



STATE BOARD GENERAL SESSION

Doug Carter, *Chair*
Trey Sheppard, *Vice Chair*
Ben Bryant
Calder Clay
Lynn Cornett
Jay Cunningham
Tommy David
Mary Flanders
Randall Fox
Mark Hennessy
Anne Kaiser

Buzz Law
Carvel Lewis
Artesius Miller
Chunk Newman
Shirley Smith
Phil Sutton
Baoky Vu
Dinah Wayne
Tim Williams
Lisa Winton
Joe Yarbrough

Approved Draft **Minutes**

Thursday, January 14, 2021
10:00 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.

System Office

MEETING NUMBER (ACCESS CODE): 120.236.6972

MEETING PASSWORD: Jan2021

JOIN THE MEETING BY WEBEX: [LINK](#)

JOIN BY PHONE: 1.408.418.9388

Absent from the General Session: Ben Bryant, Lynn Cornett, Dinah Wayne

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 10:02 a.m. at the date and location stated above. He began by welcoming everyone to the virtual meeting.

Chairman Carter then welcomed Mr. Calder Clay to the Board. This is his first meeting. TCSG will have a swearing in ceremony for Mr. Clay at the next in-person Board Meeting.

Chairman Carter asked for a roll call to confirm that there was a quorum present. Collier Collier confirmed there was a quorum for the virtual Board Meeting.

For the next item of business, the Board went into Executive Session while everyone else was directed to a virtual waiting room.

II. Executive Committee

Chairman Doug Carter

I. Enter Executive Session



MOTION: The Motion was made at 10:04 a.m. by Mr. Joe Yarbrough for the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Trey Sheppard. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously. The State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia entered into Executive Session at 10:16 a.m.
[See attachment A]

II. Exit Executive Session

MOTION: The Motion was made by at 10:37 a.m. by Mr. Joe Yarbrough for the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to come out of Executive Session. The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Lisa Winton. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously. The State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia exited Executive Session at 10:38 a.m.

Chairman Carter welcomed everyone that was in the virtual waiting room back to the Board Meeting. He called on Mr. Joe Yarbrough to make a motion.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Doug Carter

I. Coastal Pines Technical College President

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Joe Yarbrough for the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to approve the Commissioner's recommendation to appoint Lonnie Roberts as the new president of Coastal Pines Technical College effective February 1, 2021. The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Lisa Winton. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

Chairman Carter congratulated President Roberts and asked Commissioner Dozier to introduce the New President of Coastal Pines Technical College, Mr. Lonnie Roberts.

Commissioner Dozier introduced President Roberts and provided everyone an overview of his career experience. President Roberts has tremendous respect in the community and has the full confidence of the Board to lead Coastal Pines Technical College. Commissioner Dozier also thanked President Glen Deibert for his service to TCSG and Coastal Pines Technical College. Chairman Carter echoed the Commissioner's statement about Dr. Deibert.



President Roberts commented how proud he was to be approved as the new President for Coastal Pines Technical College. He remarked that the College and staff are like family to him and he can't wait to get started. Then he thanked the Board, the Commissioner, and Dr. Deibert for this opportunity.

Chairman Carter said to President Roberts, on behalf of the Board, we look forward to working with you and are here to help you with anything you need. Then Chairman Carter called on Mr. Phil Sutton to make a Motion.

II. North Georgia Technical College President

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Phil Sutton for the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to approve the Commissioner's recommendation to appoint John Wilkinson as the new president of North Georgia Technical College effective February 1, 2021. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Buzz Law. The motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

Chairman Carter congratulated President Wilkinson. He then asked Commissioner Dozier to introduce the New President of North Georgia Technical College, Mr. John Wilkinson.

Commissioner Dozier introduced Mr. John Wilkinson and read several highlights from his resume. Commissioner Dozier expressed his support for President Wilkinson, confident that he will do a great job for North Georgia Technical College. This has been a very difficult time for North Georgia Technical College, but they have not missed a beat. Former President, Dr. Mark Ivester put a great team together and TCSG is very thankful for Dr. Michelle Shirley for her leadership during this time. Chairman Carter also thanked Dr. Shirley for serving as the Interim President.

President Wilkinson said he loves this community, North Georgia Technical College, and is looking forward to this opportunity. He thanked the Board and the Commissioner for trusting him with this opportunity.

Chairman Carter congratulated President Wilkinson and said on behalf of the Board was are all here to help you with anything you need. Then Chairman Carter called on Mr. Trey Sheppard to make a Motion.

IV. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chairman Doug Carter

I. Approval of Real Estate Transactions



MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Trey Sheppard to authorize the staff to prepare appropriate requests to the State Properties Commission seeking its approval of, and assistance with the execution of the following real estate transactions.

Southern Crescent Tech - 3.646 acres from One Henry, Inc.

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

DISCUSSION: Southern Crescent Technical College requests approval on the acquisition of 3.646 acres of improved land located on 150 Lakemont Drive, McDonough (Henry County), GA, from the One Henry, Inc., for the consideration not to exceed the fair market value, as the site for the TCSG-369 Center for Education Entrepreneurship, subject to the approval of the State Properties Commission.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Doug Carter

Chairman Carter thanked everyone for their patience. The next TCSG State Board meeting will be February 4, 2021 at the TCSG System Office. He reminded the Board to check the website for other dates. He reminded the Board to complete their Affidavit of Public Office by January 31, 2021. If anyone has questions about the affidavit, please reach out to Collier.

Chairman Carter then said that we are all praying for Chunk Newman who lost his son earlier this year. He also asked the Board to please keep Dinah Wayne in their thoughts and prayers. She is currently in the hospital with COVID-19.

VI. ADJOURN

Chairman Doug Carter

I. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion is made to adjourn the January 14, 2021 State Board Meeting of the Technical College System of Georgia at 10:55 a.m.



Attachment A

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DEKALB
AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception that permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question.

Comes now Doug Carter, the presiding officer identified below, and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

I am the presiding officer of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia.

I am over the age of 18 and in all aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.

On January 14, 2021, this Board which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons set forth below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.

The legal authority for the closure of this meeting was Section 50-14-3(6)(12) of the Official Code of Georgia.

During the closed portion of the meeting, members of the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia discussed or deliberated only upon a personnel matter.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14 day of JANUARY 2021.


Doug Carter
Chair & Presiding Officer

