

**Athens Technical College**  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
January 20, 2026  
9:00 A.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Phil 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 January board meeting.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Lenzy Reid introduced the 2026 Athens Technical College GOAL winner, Jessie Penson. Ms. Penson is a Dental Hygiene student. She is the class president and will be graduating in May. Ms. Penson spoke to the board members about her journey as a student.

Dr. Kristen Douglas introduced the 2026 Athens Technical College Rick Perkins Award winner, William Keith McNeely. Mr. McNeely has been a full-time instructor for the Business Management Program since 2019. Mr. McNeely spoke to the board members.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Woods called for approval of the November 2025 minutes. Tony Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes and Mike Sale 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 December 31, 2025.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS/INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS**

Dr. Douglas provided an update for Academic Affairs and Institutional Effectiveness. She introduced the two new Deans. Betty Watts is the new Dean for Business, Industry and Technology. Dr. Andraa Perrin is the new Dean for Life Sciences and Public Service. Both Ms. Watts and Dr. Perrin have been at the college for many years.

We are currently working on the interim report for our Paralegal Studies Program accreditation. She thanked Kye Haymore and Dean Watts for all of their hard work on the report.

We are anticipating an accreditation visit in Spring 2027 from Cognia for our career academy.

She and Dr. Daniel attended the SACSCOC conference in December. There are some changes to accreditation including reducing substantive changes and QEP qualifications. SACSCOC is looking at all of their standards.

Our Wonders of Work event will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> where all eighth graders will be coming to our campus to learn about our programs. We are partnering with Athens Achieves on the event.

### **STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Lenzy Reid gave the board an update on Student Affairs. He introduced Ellie King, his Administrative Assistant, and thanked her for all of her hard work with our GOAL winner.

Enrollment for Spring 2025 was 4,060 students. Enrollment for Spring 2026 is 4,260 students which is a 4.6% increase from Spring 2025.

The Graduation Gala will be held on February 5<sup>th</sup> for students.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Al McCall provided an update on Economic Development. They are providing training for Whitlow Electric in Elberton, Benson Bakery in Athens, as well as Leggitt & Platt in Monroe.

For the second quarter they have partnered with 197 unique companies and provided training for 2,892 companies. They have generated \$165,700 in income.

### **ADULT EDUCATION**

Dr. Fabersha Flynt gave the board an update on Adult Education. They have started the year with 911 students. Their goal this year is to retain students.

They will be holding upcoming math bootcamp sessions as well as an accelerated academy which will be on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

She is pleased that they have three IET students this semester in the Computer Help Desk Class.

## **COLLEGE UPDATES**

Antoine Boynton presented an update on External Affairs and Athens Tech Foundation. He presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining our new branding that will be implemented soon. In our photos we are focusing on students doing actual work at the college.

He is also working on some new billboards that will go up soon.

We were one of six colleges that received a grant from the Lumina Foundation. This grant focuses on working through best practices to reach adult learners in rural areas.

In Spring 2026 there were 77.06% of available funds awarded to students for scholarships. There were 469 students who began their applications but only 262 completed their applications. He is working to find out why students are not completing their applications.

The Athens Tech Foundation Parliament Society event will be held this Thursday at 5:00 pm at Tapped Athens. The event will recognize top donors.

The Athens Tech Foundation Illuminate Gala will be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Classic Center.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Andrea Daniel presented the President's Report. She is very excited to announce that Georgia Power is giving the college a \$100,000 donation for our CDL Program. She thanked Tony Ferguson for the generous donation. Mr. Ferguson presented the check to Dr. Daniel and a photo was taken of the presentation.

She passed out one pagers for our Elbert County and Walton County Capital Outlay projects. The project in Elbert County will be a \$2.4 million project for our CDL Program. The project in Walton County will be Phase 3 of the Walton County Campus renovation and will be a \$23 million project.

She introduced Lieutenant Brewer with the Athens Technical College Police Department. She is doing a great job keeping the campus safe.

She is happy to announce that she finished her work on the SACSCOC Board of Trustees. She served on the board for six years. She thanked Cindy Simmons and Becky Allen for all of their hard work in getting her board items prepared for the meetings.

She will be at President's Council tomorrow and Thursday. She is happy to announce that we will be signing another articulation agreement with Mercer.

The Governor's proposed budget is very good for TCSG which is due to our increase in enrollment. We are getting a \$33 million dollar increase. State employees are also getting a one-time \$2,000 supplement by the end of this fiscal year. She is pleased with the budget and thanks the Governor.

### **CLOSING COMMENTS**

Chair Woods thanked the board members for attending the meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, Chair Woods adjourned the meeting with appropriate motion and second at 9:55 a.m.

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Dr. Andrea Daniel, President  
Rebecca Allen  
Executive Assistant  
January 20, 2026

*Next scheduled Board Meeting: February 17, 2026*

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