

Athens Technical College
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2025
9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Philip Bettendorf
Mr. Kyle Brown
Mr. Tom Denny
Mr. Tony Ferguson
Judge Cheveda McCamy
Jean Mullis
Mr. Mike Sale
Mrs. Ruth Tellano-Daniel
Dr. Reginald Woods

MEMBERS ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chair Dr. Reginald Woods called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. welcoming everyone to the August board meeting.

SWEARING IN NEW BOARD MEMBER JEAN MULLIS

Judge Cheveda McCamy swore in new board member Jean Mullis who is with Jackson EMC in Madison County. Photos were taken of the swearing in.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Lenzy Reid presented one of our Skills USA winners, Andrew Marshall and his advisor, Jamie Bruce. Mr. Marshall spoke about participating in the quiz bowl at the Skills USA State competition. He won a gold medal and went on to the national competition where he won a bronze medal. Mr. Bruce spoke about how proud he is of his students.

Dr. Andrea Daniel presented a PowerPoint presentation on College Metrics for FY2025. Enrollment for AY2025, which is still in progress, is at 5,971 students. The majority of our students are under 25 years of age. When she started working at Athens Technical College 29 years ago the majority of students were over 35 years of age.

We warranty all of our students which means we will retrain them at no cost to the student or company if the student is not trained as they should be. In the last nine years, we have retrained only three students.

Our job placement rate for AY2024 was 99.7%. We had 2,589 graduates for AY2024.

She congratulated Al McCall and his team for all of their hard work in AY2024. They contracted with 364 companies which sets a new record.

The Walton County Campus renovation project is moving along. The project, which includes two phases, is a \$15.725 million project. They have been meeting every two weeks regarding the project. This is a much-needed renovation to the Walton County Campus as items are breaking all the time. Today another pipe burst which they are working to get repaired.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Woods called for approval of the April 2025 minutes. Mike Sale made a motion to approve the minutes and Phil Bettendorf seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The minutes were approved.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Kathryn Thomas presented the FY2026 Annual Operating Budget which totals \$38,700,880.00. Ms. Thomas asked for approval of the FY2026 Annual Operating Budget. Phil Bettendorf made a motion to approve and Judge Cheveda McCamy seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The FY2026 Annual Operating Budget was approved.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS/INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Dr. Kristen Douglas presented an update on Academic Affairs and Institutional Effectiveness. Dr. Douglas presented a new program request for Accelerated Phlebotomy Technician Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC). This TCC will be a part of our Phlebotomy Technician Program and will provide students with a shorter program option. It will also be an IET pathway for our Adult Education students.

Dr. Douglas asked for approval of the Accelerated Phlebotomy Technician TCC. Tony Ferguson made a motion to approve and Phil Bettendorf seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The Accelerated Phlebotomy Technical TCC was approved.

Dr. Douglas presented a termination request for the Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management Program. We would like to terminate this program and add a hospitality specialization under the Business Management Program. This specialization is also an active TCC that we will retain as a program offering. All students currently in this program will go through a teach-out period.

Dr. Douglas asked for approval to terminate the Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management Program. Phil Bettendorf made a motion to approve and Mike Sale seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management Program was terminated.

She introduced Betty Watts who is serving as an Interim Dean. Ms. Watts is the Program Chair for the Social Work Assistant Program and has been with the college for 17 years.

eCampus is doing very well. We are partnering with other colleges to offer several speech classes. eCampus will be changing its name to Gold.

We had our college wide meeting and faculty forum on Friday. Dr. Mark Taylor was our guest speaker for both events. She will begin offering different faculty forums each Friday.

We will have a Perkins Internal Control Review in November.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Lenzy Reid gave the board an update on Student Affairs. This is the second day of Fall semester. Enrollment for Fall semester is 4,425 so far.

They have been working on purging students for non-payment.

Last year they provided 60 tours and had visits from 2,125 students.

Target X helps us track students. For example, we received 10,400 applications last year. Of those applications, 3,600 were male students and 6,800 were female students.

We have hosted 382 soldiers for their ASVAB test. Of those soldiers, sixteen of them have enrolled at the college.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Al McCall presented an update on Economic Development. He thanked Dr. Daniel for congratulating him and his team on their success with training companies. He has a great team.

They are continuing to provide a variety of training including forklift, OSHA 10, OSHA 30, CPR, and Serve Safe.

They contracted with 351 companies for FY2025 which was down slightly from 364 companies in FY2024. They are up 5% in revenue and in training hours. They have trained about the same number of people in FY2025 and FY2024.

ADULT EDUCATION

Dr. Fabersha Flynt presented an update on Adult Education. They are focusing on retention and IETs. They are working with Economic Development on some IETs including forklift, OSHA 10 and Serve Safe.

They are working hard to get students into the workforce which is a big initiative with the State.

We met our goal for high school equivalency. Our goal last year was 125 and we had 131. We also had one of our test centers named number one in the State last year. We had a goal of 235 tests and we provided 268 tests. We have been offering some testing on Saturdays which has helped students.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Antoine Boynton presented an update on Public Relations and the Athens Tech Foundation. We are hoping to have the vacant Receptionist position filled in the President's Office. This person will also be working in Public Relations.

He has signed agreements for radio and printed ads so everyone will start seeing them soon. He is promoting enrollment, Economic Development, as well services provided by our Dental and Cosmetology Programs.

He is working with Ingenious, who is our website host, on target ads as well as getting our website ADA compliant. We have a deadline of April, 2026 to be ADA compliant.

There will be final interviews on Thursday for the vacant Institutional Advancement position.

Athens Tech Foundation scholarships closed for Fall semester. There were 50 new recipients which is a 32% increase. Total scholarship awards were \$68,783. Spring scholarships will open soon.

The 2026 Illuminate Gala will be April 2, 2026 at the Classic Center.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Andrea Daniel presented the President's Report. Chancellor Sonny Perdue attended the recent President's Council in Athens. He and Commissioner Dozier signed a Nursing articulation agreement.

TCSG recently celebrated all technical college's police departments who became certified. She thanked Chief Gaissert for all of his hard work.

She passed around a scrapbook that Nick Rucker created of his journey as a TCSG GOAL winner.

She informed board members that she will miss the September board meeting. She has to attend President's Council in Jekyll Island. She may also miss the October board meeting if she has to attend the Governor's Workforce Summit in Atlanta.

Chair Woods is traveling out of the country for ten days. She wished him safe travels.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Chair Woods asked if any board members had anything to report. Ruth Tellano-Daniel asked Dr. Daniel about the article she recently saw that was pushing for instructors to be back on campus. Dr. Daniel explained that the article was directed toward USG instructors and not TCSG instructors.

Ruth Tellano-Daniel also mentioned that UGA will soon be offering a Nursing Program. She also thanked Becky Allen for getting her copies of the graduation programs. One of the graduates in the program is a friend of hers and she is very proud that she was able to overcome her struggles to graduate from college.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Dr. Andrea Daniel, President
Rebecca Allen
Executive Assistant
August 19, 2025

Next scheduled Board Meeting: September 16, 2025

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