



STATE BOARD GENERAL SESSION

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Approved Minutes

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

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System Office (Teleconference)

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Absent: Carvel Lewis, Joe Yarbrough

I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Doug Carter

Chairman Doug Carter called the May 20, 2020 State Board meeting of the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG), held via teleconference, to order at 10:03 a.m. He welcomed those State Board members, Technical College Presidents, and TCSG staff who were able to join the call. Chairman Carter gave recognition to Commissioner Dozier for the way he has handled things in this unprecedented time. The Chairman further recognized the College Presidents for the way they are handling the situation on the front lines. He also gave recognition to the College Presidents and their teams for being so creative in making sure all of their students received the support they needed.

Chairman Carter welcomed back Collier Collier from leave and asked her to call the roll for the teleconference meeting. She noted there was a quorum. The Chairman then turned the meeting over to the Commissioner.

II. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Gregory Dozier

Commissioner Dozier began by giving thanks, to both the Board and Chairman Carter. The Commissioner expressed gratitude to Chairman Carter for the tremendous support he has shown by making himself available whenever and however he can. He expressed his heartfelt thanks to the Board and the College Presidents.

The Commissioner noted that TCSG operations are strong due to the tremendous leadership in our System Office and our Presidents. TCSG has a service attitude that has been there from the start. TCSG has Colleges serving food to those in need and on the



frontlines. There are also Colleges operating childcare centers for our first responders' children. We are also very proud of our Workforce Development team for the announcement that went out earlier this week regarding the \$12 million grant they received for the training of displaced workers. We have an incredible team and they have been able to handle the online platform both on a College level and at the System Office.

On Friday, May 1, 2020, the agency heads received a letter from Representative England, Senator Tillery, and Mr. Kelly Farr asking for a budget to be submitted with a 14% reduction. While this was hard news to receive, we have worked diligently and with a "Can Do" attitude to develop a budget to submit.

The Commissioner reviewed the TCSG Budget proposal with the Board. The total System base budget for FY20 was \$912,685,512.00, with state funding comprising \$373,978,376. TCSG is reducing 14% of the funding it receives from the state. Other funds include tuition and fees earned at the Colleges, as well as revenues generated by contract training and other sales and services. Federal Funds include all Federal grants. In regards to Federal Funds, TCSG is thankful for the one time CARES funding.

As we make these budget cuts, we have to keep a pulse on enrollment since tuition and student fees are 38% of our total budget. We are cautiously optimistic with our enrollment for the summer.

The Commissioner noted that TCSG and the Colleges are submitting plans for budget reductions. Each College is handling this difficult decision differently. The Commissioner reviewed the numbers in each area of the budget that has a proposed budget reduction. The FY20 State Funds Base Budget total was \$373,978,376.00 with a 14% reduction of \$52,356,973.00. The FY21 Adjusted Base Budget totals \$319,284,270.00.

Commissioner Dozier briefed the Higher Education Committee earlier this week and was happy to point out many of extraordinary things TCSG Colleges are doing to help Georgians during this time. "We Train Heroes" at the Technical College System of Georgia. Our nurses are helping those with the virus, and many essential workers come from our Colleges. We can see the fingerprints of the Technical College System of Georgia everywhere throughout the state. We will be here for those who need new skills to find a job. Commissioner Dozier ended his report by saying he has faith that we will get through this uncertain time stronger than ever.

Chairman Carter thanked Commissioner Dozier for his report and praised him for the outstanding job he and the entire organization have done. The Chairman asked if anyone had questions for the Commissioner.



V. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Doug Carter

Mr. Baoky Vu asked about the opportunity to focus on future jobs that will come from this pandemic, such as security and coding. The Commissioner reassured the Board that TCSG is already in the process of exploring new programs like the Cloud Academy, Apple Coding, and Fin-Tech opportunities. Commissioner Dozier remarked that TCSG is doing much to support the war on this invisible enemy.

Mrs. Lisa Winton asked about cuts other than furloughs. The Commissioner answered that there will be shared services. Some colleges will be offering labs or classes only on one campus. Adult Education may downsize programs. TCSG is also looking to expand online opportunities. Commissioner Dozier added that many positions would not be filled at this time. Mrs. Winton asked about the TCSG Foundation funds. The Commissioner said that the funds were removed from state funds as directed by the Governor's recommended budget. Mrs. Winton asked how moving instruction online has affected rural communities that lack online resources. The Commissioner added that this has been a struggle, but with limited labs and the CARES funding for hot spots and other items, we are doing everything we can to make sure that these students get across the finish line.

Dr. Lynn Cornett had a few questions regarding curriculum changes. Commissioner Dozier added that there is low enrollment for certain programs and some Colleges are in the process of phasing those programs out.

Mr. Tommy David asked how the budget reduction would affect the security on campuses. The Commissioner said he would follow up on this question, but was very happy with all the excellent work that has occurred in regards to our security, especially with our BIT teams.

Mr. Ben Copeland was concerned with the budget reduction for Quick Start and wondered how that might affect upcoming projects. Ms. Laura Boalch explained the system office would evaluate projects and manage budgets internally with the exception of mega projects.

There were no additional questions. Chairman Carter added his deepest appreciation for the Commissioner, Mrs. Penni Haberly, the Senior Staff, and all our College Presidents for the work they are doing.

The next TCSG State Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 4, 2020 and will be virtual. Collier and Steven will be sending out information in the coming weeks.



The 2020 GOAL and Rick Perkins Award Conference has been cancelled. However, we will make sure that we honor and recognize the College winners and regional finalist at a later date.

Mrs. Mary Flanders added her appreciation for the Commissioner and the Chairman and how thankful she is to be a part of TCSG.

Chairman Carter thanked everyone for attending and for all of their hard work.

VII ADJOURN

Chairman Doug Carter

I. Motion to Adjourn

MOTION: The motion was made by Mr. Ben Copeland to adjourn the May 20, 2020 State Board Meeting of the Technical College System of Georgia at 10:40 a.m. The motion as seconded by Mr. Ben Bryant. The Motion passed with unanimous approval by the State Board. Meeting stood adjourned.

Chairman Carter thanked everyone again, and asked everyone to stay safe.