



STATE BOARD GENERAL SESSION

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I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Doug Carter

Doug Carter, Chairman of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia, opened the Board Meeting at 11:15 a.m. at the date and location stated above. He began by welcoming everyone to the hybrid meeting. He then thanked them for their participation in the committee meetings earlier in the day.

Chairman Carter announced that Governor Brian Kemp appointed Mr. Calder Clay to the Technical College System Board. Mr. Clay was not able to join us at this meeting due to a prior engagement, but looks forward to join the Board in February.

II. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chairman Doug Carter

Chairman Carter asked Collier Collier to call the roll and confirm that there was a quorum present. For the next order of business, the Board approved the minutes from the last Board meeting.

I. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: The Motion is made by Mr. Carvel Lewis to approve the November 5, 2020 Minutes. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Buzz Law. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

Chairman Carter then asked Commissioner Gregory Dozier to give his updates to the Board.

III. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Gregory Dozier



Commissioner Gregory Dozier began by thanking the Board, the TCSG Presidents, students, and industries. He wished everyone a belated Happy Thanksgiving. The Commissioner then thanked Mr. Ben Copeland for his many years of service as a dedicated State Board Member.

The Commissioner shared his appreciation for Mr. Rah'mere Williams and Dr. Whirl, President of Augusta Technical College, for attending the Board Meeting. Mr. Williams gave his speech during the Committee of the Whole. Commissioner Dozier told Mr. Williams that he was a change maker and thanked him for being who he is as well as being a great ambassador for TCSG.

Commissioner Dozier updated the Board on his recent visits and meetings for the month. He went to Augusta Technical College for a visit with Dr. Whirl. They had a great meeting with the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Dozier gave a presentation regarding the local partnerships with the Augusta community and Augusta Technical College. He toured the Allied Health Center, the Cyber Security Center, and the Aviation Center.

The Commissioner visited South Georgia Technical College with Dr. John Watford, President of South Georgia Technical College. South Georgia Technical College has tremendous public private partnerships in the community; especially with CAT and John Deere. The Commissioner was also able to attend a signing ceremony for some of the South Georgia Technical College Lady Jets basketball team. The Commissioner was honored to be a part of the ceremony and commented that South Georgia Technical College has a great athletics program.

Last week, the Commissioner attended a naming ceremony at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College with Mr. Mark Hennessy and Mr. Ben Copeland. The naming ceremony was for the new Health Science Building on the Valdosta Campus of Wiregrass Georgia Technical College. The building was named in honor on Dr. Edward and Rhonda Mark. Commissioner Dozier was able to meet with Dr. Mark for a few minutes and was excited that he was taking classes at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College after his recent retirement.

TCSG's Presidents Council was able to meet in person for the first time this year. The meeting was held at Chattahoochee Technical College. Everyone enjoyed being back together in person. There was a lot of great discussion that occurred at the meeting.

Commissioner Dozier joined Chairman Carter at Lanier Technical College for the Hall County Chamber of Commerce meeting two weeks ago.



Chairman Terry England joined the Commissioner last week at North Georgia Technical College. They toured the building that TCSG is requesting money for to upgrade and name "The Dr. Mark Ivester Center for Living and Learning." The Commissioner learned that Chairman England's father attended North Georgia Technical College.

TCSG is working with Georgia Department of Transportation to offer a program that would help with the shortage of civil engineers in the state. Commissioner Dozier and Russell McMurry, Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation, have been discussing the program. This program will mirror the civil engineering program that Dr. Parker, President of Albany Technical College, started last year. Columbus Technical College and Athens Technical College are also offering similar programs.

The Commissioner ended his remarks with how proud he was of TCSG and the job everyone is doing.

Chairman Doug Carter thanked Commissioner Dozier for his remarks and asked Mrs. Ann Kaiser to say a few words about the Georgia Power Scholarship. Mrs. Kaiser shared that the Georgia Power Foundation will be awarding up to five TCSG Scholars up to \$2,000 each (\$1,000 per academic year, renewable for one year) to students classified as foster or homeless who enroll in a TCSG college. Mrs. Kaiser is thrilled with the opportunity to work with TCSG and help this very special population of Georgia students.

Chairman Carter thanked Mrs. Kaiser and Mrs. Juli Fields for their work in putting this exciting scholarship together.

Chairman Carter then called on the Committee Chairs to give their report.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- **Academic Affairs**

Lynn Cornett

I. Academic Standards and Programs Motion (Approval of TCCs)

MOTION: The Motion was made by Dr. Lynn Cornett that the college requests listed below to offer TCC programs to be approved effective the semester specified for each request. Any ---fiscal requirements to begin these programs must be approved through the standard budget approval process. The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Dinah Wayne. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

DISCUSSION:

Albany Technical College - TCC program in Barbering Assistant, BA71, 17 Credit Hours, effective January 2021.



This barbering certificate program is needed in the Autry State Prison system to provide the released individuals with a career pathway in the workforce as well as a pathway to the college's diploma program. Currently there is not a barbering program in the college's service area. However, there is a program outside of our service delivery area in Americus, GA. The certificate program will follow the state standard as it is institutionally developed. The credential will meet the TCSG requirements for a TCC. The program's overall cost will be funded by the Georgia Department of Corrections. There will be 2 cohorts, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Each cohort will have approximately 12 students each. The program is projected to increase its enrollment with approximately 20 students in each cohort by the third year.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 24 Year 2: 36 Year 3: 36

Evening Students Year 1: 0 Year 2: 0 Year 3: 0

Albany Technical College - TCC program in Certified Construction Worker, CCW1, 9 Credit Hours, effective January 2021.

Albany Technical College would like to reinstate the Certified Construction Worker TCC at the request of a local Fatherhood Program that has interested individuals. This would open the door for the students to continue on and finish a diploma or degree as well. Albany Tech and no other colleges in our area offer a certificate of this nature. There will be no additional costs to offer this certificate. The projected enrollment is 15 students year one, 25 in year two and 35 in year 3.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 10 Year 2: 15 Year 3: 20

Evening Students Year 1: 5 Year 2: 10 Year 3: 15

Albany Technical College - TCC program in Mobile App Developer, MG71, 20 Credit Hours, effective August 2021.

Demand for employees in the computer related employment arena in Georgia is projected to increase by 13.2% by 2024 adding over 18,000 new jobs. Employment continues to increase because computer systems are continuously developed with improved technology and because many occupational arenas are utilizing information technology systems, according to BLS. The implementation of this program will allow those employers the opportunity to



seek those candidates with a demonstrated ability to learn new technologies, which is best evidenced by formal education. It will also allow students in the Southwest Georgia portion of the state to enhance their skill sets. The program will follow all state standards and/or meet Stated Board and general program standard requirements. The college projects an enrollment of at least 20 students by the end of the third year of existence.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 10 Year 2: 15 Year 3: 20

Evening Students Year 1: 3 Year 2: 3 Year 3: 5

Albany Technical College - TCC program in iOS Mobile Programming, IJ71, 19 Credit Hours, effective August 2021.

Demand for the employment of software developers is projected to grow 17% from 2014-2024. Employment of applications developers is projected to grow 19%, and employment of systems developers is projected to grow 13%. Employment opportunities continue to increase because computer systems are continuously developed with improved technology and because many occupational arenas are utilizing information technology systems, according to the BLS. The implementation of this program will allow employers the opportunity to seek those candidates with a demonstrated ability to learn new technologies, which is best evidenced by formal education. This program will also allow students from the southwest portion of Georgia the chance to enhance their skill sets and become more work force ready. The program will follow all state standards and/or meet State Board and general program standard requirements. The college projects an enrollment of at least 20 students by the end of the third year of existence.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 10 Year 2: 15 Year 3: 20

Evening Students Year 1: 3 Year 2: 3 Year 3: 5

Columbus Technical College - TCC program in Geriatric Care Assistant, GC51, 15 Credit Hours, effective May 2021.

The Geriatric Care Assistant program is aligned with the mission and goals of the college. It is closely related to the CNA program the college currently offers, and that enrollment is excellent. There are currently high requests and demands from local high schools and graduates of the GED program within our service area,



requesting entry-level employment for allied health programs. This TCC meets those demands, and graduates of the Geriatric Care Assistant program will have the ability to gain entry-level employment within long-term care and assisted living facilities. This program will not require the college to incur further debt as resources and faculty are already in place. The courses offered within this TCC are not a significant departure from any other allied health programs currently offered at the college. The additional courses within this TCC are not challenging to implement and provides the advanced skills needed to work within long-term care and assisted living facilities. This program is essential for the increasing need and high demand for entry-level workforce TCCs within our service area. Lastly, this TCC will be a good option for GED graduates transitioning to college and pursuing an entry-level career in healthcare.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 10 Year 2: 10 Year 3: 10

Evening Students Year 1: 10 Year 2: 10 Year 3: 10

II. Program Terminations December 2020

MOTION: The Motion was made by Dr. Lynn Cornett to approve program termination requests for December 2020. The Motion was seconded by Dr. Artesius Miller. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

Termination of Degrees and TCCs

Georgia Northwestern Technical College

- TCC program in Event Coordinator (SES1), effective January 2021.
- TCC program in Dual Enrollment Network Technician (MON1), effective January 2021.
- TCC program in Dual Enrollment CompTIA A+ Certified Preparation (MC51), effective January 2021.
- TCC program in Dual Enrollment Flux Cored Arc Welder (MF61), effective January 2021.
- TCC program in Restaurant Manager (RM11), effective January 2021.
- TCC program in Hospitality Operations Associate (HP31), effective January 2021.
- TCC program in Hospitality Customer Service Provider (HC11), effective January 2021.
- TCC program in Dual Enrollment Gas Metal Arc Welder (MGM1), effective January 2021.



- TCC program in Dual Enrollment Cisco Network Specialist (MO51), effective January 2021.
- TCC program in Dual Enrollment Gas Tungsten Arc Welder (MGT1), effective January 2021.
- TCC program in Dual Enrollment Preparation for A+ Certificate (MPF1), effective January 2021.
- TCC program in Early College Essentials-Health Studies (EC61), effective January 2021.
- TCC program in Dual Enrollment Help Desk Specialist (MOH1), effective January 2021.
- TCC program in Early College Essentials-Technical Studies (EC71), effective January 2021.
- TCC program in Travel and Tourism Associate (TAT1), effective January 2021.
- TCC program in Dual Enrollment Microsoft Network Administrator (MO11), effective January 2021.
- TCC program in Food and Beverage Director (FAB1), effective January 2021.
- TCC program in Early College Essentials Business Studies (EC51), effective January 2021.
- TCC program in Hotel Management Specialist (HM21), effective January 2021.

Lanier Technical College

- Degree program in Dental Hygiene (DH13), effective December 2020.

III. Approval for Program Standards and Revisions

Motion was made by Dr. Lynn Cornett to approve program standards and revisions for December 2020. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Joe Yarbrough. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

Major Code	Program Name	Program Development	Award Level	Credit Hours
AS81	Administrative Support Assistant	Chattahoochee	TCC	20
AFM1	Assistant Office Manager	Chattahoochee	TCC	22



BT23	Business Technology	Chattahoochee	Degree	60
BT12	Business Technology	Chattahoochee	Diplom a	39
CA81	Chemical Analysis Technician	Augusta	TCC	27
CE31	Chemical Engineering Technology	Augusta	TCC	21
EAA1	Executive Administrative Assistant	Chattahoochee	TCC	21
HR11	Human Resources Administrative Assistant	Chattahoochee	TCC	19
MF81	Microsoft Office Applications Professional	Chattahoochee	TCC	16
NS51	Nuclear Science Technology	Augusta	TCC	17
PM71	Project Management Assistant	Chattahoochee	TCC	16
ST21	Science Technology	Augusta	TCC	19
SMS1	Social Media Specialist	Chattahoochee	TCC	18
SC33	Supply Chain Management & Logistics	Chattahoochee	Degree	62
SC22	Supply Chain Management and Logistics	Chattahoochee	Diplom a	41
WN11	Wireless Networking Technician	Lanier	TCC	22

IV. Commissioner Authorization

MOTION: The Motion was made by Dr. Lynn Cornett to authorize the Commissioner to approve Program Requests, Program Terminations, and Program Standards and Revisions until the next State Board Meeting. The Motion



was seconded by Mr. Buzz Law. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

V. College & Career Academy Update (Approval of New College and Career Academies)

MOTION: Motion was made by Dr. Lynn Cornett to authorize the Commissioner to award three (3) partnerships with grant funds to establish new Georgia College & Career Academies in the cumulative bond amount of \$9,000,000.00 (\$3 million to each) and the cumulative cash amount of \$225,000 (\$75,000 to each). The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Shirley Smith. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

DISCUSSION:

The awardees include:

1. Evans County Schools in partnership with Ogeechee Technical College
2. Appling County Schools in partnership with Coastal Pines Technical College
3. Union County Schools in partnership with North Georgia Technical College

That concluded the Committee report.

• **Adult Education**

Shirley Smith for Ben Copeland

Mrs. Shirley Smith gave the Committee report. The Office of Adult Education shared where our adult education programs are currently with enrollment. We continue to trend downward from this time last year due to the pandemic – however we are still serving over 15 thousand adults and enrolling on a continuous basis. Our largest decline is in our English Language Learners.

Office of Adult Education at TCSG also shared with the Committee an update on CLCPs. A survey recently went out to all of the CLCP directors to find out how the Office of Adult Education at TCSG can provide support to them during this time.

Finally, the Office of Adult Education at TCSG staff shared information with the committee about their federally mandated monitoring process for local programs. Staff has a process that allows for virtual monitoring and they will monitor a total of 7 programs in FY21.

That concluded the Committee report.



- **External Affairs and Economic Development**

Trey Sheppard

Mr. Trey Sheppard gave the Committee report. Mrs. Jackie Rohosky gave the Committee good news from Quick Start. Quick Start is steadily ramping up training for SK Battery America at the Athens Training Center and the Commerce facility made available by Lanier Technical College.

While Northern Operations stays busy, the other regions are getting busier with new projects. In November there were 13 prospects, 4,469 potential jobs, 4 announcements and 581 jobs announced.

Mark D'Alessio update the Committee on the future plans for the GOAL and Rick Perkins Award competition in 2021.

Neil Bitting the Committee on the recent legislative delegation meetings our colleges are hosting around the State. The Joint Legislative Budget Hearings are scheduled for January 19-21, 2021.

The TCSG Foundation announced the TCG Georgia Power Scholars program, which was mentioned earlier in the meeting. Congratulations to Juli Fields on getting this program started. The program will benefit student who are classified as foster or homeless. Working with the Georgia Power Foundation, TCSG Foundation received a gift of \$250,000.00 in January of 2020 to create the first endowed scholarship for the Foundation.

The TCSG Foundation has also added two new Trustees: Jason Brady of Atlanta, GA and Gary Sanchez of Richmond Hill, Georgia.

TCSG is sponsoring a digital marketing initiative to assist colleges in promoting their local economic development programs and increasing their online visibility. The campaign will run from December 2020-June 2021. The primary focus of the campaign is two-fold: To brand Economic Development efforts system-wide and Bring awareness to, and educate the public on, opportunities offered through local economic development divisions.

That completed the Committee report.

- **Facilities and Real Estate**

Chunk Newman

- I. **Approval of Construction Contracts**



MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Chunk Newman to authorize the Commissioner to execute the construction contracts listed below at a cost not to exceed the amount stated for each request. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Baoky Vu. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

A. Albany Tech - \$193,777.00 with NSCS, LLC

DISCUSSION: Albany Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Pharmacy Lab HCT Building" on the Dougherty County Campus of Albany Technical College, with NSCS, LLC, Albany, GA in the amount of \$193,777.00, using local funds.

B. Athens Tech - \$291,875.00 with EMCOR Services

DISCUSSION: Athens Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "GPS Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization System" on the Various Campuses of Athens Technical College, with EMCOR Services, Smyrna, GA in the amount of \$291,875.00, using local funds.

C. Atlanta Tech - \$604,800.00 with Superior Roofing Systems, Inc.

DISCUSSION: Atlanta Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Building C Roof Replacement" on the Main Campus of Atlanta Technical College, with Superior Roofing Systems, Inc., Griffin, GA in the amount of \$604,800.00, using local funds.

D. Central Georgia Tech - \$1,141,139.82 with GC&E Systems Group, LLC

DISCUSSION: Central Georgia Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Access Control Security System" on the Various Campuses of Central Georgia Technical College, with GC&E Systems Group, LLC, Peachtree Corners, GA in the amount of \$1,141,139.82, using bond funds.

E. Coastal Pines Tech - \$247,688.00 with Copper Construction Company

DISCUSSION: Coastal Pines Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "HVAC Replacement" on the Hazlehurst Campus of Coastal Pines Technical College, with Copper Construction Company, Vidalia, GA in the amount of \$247,688.00, using local funds.



F. Gwinnett Tech \$223,685.00 with Frazier Service Company

DISCUSSION: Gwinnett Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "GPS Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization System" on the Main Campus of Gwinnett Technical College, with Frazier Service Company, Atlanta, GA in the amount of \$223,685.00, using local funds.

G. Gwinnett Tech - \$142,233.71 with Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC

DISCUSSION: Gwinnett Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Renovation of Special Populations/Disability Services" on the Main Campus of Gwinnett Technical College, with Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC, Orlando, FL in the amount of \$142,233.71, using local funds.

H. Wiregrass Georgia Tech - \$945,952.16 with Albion Scaccia Enterprises

DISCUSSION: Wiregrass Georgia Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Fire Suppression Upgrade" on the Valdosta Campus of Wiregrass Georgia Technical College, with Albion Scaccia Enterprises, LLC, Sandy Springs, GA in the amount of \$945,952.16, using local funds.

Mr. Newman thanked Sarah Honeywill and her team for all of their hard work. The Committee continues to be impressed with Mrs. Honeywill and her staff.

That concluded the Committee report.

• **Governance, Compliance and Audit**

Joe Yarbrough

I. Policy recommendation- Table

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Joe Yarbrough to lay recommended revisions to *Policy 5.2.3 Programs for Adult Literacy* on the table. The Motion was seconded by Dr. Lynn Cornett. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.



DISCUSSION: This policy needs to be updated to reflect the requirements for the competitive grant process as indicated in the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act.

POLICY: 5.2.3. (IV.P)

Programs for Adult EducationLiteracy

Revised: _____ September 7, 2006

Last Reviewed: _____ September 7, 2006

-Adopted: _____ July 10, 2001



POLICY:

-The Office of Adult EducationLiteracy shall facilitate a competitive grant application process for eligible parties interested in receiving funding to operate adult education programs. The Office of Adult Education shall award multiyear grants, contingent upon an annual renewal process. distribute on an annual basis to all interested parties a Request for Application (RFA) package to apply for state and/or federal funding for adult literacy programs. The application package shall contain guidelines, procedures and assurances required to operate Aadult eEducationliteracy programs.

Adult Eeducationliteracy program funding is available for:

1. 1) Adult Basic Education (ABE);
2. 2) Institutionalized settings; Corrections Education
3. 3) English literacy (ELP language acquisition programs) (ELA);
4. 4) English literacy/civics education Integrated English Literacy & Civics Education (IELCE); and
5. 5) Recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
5. 5) Family Literacy

The Office of Adult Education ~~The Commissioner~~ shall develop a process for objectively evaluating and awarding grants based upon merit. The Commissioner shall approve this evaluation process. After completion of the evaluation process, the State Board shall approve the allocation of federal and state grant funds. Each service delivery area with an aAdult Literacy Eeducation program shall have a local advisory committee for adult literaceeducationy services.

RELATED AUTHORITY:

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-11 – Powers of the Board

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-14 – TCSG Powers and Duties 1

Title II of the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act

II. Policy 5.2.4 Revision Recommendation



MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Joe Yarbrough to lay recommended revisions to *Policy 5.2.4 General Education Development (GED®) Testing and Diplomas* on the table. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Buzz Law. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

DISCUSSION: This policy needs to be updated to encompass Georgia's multiple pathways to obtaining a High School Equivalency.

POLICY: 5.2.4. (IV.Q)

General Education Development (GED®) Testing and Diplomas

Revised: September 7, 2007; March 6, 2002; January 15, 2002; March 14, 2001; March 5, 1992

Last Reviewed: September 7, 2007

Adopted: January 1992



POLICY:

The Technical College System of Georgia [TCSG] is responsible for providing adult education at the basic ~~and secondary, general and specialized~~ levels throughout the State of Georgia. TCSG shall administer the High School Equivalency (HSE) Credentialing options and issue ~~General Educational Development (GED)~~ High School Equivalency Credentials in accordance with the policies of the American Council on Education.

Fees

The State Board shall approve fee schedules for taking the HSE tests, for taking retests on one or more components of the HSE tests, for a replacement of a HSE ~~the GED~~ Credential, or for an Official Report of Test Scores.

RELATED AUTHORITY:

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-11 – Powers of the Board

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-14 – TCSG Powers and Duties GED Transcript/Diploma Request Form (see

https://tcsgeu.edu/ged_trans_req.php)

III. Mutual Aid Agreement Approval

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Joe Yarbrough to approve the proposed Mutual Aid Agreement as follows:

- Augusta Technical College Police Department and Columbia County Sheriff's Office



The Motion was seconded by Mr. Chunk Newman. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

DISCUSSION: Legislation which allows us to enter into Mutual Aid Agreements with other law enforcement agencies mandates these agreements go before the State Board for approval. This agreement has been reviewed by TCSG and follows the approved format; we now seek your review and approval.

VI. Mission Statements

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Joe Yarbrough to approve the Mission Statements as listed in the Board Materials. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Buzz Law. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

DISCUSSION: The Committee is asked to perform the regular review of all college mission statements pursuant to the Principles of Accreditation Standard 4.2. *The Committee reviewed the mission statements of all twenty-two technical colleges, and unanimously agreed there were no recommended changes or concerns.*

That concluded the Committee report.

• Operations, Finance, and Planning

Tim Williams

I. Commissioner Authorization Motion

MOTION: The motion was made by Mr. Tim Williams for the State Board to authorize the Commissioner to make all decisions, purchases and enter into necessary contracts between the December 2020 and February 2021 Board meeting dates that would otherwise require Board approval. Such decisions, purchases and contracts will be reviewed for ratification by the Board at the February 2021 meeting. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Baoky Vu. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

II. Expenditure Requests

MOTION: The motion was made by Mr. Tim Williams for the State Board to authorize the Commissioner to purchase the designated items or execute the requested contracts for the technical colleges listed below at a cost not to exceed the amounts stated. The Motion was seconded by Dr. Lynn Cornett. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.



1. **Albany Technical College** – AV equipment and services from RICOH USA Inc. to include an AV enhanced classroom solution to support distance learning; cost \$216,587.00. **Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.**

DISCUSSION: Due to COVID-19, ATC requires immediate response to support the need for supplying quality online/virtual instruction and the continuation of support to achieve the overall mission of the college. In order to expand the college's offering and support of distance learning, ATC needs to supply access to AV equipment and a flexible virtual classroom application that provides interactive and collaborative video, audio, and control gear that will allow for faculty to digitize learning to the virtual classroom environment. This access will provide an opportunity of impact to all curriculum programs offered, will be new equipment with a new service, and will produce a plan positioning the college to pivot quickly to support the expansion of distance learning and needs assessed.

2. **Augusta Technical College** – 20 HP Probook Notebooks and 20 Lenovo tablets with service/support and damage protection from Cpak Technology, also 20 Lenovo carry cases and 11 Bretford charging carts; cost \$186,534.00. **Federal grant CARES funds are available for this expenditure.**

DISCUSSION: Tablets are needed to provide students in the Aviation Maintenance Program with equipment to research required technical data when working on aircraft. This replicates the same manner the student will encounter in the field. Tablets will be utilized in all of the Airframe and Powerplant classes.

Laptops/charging carts are needed in the Allied Health and Nursing programs to incorporate telehealth into the curriculum. This will simulate the learning experiences for telehealth in the lab setting as well as adhere to the social distancing protocols in the testing environment. Laptops/ charging carts will also be used by students in the Business, Public Services and Early Childhood Care programs to create a portable lab for instruction/testing. The portability of these computers will allow instructors to set up labs to meet social-distance requirements.

3. **Coastal Pines Technical College** – Classroom and office furniture from OFS Brands for all campus locations; cost \$185,091.00. **Local funds are available for this expenditure.**

DISCUSSION: This purchase is for new furniture on all campus locations including classroom desks/chairs, lecterns, printer stands, office, entry and



waiting area, and conference center seating. The majority of the purchase will be to replace old and worn furnishings for the recently renovated conference center and administrative services area as well as two classrooms on the Jesup site. Additionally, classrooms and offices on the Waycross campus are in need of updated furnishings.

4. **Georgia Northwestern Technical College** – Purchase of CENTEGIX CrisisAlert Enterprise Solution with ContactAlert staff contact tracing from CENTEGIX for all campus locations; cost \$330,000.00. **Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.**

DISCUSSION: The purchase of the Centegix CrisisAlert system will include ContactAlert for staff contact tracing. This will assist with COVID-19 contact tracing going into the winter months and provide additional valuable safety alerts for faculty/staff.

5. **Georgia Piedmont Technical College** – Purchase of Cisco Meraki Networking equipment from CDW-G for Clarkston campus; cost \$558,674.00. **Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.**

DISCUSSION: Networking equipment is needed to update and replace aging hardware in order to improve physical and wireless infrastructure. This equipment will extend Wi-Fi offered to students and allow them to use their own devices which will help in social distancing strategies. Cisco Enterprise switches and Cisco Meraki wireless APs are included in the purchase.

6. **Gwinnett Technical College** – Temporary janitorial staffing from ARK Temporary Staffing for 2 campus locations; cost \$464,000.00. **Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.**

DISCUSSION: This expenditure is to lease temporary janitorial staffing to assist with sanitization during the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional help is needed to ensure a safe and healthy teaching, learning, and working environment. Additional assistance will provide 100% custodial coverage to all spaces on the Lawrenceville and Alpharetta campus locations.

7. **Ogeechee Technical College** – Improvement and expansion of security camera system by Presidio Networked Solutions at main campus; cost \$148,433.00. **MRR bond funds are available for this expenditure.**

DISCUSSION: The college uses security cameras as a key part of their plan to ensure everyone's safety and security while on campus. Cameras provide constant reassurance thru deterrence but also provide video documentation in the event of questionable activity. This project will improve the quality of



images, optimize the location of existing cameras, and improve the ability to search for specific incidents. Additionally, coverage will be increased due to higher quality cameras replacing older technology and the installation of cameras in new locations, increasing overall camera count. The improvements brought by this project benefit not only campus visitors but the college itself.

That concluded the Committee report.

- **Executive Committee**

Chairman Doug Carter

Chairman Carter said that the updates the Commissioner gave earlier in his remarks were the same updates the Executive Committee heard. The majority of the Committee meeting was approving resolutions.

- I. **Ogeechee Technical College**

Motion (Approval of naming a building)

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Trey Sheppard to rename the Natural Resources Building, located on the Statesboro campus of Ogeechee Technical College, the Jack Hill Building. The Motion was seconded by Dr. Artesius Miller. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

DISCUSSION: A letter was sent to Commissioner Dozier from President Lori Durden, along with the minutes from the Ogeechee Technical College Board of Directors Meeting. Georgia State Senator Jack Hill was a true statesman and a revered leader for the 4th District of Georgia. From the time that he was elected as Senator in 1990 until his unexpected passing this past April, Senator Hill's relationship with Ogeechee Technical College was one of leadership, kindness, and integrity as he delivered his unwavering support for what he felt Ogeechee Technical College could achieve. His devotion reflected a profound commitment to excellence in higher education, and especially the importance of technical education in his region.

Ogeechee Technical College will always be grateful to Senator Hill for his tireless efforts to garner funding for many of the buildings on our main campus including the Natural Resources Building, Health Science South, Health Science North, and the Industrial Technology Building, as well as the Evans Technical Education Complex in Hagan, GA. These buildings, as well as other



projects, represent an investment of over \$50 million that can be attributed to the vision of the late Senator Hill.

The college's 60,000 square foot Natural Resources Building houses programs such as Agribusiness, Fish and Wildlife Management, and the college's Adult Education program. Because Senator Hill was known statewide for his support of and dedication to the mission of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Ogeechee Technical College feel honoring the late Senator Hill and his wife Ruth Ann with the naming rights of this particular building is congruent with his legacy of commitment to this region of Georgia that he loved so dearly and served so proudly.

II. **EAGLE Winner Resolution**

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Chunk Newman that the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia honor Ms. Hannah Hadley's accomplishments as the State EAGLE Winner through a resolution commending her for exceptional achievement and outstanding efforts on behalf of adult education. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Buzz Law. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

DISCUSSION: The Exceptional Adult Georgian in Literacy Education (EAGLE) program recognizes and honors adult learners in pursuit of excellence. The concept of EAGLE is designed to create awareness of adult education opportunities available in local communities across the state and to foster involvement in lifelong learning pursuits. Each adult education program selects one representative as an EAGLE delegate. These delegates compete and the regional competition results in eight finalists, two from each region, being selected to compete during the State EAGLE Leadership Institute for the title of being named the State EAGLE Winner, to serve as the *Adult Education Student of the Year* and ambassador for literacy, by promoting lifelong learning in Georgia.

Hannah Hadley, an adult education student from Wiregrass Georgia Technical College, is the 2020 State EAGLE Winner, and she was selected as such from 26 total college EAGLE delegates.

III. **GOAL Winner Resolution**

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Baoky Vu that the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia honor Mr. Rah'Mere Williams for his accomplishments as the State GOAL Winner through a resolution commending him for academic achievement and outstanding efforts on



behalf of technical education. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Buzz Law. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

DISCUSSIONS: The GOAL (Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership) program recognizes outstanding students attending Georgia's technical colleges and divisions for academic excellence and personal achievement. Each college selects their own college GOAL winner. The college winners are then interviewed by a panel of judges within their region; three semi-finalists from each region are chosen to compete at the state-wide event. The nine regional finalists are then judged by a panel of judges who select one student, the State GOAL Winner, to serve as the *Student of the Year* and ambassador for technical education in Georgia.

Rah'Mere Williams, a design and media production technology student from Augusta Technical College, is the 2020 State GOAL Winner, and he was selected as such from among 21 college GOAL winners.

Chairman Carter asked Mr. Rah'Mere Williams, Dr. Whirl, and Commissioner Dozier to join him in presenting the resolution to Mr. Williams.

IV. **Rick Perkins Award Winner Resolution**

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Buzz Law that the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia honor Mr. Mike Day's accomplishments as the State Rick Perkins Award Winner through a resolution commending his efforts on behalf of technical education. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Tim Williams. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Mike Day, a business management instructor at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College, is the 2020 *Instructor of the Year* and received the title of the State Rick Perkins Award for Excellence in Technical Instruction Winner. He was selected as such from among 21 college winners. The Rick Perkins Award program recognizes and honors outstanding instructors who make significant contributions to technical education through instructional excellence, superior leadership and dedication to the mission of the Technical College System of Georgia. The recipient of this distinguished award is recognized as the Technical College System of Georgia's *Instructor of the Year*. Mr. Day is serving in this capacity with honor and distinction.

V. **Dr. Mark Ivester Conference Room Resolution**

Motion (Approval of naming the TCSG Conference Room)



MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Trey Sheppard to name the interior State Board Conference Room in memory of Dr. Mark Ivester. A plaque with his name will be displayed in the conference room. The resolution and plaque will be presented at the February 2021 State Board meeting. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Buzz Law. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

VI. **Joe Dan Banker Resolution**

Motion (Approval of resolutions)

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Joe Yarbrough to approve the resolution honoring Mr. Joe Dan Banker his upcoming retirement. The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Dinah Wayne. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

Chairman Carter asked Mr. Joe Dan Banker and Commissioner Dozier join him at the front of the room to present Mr. Banker with the resolution.

VII. **Ben I Copeland Resolution**

Motion (Approval of resolutions)

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mrs. Mary Flanders to approve the resolution honoring Mr. Ben I Copeland, Sr. for his many years of service as a dedicated as an outstanding Technical College System of Georgia Board Member. The Motion was seconded by Dr. Lynn Cornett. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

Chairman Carter read the resolution and invited other Board Members to say a few words on Mr. Copeland behalf. Several Board Members shared memories and well wishes to Mr. Copeland. Mr. Copeland shared that he was very humbled to be a part of the TCSG State Board for the last 17 years. He further commented that he has enjoyed working on the TCSG mission with everyone over the years and looks forward to continuing to work on the TCSG mission in other ways. Chairman Carter added that Mr. Copeland's leadership will certainly be missed.

The State Board gave Mr. Copeland a standing ovation.

That concluded the Committee report.



VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Doug Carter

The dates for the 2021 State Board meetings are as follows:

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| • Thursday, February 4 | TCSG System Office |
| • Thursday, March 4 | TCSG System Office |
| • Thursday, April 1 | TCSG System Office |
| • Thursday, May 6 | TCSG System Office |
| • Thursday, June 3 | TCSG System Office |
| • Thursday, August 5 | TCSG System Office |
| • Thursday, September 2 | Potential College Visit TBD |
| • Thursday, October 7 | TCSG System Office |
| • Thursday, October 26 | Hyatt Regency Savannah
coincide with TCSG Leadership Conf. |
| • Thursday, December 2 | TCSG System Office |

Please let me or Collier know if you have any issues with these dates. These dates can also be found in the Board Book and on the TCSG website.

The Chairman thanked everyone for donating to the DFCS Secret Santa program. TCSG, the TCSG Colleges and the State Board were able to purchase gifts for 250 DFCS children this year.

Chairman Carter reminded Board Members to fill out their committee survey. He then thanked the IT staff for all of their hard work this year.

The next TCSG State Board meeting will be February 4, 2021 at the TCSG System Office.

Mr. Carvel Lewis closed the meeting with a word of prayer.

VII. ADJOURN

Chairman Doug Carter

I. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by Mr. Buzz Law to adjourn the December 3, 2020

State Board Meeting of the Technical College System of Georgia at 12:37pm. The



Motion was seconded by Dr. Artesius Miller. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

The TCSG State Board adjourned.