in Hartwell. They have some additional OSHA training with them scheduled in December.

Rivian recently held a recruitment event with 85 participants. There will be Ramsay testing for the participants. Ramsay testing is a type of aptitude test.

They provided a forklift open enrollment.

The October driver's education class is finishing up. The next class will begin in January.

They had a forestry forum recently on the Elbert County Campus.

They have provided some first aid training to the Early Childhood Care and Education Program.

They will be providing their first training for Bubba Burgers.

ADULT EDUCATION

Fabersha Flynt suffered a stroke and cannot be at the meeting today. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. There will be no report for Adult Education today.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Dr. Daniel provided an update on the Athens Tech Foundation and Public Relations. Josh Paine is at a conference and could not be at the meeting today. Ruth Tellano-Daniel has been assisting with Advancement as an internship credit this semester through the Athens Tech Foundation. She is currently enrolled in the Masters of Nonprofit Management Program at UGA. Thanks to her help, she raised over \$5,500 for the new Jack Edmunds Nursing Scholarship. She has also assisted with other initiatives and a grant application.

Local donors have started a new ATC Dental Clinic fund which pays for patients dental hygiene care. We have already assisted over a dozen individuals with care through the fund this semester.

Our faculty/staff Give a Hoot Campaign has been a huge success, topping the last two years. We are still finalizing total amounts and donors.

We just finished a new podcast episode about the Interior Design Program that is about to be released this week.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Daniel presented the President's Report. Our SACSCOC report came yesterday. There were no recommendations or findings from our visit in October. It will now go before the SACSCOC board for a vote. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on the visit.

She is pleased with the work we are doing with Rivian. We are working with them to hire ten students for Precision Machine. They are all signed up for Ramsay testing. Rivian will be in operation in 2026.

The Leadership Conference in Savannah went well. Thank you to the board members who attended. We received our 100% Certification Award and the Athens Tech Foundation received its Role Model Board Award. She presented Judge Cheveda McCamy and Mike Sale with their certificates for obtaining their board certification. Phil Bettendorf could not be at the meeting today but we will get him his certificate.

She recognized Carol Stanley who will be retiring in December. Ms. Stanley spoke about her career at the college.

Dr. Daniel presented board members with their ATC holiday ornament.

She passed out an invitation to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Industrial Systems Technology Building on December 15th at 10:00 am.

Instead of a special presentation at the beginning of the meeting today, we have vans available to take board members to the new Industrial Systems Technology Building for a tour.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Chair Perriman asked if anyone had anything to share. No one had anything to share at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Dr. Andrea Daniel, President
Rebecca Allen
Executive Assistant
November 14, 2023

Next scheduled Board Meeting: January 16, 2024

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