

Athens Technical College
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2025
9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Philip Bettendorf
Mr. Kyle Brown
Mr. Tom Denny
Mr. Tony Ferguson
Judge Cheveda McCamy
Ms. Jean Mullis
Mr. Mike Sale
Dr. Reginald Woods

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Ruth Tellano-Daniel

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Scott Anderson presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Walton Campus Renovation and Welding Building addition. The renovation project is moving along. They are looking at the different finishes for the main building on the campus. The building was an old school and has various wings which will be renovated. There will be a new front constructed on the building which will look more collegiate.

They were going to turn the field house into a welding building; however, it is more cost effective to build a new welding building. The new building will be around 6,300 square feet and include a tool bay, welding booths, utility rooms, classrooms, offices, restrooms and lockers. The field house will be used for storage instead.

They are looking at different lighting in the building which will be a big part of the project. We want it to be inviting for students. Another big part of the project will be renovation of the restrooms that were built in the 1960s. The plumbing is failing and causing major leaks and issues.

They are hoping to break ground sometime in March or April. The project will take around fourteen to sixteen months to complete. With the renovations we are hoping to increase enrollment at that campus.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Woods called for approval of the August 2025 minutes. Tony Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes and Judge Cheveda McCamy 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 August 31, 2025

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS/INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Dean Shawana Stanford presented an update on Academic Affairs and Institutional Effectiveness. Dr. Kristen Douglas is at a SACSCOC committee visit in West Virginia and could not be here.

Ms. Stanford presented a new program request for Emergency Medical Technician Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC). This TCC will prepare students to provide basic emergency medical care and transportation for critical/emergent patients who access the emergency medical system. It will also prepare students to take the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians EMT certification exam and apply for a Georgia licensure as an EMT.

Ms. Stanford asked the board for approval of the Emergency Medical Technician TCC. Phil Bettendorf made a motion to approve and Tom Denny seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The Emergency Medical Technician TCC was approved.

Dr. Andraa Perrin is serving as our Interim Dean for Life Sciences. Stuart Frew left the college for another opportunity. Dr. Perrin is the Program Chair for Nursing and has been at the college for 25 years.

The college is starting a campaign to help attract new students. It is called "Fast Track for Fall Semester Campaign". This will allow new students to begin taking certain courses in October. Current students can take the courses as well.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Lenzy Reid gave the board an update on Student Affairs. He presented a PowerPoint presentation on Application Data for AY2025. As Dean Stanford mentioned, we are working on getting new students with our fast track campaign. This will include both diploma and degree courses.

Fall semester enrollment is up 2% from last Fall.

Last year we had over 10,000 applications. In looking at some of the numbers, we had 2,300 new applications, 1,400 transferred applications, 1,200 dual enrollment applications and 1,900 returning student applications. Our top programs include Early College Essentials and Nursing.

Last year we had 3,564 male students and 6,823 female students. We now use Target X to help track students.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Al McCall presented an update on Economic Development. So far this year, they have partnered with 79 companies. Last year they partnered with a total of 350 companies.

They provided OSHA 30 training to Waste Eliminator in Gainesville.

Several companies have asked for forklift training including the EPA and UGA Vet School.

They have a new program called Manufacturing Foundation which is similar to the former program called ManufactuREADY. This is a six-week bootcamp for companies that will provide all the basic training a company might need including forklift, OSHA, Serve Safe, etc.

They are working with Kelly Products to provide them with a multi-year company strategy.

Oconee County Government asked for some leadership training.

They provided forklift stand up training to Benson Bakery.

The forestry forum is coming up in November.

ADULT EDUCATION

Dr. Fabersha Flynt presented an update on Adult Education. The metrics and targets for the State have not been set yet. However, Dr. Cayanna Good at TCSG has set a goal of 9,000 GEDs for FY2026. We have over 860,000 people in Georgia that do not have their GEDs.

They are promoting their Career Plus High School (CPH) program which is similar to Dual Enrollment.

They will be offering some math bootcamps to help prepare students for their GED tests. These will be offered on the following dates:

- November 10th – 14th at the Walton Campus.
- February 9th – 13th at the Athens Campus.
- May 18th – 22nd at the Elbert Campus.

They will also be offering the Accelerated Academy for students to obtain their GEDs in three days. It will be offered November 6th – 8th on the Athens Campus and again in February. They are working to decide which campus it will be offered at in February.

In conjunction with the Athens Technical College Academy, there will be a career and resource fair on October 9th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the K Building.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Antoine Boynton presented an update on External Affairs and the Athens Tech Foundation. They are working to promote Economic Development, Dental, and Cosmetology. They want to let the public know what services are offered.

He will be meeting with Kaptiv8 on October 2nd. They will present to him the new college branding they have created.

Athens Tech Foundation scholarships open September 22nd to all students. We awarded \$76,950 to students Fall semester.

He introduced Cherylene Botley who is the new Director for Institutional Advancement. Ms. Botley spoke to board members and told them a little bit about herself.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Chair Woods presented the President's Report on behalf of Dr. Andrea Daniel who is at President's Council today.

As reported at our last board meeting, we were expected to have an increase in graduates and awards for year end. We achieved that goal and surpassed last year's graduates and awards. As of Friday, we had 1,757 graduates with 2,626 awards. The most in our college's history.

We are pleased that much needed funding for the Walton campus plumbing project has been secured. The need is great, so we are most pleased.

She thanked board member for understanding that she is at President's Council today. She appreciates her team and board members for their commitment to our students and the College.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Chair Woods thanked board members for attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Chair Woods adjourned the meeting with appropriate motion and second at 9:50 a.m.

Dr. Andrea Daniel, President
Rebecca Allen
Executive Assistant
September 16, 2025

Next scheduled Board Meeting: October 21, 2025

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