



STATE BOARD GENERAL SESSION

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APPROVED MINUTES

Thursday, February 4, 2021

11:15 a.m.- 12:37 p.m.

1800 Century Place, 2nd Floor

Atlanta, Georgia 30345

MEETING NUMBER (ACCESS CODE): 120.355.6227

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Absent: Lynn Cornett, Baoky Vu, Tim Williams

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 virtual committee meetings earlier in the day.

Chairman Carter welcomed State Board Member, Calder Clay to his first meeting. Chairman Carter thanked Mr. Mike Day, the Rick Perkins Award Winner, Ms. Hannah Hadley, the EAGLE winner, and Dr. Tina Anderson, the President of Wiregrass Georgia Technical College, for presenting during the Committee of Whole.

With a heavy heart, Chairman Carter welcomed Mr. Alan Wayne and his family. State Board Member, Mrs. Dinah Wayne passed away earlier this year and Chairman Carter shared his memories of Mrs. Wayne with the family and Board. Commissioner Greg Dozier shared his deep sympathy. Several State Board Members also shared memories and kind words about Mrs. Wayne. Mrs. Dinah Wayne loved Technical Education, especially Adult Education. She was a kind and gentle spirit that made everyone feel welcomed. She loved her family and her friends. Mrs. Dinah Wayne will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

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 was made by Mrs. Lisa Winton to approve the December 3, 2020 Minutes. The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Anne Kaiser. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

MOTION: The motion was made by Dr. Artesius Miller to approve the January 14, 2021 minutes. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Carvel Lewis. 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 Dozier began by expressing his appreciation to the TCSG State Board for joining the Board meeting in January. From that meeting two Presidents have been approved and started at their colleges on February 1, 2021. The Commissioner speaks to President Roberts at Coastal Pines Technical College and President Wilkinson at North Georgia Technical College regularly and is happy to report they are both doing well. Dr. Whirl, the President of Augusta Technical College, is also doing a great job and announced that his family recently welcomed a new baby girl.

Commissioner Dozier also acknowledged the great work that Ms. Karen Kirchler, Interim Deputy Commissioner of Workforce Development is doing.

The Commissioner announced that Dr. Tina Anderson, President of Wiregrass Georgia Technical College, is retiring in May. Mrs. Juli Field will also be leaving the TCSG Foundation on February 15, 2021 because she has accepted a position working in the private sector. Mr. Brad Sims will be stepping in to help with the transition.

Last month, Commissioner Dozier presented to the Joint House and Senate Budget Appropriation Committee. The Commissioner was very pleased with the Governor's budget recommendation. Governor Kemp recommended additional formula funding of \$3.5M for FY2021 and \$9.5M for FY2022. In addition to the formula funding increase, the budget included funds of \$764,027 to fund the TRS rate adjustment. The recommendation included \$84.2M for capital outlay. This included \$23M for MRR, \$10M for Equipment Refresh, \$6.2M for Gwinnett Technical College, \$13M for Athens Tech's Industrial Systems, \$770K for Albany Tech's Diesel Demo Center, and \$3.5M for Savannah Tech's Culinary Institute. This is exciting to see our Governor's support for our students, college and industry.



There are several other projects that were approved by the Board. Our colleges are working with their local delegation to get those projects supported.

The Commissioner spoke at the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders meeting about how TCSG is navigating operations during this pandemic. One major thing he touched on is the speed of change during the pandemic. TCSG has started to rethink and change how we teach our students, how we conduct training, and how we do this at a competitive speed. He also discussed the partnerships we have with the Career Academies and Dual Enrollment.

Then the Commissioner commented on what a blessing it has been to have Dr. Ray Perren at the System Office. He has taken several of the initiatives that TCSG is working on and has been able to provide a college president's perspective.

The Commissioner then updated the Board on Several initiatives that TCSG is working on. One of these initiatives is the DHS Fatherhood program. Several of our Colleges are partnering with DHS in this program. We are working towards a more global systems approach to fatherhood. This will be a topic for discussion at the next Presidents' council.

TCSG is partnering with Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency with a job needs match. Several colleges are working on this partnership. TCSG continues to strive to fill voids in our workforce.

The Commissioner was asked to speak at Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education (GPEE) 15th Media Symposium. It was a great opportunity to sit down with our partners and talk together on how to solve problems in our State.

The Strengthening Community College Grant is an exciting opportunity that Savannah Technical College has taken the lead on. This is a \$4.9 million grant that will give our colleges an opportunity to build out career pathways in Manufacturing, IT, and Healthcare. Our colleges will be able to establish a micro-credentialing system and enhance online learning throughout the State. This grant will also work with our eCampus endeavors.

Commissioner Dozier updated the Board on his recent visits and meetings. He thanked Mr. Jim Glass, President of Southern Regional Technical College, for letting him visit the Thomasville campus this month. Healthcare training and the facility were very impressive. Commissioner Dozier commented that the learning environment at Southern Regional Tech looked identical to a real hospital. He was able to see the



training first hand and participate in a simulation. The Commissioner was very pleased with the community support for the College.

He was also able to see the mobile manufacturing lab, which was being loaded with Amatrol training equipment. He was also able to meet the staff that helps coordinate the lab. It was a great experience to see what the mobile lab could do. He also toured the vet Tech program.

Commissioner Dozier also spent a day with Dr. Andrea Daniel, President of Athens Technical College, on the Athens Technical College Campus. He appreciates Dr. Daniel for her leadership and forward thinking. The Commissioner commented on how impressed he was with the healthcare training at Athens Technical College. They had a great discussion with everyone from the senior leadership to the instructors on how we teach people in the future, especially around eCampus.

TCSG has been a great partner with the community and Georgia during the pandemic from day one. Things as small as donating plants to nursing homes, opening child care centers for first responders, and CDL drivers delivering PPE across the State have just been some ways TCSG has been helping. Every College is engaged with their local provider on how we can help with the vaccine roll out. In many cases, TCSG is helping with the actual administration of the vaccine or helping with observation after the vaccine has been given. Our college have also offered their sites as the vaccine roll out grows.

Commissioner Dozier has been asked to join the Governor's Executive Children's Cabinet. They had their first meeting last week.

Commissioner Dozier shared with the State Board that two search committees have started for the President positions at Lanier Technical College and West Georgia Technical College. He will continue to keep the Board updated on their progress. He then thanked Mr. Pat Hannon, Interim President at West Georgia Technical College and Mr. Tim McDonald, Interim President at Lanier Technical College for their leadership.

That concluded the Commissioners report.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- **Academic Affairs**

Artesius Miller

I. Ratification of Program Approvals Made by the Commissioner



MOTION: The Motion was made by Dr. Artesius Miller to ratify the program requests approved by the Commissioner since the last state board meeting. The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Anne Kaiser. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

Albany Technical College

TCC program in Barbering for Cosmetologists BF21 effective May 2021.

Columbus Technical College

TCC program in Full Stack Developer FS21, effective January 2021.

TCC program in Logistics Management Technician LMT1, effective May 2021.

Diploma program in Logistics and Supply Chain Management LAS2, effective May 2021.

Degree program in Logistics and Supply Chain Management LAS3, effective May 2021.

Gwinnett Technical College

TCC program in Endoscope Reprocessing Technician ERT1, effective January 2021.

II. Academic Standards and Programs

Motion (Approval of Degrees, Diplomas, and TCC):

MOTION: The Motion was made by Dr. Artesius Miller that the college requests listed below to offer degrees, diplomas and TCC programs 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 Mr. Joe Yarbrough. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

Chattahoochee Technical College - Degree program in Early Childhood Care and Education, EC63, 60 Credit Hours, effective August 2021.

The Early Childhood Care and Education associate of applied science degree program is a sequence of courses designed to prepare students for a variety of careers in the field of early childhood education. Learning opportunities develop academic, technical, and professional knowledge and skills required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. The program emphasizes a combination of early childhood care and education theory and practical application, as well as general core competencies necessary for successful employment. Program graduates receive an Early Childhood Care and



Education Associate of Applied Science degree and have the qualifications to be employed in early care and education settings including child care centers, Head Start, Georgia Pre-K programs, and elementary school paraprofessional positions. Graduates will receive a specialization in one of three areas: Exceptionalities, Infant/ Toddler, or Program Administration. In 2019, there were 540,000 Preschool Teacher jobs nationally, and 1,146,400 Childcare Worker jobs, with an anticipated 13,500 and 19,500 (respectively) projected to be added between 2019 and 2029. Additionally, Preschool Teacher is one of the Top Jobs in Georgia for individuals with an Associate Degree (Georgia Department of Labor); additionally, the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning requires preschool teachers and caregivers to have at least a TCC from a Technical College to be employed. In December of 2020, there were 1,390 job postings for child care personnel on Indeed.com within a 50-mile radius of CTC's Marietta Campus. This program will replace the current Associate Degree (and shorten it, reducing students' time to completion), and will use existing resources and faculty. This is 60 hours instead of the current 72. No courses have been changed - just reconfiguration of requirements.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 200 Year 2: 250 Year 3: 275

Evening Students Year 1: 20 Year 2: 30 Year 3: 40

Chattahoochee Technical College - Diploma program in Interiors, IN22, 48 Credit Hours, effective August 2021.

The Interiors program is designed to prepare students for employment in a variety of positions in today's interior field. The Interiors program provides learning opportunities which introduce, develop, and reinforce academic and occupational knowledge and skills, required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. The knowledge and skills emphasized in this program include; interior design fundamentals; selection and specification of interior finishes, furnishings, and equipment; creation and interpretation of interior floor plans and construction documents; software drafting and drawing applications; current industry technologies; building systems and codes for interiors; communication with architects, contractors, and clients; and client presentations and business principles. Additionally, the program provides opportunities to upgrade present knowledge and skills or to retrain in the area of interiors. Graduates of the program receive an Interiors diploma. Career Information: The Interiors program of study provides opportunities for graduates as independent designers as well as employment within the vast interior design industry. Opportunities range from specialized roles to general design project managers. In 2019 there were 77,900



Interior Design jobs nationally, and in December of 2020, there were 30 jobs in Interior design and 71 CAD designer jobs posted within 25 miles of the Woodstock Campus, where this program is housed. Additionally, Interior Designers may specialize in a particular field, style, or phase of interior design, including residential or commercial design, using CAD and related software to produce construction/ design documents, sales consulting, real estate staging, or retail design, which increases job potential for graduates. This program replaces the current diploma in Interiors; it reduces credit hours and integrates both general design and kitchen and bath design principles and practices.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 15 Year 2: 20 Year 3: 25

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

Chattahoochee Technical College - Degree program in Interiors, IN23, 66 Credit Hours, effective August 2021.

The Interiors program is designed to prepare students for employment in a variety of positions in today's interior field. The Interiors program provides learning opportunities which introduce, develop, and reinforce academic and occupational knowledge and skills, required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. The knowledge and skills emphasized in this program include; interior design fundamentals; selection and specification of interior finishes, furnishings, and equipment; creation and interpretation of interior floor plans and construction documents; software drafting and drawing applications; current industry technologies; building systems and codes for interiors; communication with architects, contractors, and clients; and client presentations and business principles. Additionally, the program provides opportunities to upgrade present knowledge and skills or to retrain in the area of interiors. Career Information: The Interiors program of study provides opportunities for graduates as independent designers as well as employment within the vast interior design industry. Opportunities range from specialized roles to general design project managers. In 2019 there were 77,900 Interior Design jobs nationally, and in December of 2020 there were 30 jobs in Interior design and 71 CAD designer jobs posted within 25 miles of the Woodstock Campus, where this program is housed. Additionally, Interior Designers may specialize in a particular field, style or phase of interior design, including residential or commercial design, using CAD and related software to produce construction/ design documents, sales consulting, real estate staging, or retail design, which increases job potential for graduates. This degree will replace the current Interiors degree (IN13) and incorporates both general design and kitchen and bath design principles.



Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 80 Year 2: 85 Year 3: 90

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

Chattahoochee Technical College - TCC program in iOS App Development in Swift, IAD1, 9 Credit Hours, effective August 2021.

The latest mobile devices and applications are changing the way we communicate, do business, and access news and entertainment. Businesses, consumers, and programmers have embraced this innovative medium, making mobile application developer one of the most demanded and fastest growing IT career paths. The certificate is designed to allow programming and web development majors to augment their existing programs with iOS application development using Swift. The program also allows professional programmers and web developers to add iOS application development to their skill set.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 10 Year 2: 20 Year 3: 30

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

Chattahoochee Technical College - Diploma program in UX (User Experience) Design & Development, UD12, 55 Credit Hours, effective August 2021.

The UX (User Experience) Design & Development diploma prepares students to create websites, software, and other products, so the right audiences can use them easily and enjoyably. Students will successfully implement UX design processes and design strategies to produce User Experience Designs that span multiple devices, including PCs, phones, and tablets. Demand for graduates continues to grow. In Georgia alone, 200+ openings currently exist (1/2021) - from a broad & diverse range of companies looking for in-house designers to freelance/consulting opportunities. The occupational outlook for web designers and developers, which includes UX design, is 8% growth from 2019-2029, much faster than average. UX Design degree careers include product research, creating user personas and scenarios, website prototyping, and product testing. This program will replace the current Web App Development programs and will utilize existing faculty, facilities and resources.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 20 Year 2: 25 Year 3: 30

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



Chattahoochee Technical College – Degree program in UX (User Experience) Design & Development, UD13, 64 Credit Hours, effective August 2021.

The UX (User Experience) Design & Development degree prepares students to create websites, software, and other products, so the right audiences can use them easily and enjoyably. Students will successfully implement UX design processes and design strategies to produce User Experience Designs that span multiple devices, including PCs, phones, and tablets. Demand for graduates continues to grow. In Georgia alone, 200+ openings currently exist (1/2021) - from a broad & diverse range of companies looking for in-house designers to freelance/consulting opportunities. The occupational outlook for web designer and developers, which includes UX design, is 8% growth from 2019-2029, much faster than average. UX Design degree careers include product research, creating user personas and scenarios, website prototyping, and product testing. This program will replace the current Web Applications Development programs and will utilize existing faculty, facilities and resources.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 30 Year 2: 40 Year 3: 56

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

III. **Program Terminations**

MOTION: The Motion was made by Dr. Artesius Miller to approve the program termination requests for February 2021. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Buzz Law. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

Termination of Degrees, Diplomas, and TCCs

Athens Technical College

TCC program in Firefighter I (FF11), effective May 2021.

Diploma program in Fire Science Technology (FST2), effective May 2021.

TCC program in Basic Fire Company Officer (BF11), effective May 2021.

Degree program in Fire Science Technology (FS13), effective May 2021.

TCC program in Fire Officer I (FF31), effective May 2021.

TCC program in Firefighter II (FF21), effective May 2021.

TCC program in Fire Officer II (FF51), effective May 2021.

Coastal Pines Technical College

TCC program in Computed Tomography Specialist (CT91), effective February



2021.

Georgia Northwestern Tech College

TCC program in Variable Frequency Drives Technician (VFD1), effective February 2021.

IV. Approval for Program Standards and Revisions

MOTION: The Motion was made by Dr. Artesius Miller to approve program standards and revisions for February 2021. The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Lisa Winton. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

Major Code	Program Name	Program Development	Award Level	Credit Hours
NAA1	Nurse Aide Accelerated	Standard	TCC	9
AC22	Air Conditioning Technology	Chattahoochee	Diploma	46
ACR3	Automotive Collision Repair AAS	Athens	Degree	64
CT32	Carpentry Technology	Chattahoochee	Diploma	40
EC63	Early Childhood Care and Education	Chattahoochee	Degree	60
EC42	Early Childhood Care and Education	Chattahoochee	Diploma	42
ERT1	Endoscope Reprocessing Technician	Gwinnett	TCC	17
LC12	Human Lactation	Georgia Northwestern	Diploma	57
LC31	Human Lactation	Georgia Northwestern	TCC	36
IN23	Interiors	Chattahoochee	Degree	66
IN22	Interiors	Chattahoochee	Diploma	48
IAD1	iOS App Development in Swift	Chattahoochee	TCC	9

AI31	Architectural Interiors CAD Technician	Chattahoochee	TCC	24
UD13	UX (User Experience) Design & Development	Chattahoochee	Degree	64
UD12	UX (User Experience) Design & Development	Chattahoochee	Diploma	55

- **Adult Education**

Shirley Smith

Mrs. Shirley Smith gave the Committee report. In the Adult Education Committee Meeting Board Member were given a middle of the year update on Adult Education programs. The pandemic continues to impact enrollment, but there are approximately 18,987 enrolled adults across the state as of February 1, 2021. The largest decline has been with English Language Learner population. The Office of Adult Education is conducting research in this area to provide more context into why we are seeing a 67% decline in that population from last year's numbers.

The TCSG Office of Adult Education has 2,828 High School Equivalency graduates so far this year. Four of those students are coming from the new exam option, the HiSET. There has also been over 80 Career Plus participants and TCSG anticipates the first graduates to come from the HiSET option in late May. For adult education classes, HSE testing, and enrollment options within the Technical College System, the Office of Adult Education is working with CLCP's and the System Office Marketing Team to create customizable recruitment messages for adults within the local community.

Karen Kirchler, Interim Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development gave the Committee the Workforce Development update. The Office of Workforce Development has seen staff changes. Karen Kirchler is the Interim Deputy Commissioner since Joe Dan's retirement. DeeDee Doeckel, formerly in the role of Apprenticeship Specialist has taken the role of Business Services Manager. Both have hit the ground running. The office still has four vacancies.

The Office of Workforce Development is working with local areas to complete data submission for the EMSI Economic Impact Study. The study, which highlights the overall impact of Workforce dollars on the state's economy and provides a general ROI figure on Workforce funds, should be completed by next month. The Office of Workforce Development staff are preparing to offer a training on "Reopening Public Places in the



COVID Environment", offering local areas "best practices" for reengaging in face-to-face service.

The COVID National Emergency grant is being implemented throughout the state, providing temporary employment opportunities and training opportunities to displaced workers. FY22 funding projections have been released, and current projections have Georgia facing an almost 10% reduction from \$78.2 million to \$70.4 million.

That concluded the Committee report.

- **External Affairs and Economic Development**

Lisa Winton for Baoky Vu

Mrs. Lisa Winton gave the Committee report for Mr. Baoky Vu. Mark D'Alessio updated the Committee on the marketing and communication efforts from TCSG. The Marketing Team is currently assisting the Economic Development team with the launch of a statewide digital marketing campaign that will run through FY21. The campaign is part of a branding effort to bring awareness to the Economic development opportunities at our 22 colleges. The Succeed Sooner videos for each of the 22 colleges have been developed.

The TCSG Marketing Team is assisting the Office of Adult Education with several projects, including the development of a marketing strategy for transitioning GED/HiSET graduates into traditional students. They are also working with various committees for the eCampus project. The 2021 "Fastest Facts" one-pager is completed.

Neil Bitting, Assistant Commissioner, gave the legislative affairs update to the Committee. Today is the 12th day of the legislative session. Over the last couple of weeks, Commissioner Dozier has presented to the Joint Appropriations Committee, the House and the Senate Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittees. The amended FY 21 budget has moved quickly through the process. The House passed the bill last week.

The TCSG agency legislation is House Bill 67. The Bill was passed by the House Higher Education Committee yesterday, and should hopefully be on the floor next week. Governor Kemp invited Commissioner Dozier to his announcement for the Teacher Pipeline Proposal on Tuesday. The initiative will incentivize and create more pathways for teacher certification in an attempt to address teacher shortages in Georgia.

The Economic Development team has been very busy this month. TCSG has launched a statewide digital outreach campaign to raise awareness and visibility of Economic Development opportunities. The campaign will run through spring and will deliver ads



to target audiences utilizing social media, as well as web page/search engine placement.

The Mobile Welding Labs are all currently in use and scheduled through May by the following colleges:

Savannah, Chattahoochee, Georgia Northwestern and Columbus

The Advanced Manufacturing Mobile Lab, a joint venture with Southern Regional will be ready for deployment by mid-February. The lab will allow for a wide variety of training from basic to highly technical and supports on-demand, customized training to meet employer needs.

TCSG has partnered with Wiregrass to pilot a virtual reality "Manufacturing Basics" program using equipment purchased by Economic Development. The program is intended to reduce the amount of time employers need to train entry-level staff and also reduce turnover.

There was a lot to report from Quick Start. Through December and January, prospect activity involved a wide range of industry types, including automotive parts, packaging, fin-tech, e-commerce fulfillment, custom boats, mattress, eco-friendly floors and walls, facemasks and PPE, and aviation components. There were 12 new prospects in December-January, with 3,984 potential jobs. There were also 11 announcements made with 1,835 jobs announced.

Quick Start's Georgia BioScience Training Center was highlighted in an online Zoom meeting with Quick Start, Georgia Power, GDEcD and four company consultants from Deloitte representing Project Titan, a pharmaceutical manufacturer making their second visit to Georgia. The consultants were very knowledgeable about the key role Quick Start and the Center played in the original Baxter initiative that led to the construction of the billion-dollar facility now owned and operated by Takeda.

That completed the Committee report.

- **Facilities and Real Estate**

Ben Bryant

- I. Actions for Ratifications**

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Ben Bryant to ratify the contracts and sublease agreements executed by the Commissioner between December 3, 2020 and February 4, 2021 for the technical colleges listed below at a cost not to exceed the amount stated. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Buzz Law. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.



- A. DISCUSSION: The State Board granted the Commissioner the authority to make all decisions, purchases and enter into necessary contracts between the December 3, 2020 and February 4, 2021 State Board meetings. The following designated construction contracts were entered into by the Commissioner for the technical colleges listed below at a cost not to exceed the amount stated and are to be ratified at the February 4, 2021 State Board meeting.

College	Vendor	Amount
Georgia Piedmont	Dusty Greer Roofing, Inc	\$461,700.00
West Georgia	EMCOR Services	\$386,650.00

II. Approval of Real Estate Transactions

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Ben Bryant 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. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Carvel Lewis. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

- A. **Oconee Fall Line Tech** – Easement 1.06 acres to Southern Co. Gas

DISCUSSION: Oconee Fall Line Technical College requests approval on the granting of a revocable license and a non-exclusive easement to the Southern Company Gas, over approximately 1.06 acres on the Transportation Center of Oconee Fall Line Technical College, for the installation and maintenance of gas distribution lines to serve the TCSG-342a Washington County Building Repurpose.

III. Approval of Construction Contracts

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Ben Bryant 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. Buzz Law. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

- A. **Athens Tech** - \$297,500.00 with PLM Ventures

DISCUSSION: Athens Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Building D & E Parking Lot



Grading" on the Main Campus of Athens Technical College, with PLM Ventures, Bogart, GA in the amount of \$297,500.00, using local funds.

B. Ogeechee Tech - \$141,859.99 with Johnson-Laux Construction

DISCUSSION: Ogeechee Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Greenhouse Renovation" on the Main Campus of Ogeechee Technical College, with Johnson-Laux Construction, Savannah, GA in the amount of \$141,859.99, using local funds.

C. Southeastern Tech - \$175,799.88 with Johnson-Laux Construction

DISCUSSION: Southeastern Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Old Gymnasium Demolition and Removal" on the Swainsboro of Southeastern Technical College, with Johnson-Laux Construction, Savannah, GA in the amount of \$175,799.88, using local funds.

That concluded the Committee report.

- **Governance, Compliance and Audit**

Buzz Law

I. Approval of Policy Revision

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Buzz Law to approve recommended revisions to *Policy 5.2.3 Programs for Adult Literacy*. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Tommy David. 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 ~~Education~~Literacy 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 ~~A~~adult ~~e~~Education~~literacy~~ programs.

Adult ~~E~~education~~literacy~~ 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) 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 ~~a~~Adult Literacy ~~E~~education program shall have a local advisory committee for adult ~~literacy~~~~education~~y 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. Approval of Policy Revision

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Buzz Law to approve recommended revisions to *Policy 5.2.4 General Education Development (GED®) Testing and Diplomas*. The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Shirley Smith. 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/ged_trans_req.php)

III. Approval of Local Board Appointment

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Buzz Law to approve the local board appointment as listed in the Board materials. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Tommy David. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

• Operations, Finance, and Planning

Carvel Lewis

I. New Expenditure Items for February

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Carvel Lewis for the State Board to authorize the Commissioner to purchase the designated items or execute the requested contracts for the system office and technical colleges listed below at a cost not to exceed the amounts stated. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Buzz Law. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

1. **TCSG/Economic Dev.** – Lease renewal of Amatrol Software from Technical Training Aids for unlimited access to Amatrol Advanced Manufacturing e-learning library for all TCSG colleges; cost \$300,000.00. **State funds are available for this expenditure.**

Discussion: All TCSG technical colleges currently use Amatrol Hardware Learning Systems in various industrial/mechanical programs at the colleges. Amatrol learning systems include student curriculum & instructor's guides, which



can be used in either a self-paced or lecture-lab environment. Over several years the colleges have built their industrial/mechanical training labs with Amatrol Learning Systems. The e-learning is an extensive online technical library curricula that works in conjunction with the Amatrol hardware learning systems. It is TCSG's goal to standardize the e-learning platform across the system so that each technical college will be utilizing a standardized approach to training.

2. **Wiregrass Georgia Technical College** – Six mobile trailer training units from All American Trailer Connection for areas of construction, framing, masonry, electrical, plumbing, and flooring installation, as well as business/industry programs; cost \$206,900.00. **Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.**

Discussion: Six mobile trailer training units are needed for the areas of construction, framing, masonry, electrical, plumbing, and flooring installation to include credit instruction on the college's existing campuses and high school locations, as well as non-credit thru the college's business/industry programs and the agreement with Georgia Dept. of Corrections. The trailer units will be transported between sites as needed to offer onsite training. Funding is provided by six separate USDA Rural Business Development grants.

II. Expenditure Items for Ratification (December & January)

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Carvel Lewis for the State Board to ratify all decisions, purchases, and contracts made by the Commissioner for requests submitted by the system office and technical colleges between the December 2020 and February 2021 State Board meetings. Authority was granted to the Commissioner at the December meeting for approval of such requests at a cost not to exceed the amounts stated. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Buzz Law. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

1. **TCSG/IT** – Request to purchase Okta Enterprise Identity Management Solution from CDW-G for TCSG colleges and system office; cost \$2,249,998.00. **Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.**

Discussion: TCSG's eCampus platform project requires the ability for faculty, staff, and students to seamlessly and securely access resources across colleges. Okta provides a leading enterprise level approach to not only meet the needs of the eCampus initiative, but to enhance application accessibility and security system-wide. CDW-G provides Okta's software and implementation services via statewide contract, and combining the purchase across the system allows us to negotiate a discount beyond the traditional state contract rate. This request includes a 36-month license for all of Okta's enterprise features and



implementation services necessary to rapidly deploy the technology. Okta will be deployed at each of the 22 colleges and the system office to support all faculty, staff, and students.

2. **Albany Technical College** – New Mobile STEM Lab Trailer from Midway Trailers Inc. for engineering departments; cost \$279,941.00. **Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.**

Discussion: ATC is seeking to acquire a new trailer that will serve as a mobile STEM Lab for the college's engineering departments. The objective of the lab is to expose current/prospective students to the different facets of engineering technology by the way of providing instruction and demonstrating the usage of engineering associated equipment, tools, and practices during onsite visits to organizations, middle/high schools, and the surrounding Dougherty County area. The mobile STEM lab will enable students to experience firsthand what each of the academic programs associated with the Engineering Prep Academy (EPA) has to offer, and allow them to make an informed decision regarding the pursuance of credentials with the fields of Electrical & Computer Engineering, Civil Engineering, Graphics Design Engineering, Mechatronics Technology or Electronics Technology. The lab will be equipped with computers/workstations that will allow instruction to take place with a maximum of 10 students. Two anticipated outcomes associated with the attainment of the STEM lab are the increase in the number of students who select one of the college's engineering programs and assistance in retaining current students.

3. **Georgia Piedmont Technical College** – Complete Contact Tracing System from Nichols Security Commercial LLC including thermal cameras, access control, and CCTV cameras for all campus locations; cost \$399,537.00. **Federal CARES funds are available for this expenditure.**

Discussion: The needs of the college during this pandemic warrant the purchase of a complete contact tracing system. The college seeks to install a system that will allow complete surveillance and control access to all campus locations. This system will ensure that no one enters a campus with a confirmed temperature higher than recommended and provides a mechanism to trace individuals' movements thru the campus. With this approach, the college can offer a safer environment for its faculty, staff, and students.

4. **Oconee Fall Line Technical College** – 47 Cisco network switches from CDW-G for two campus locations; cost \$269,662.00. **Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.**

Discussion: OFTC has a large number of network switches, mostly on the Dublin campus with a few on Sandersville campus, that are end of life and need to be



replaced. These new switches will help increase bandwidth speeds between user endpoints due to increasing network load. Two grants, USDA Distance Learning and PBI Competitive, are funding this purchase.

5. **Southern Crescent Technical College** – Wi-Fi infrastructure package (including 201 Cisco Meraki MR46 access points, additional equipment, & licenses) from CDW-G for multiple locations; cost \$381,000.00. **Federal CARES funds are available for this expenditure.**

Discussion: SCTC is looking to update their wireless network infrastructure using the Cisco Meraki Wi-Fi system. This will provide a robust wireless infrastructure for the Griffin, Flint, and Butts County sites of the college. The system can be used by faculty to enhance their teaching by having more ways to connect to the internet and local network that is not limited to the classroom, and students will be able to bring their own devices to use on the college network. The system includes installing 201 Cisco Meraki MR46 access points and additional network equipment that is needed to connect the systems to the college network.

- **Executive Committee**

Chairman Doug Carter

Chairman Carter said that the updates that Commissioner Dozier gave earlier in the meeting were the same updates the Executive Committee heard.

- I. **Motion (Approval of resolution)**

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Trey Sheppard to approve the resolution honoring Mrs. Shan Cooper for her service as a member of the Technical College System of Georgia State Board. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Buzz Law. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

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.

Chairman Carter reminded Board Member to fill out their Affidavit of Public Office as soon as possible.

The Chairman then thanked the IT staff for all of their hard work during virtual meetings. He also asked Board Members to please email Collier with any memories that you would like to be included the resolution for Mrs. Dinah Wayne.

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

Mr. Tommy David closed the meeting with a word of prayer.

VII. ADJOURN

Chairman Doug Carter

I. Adjournment

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Buzz Law to adjourn the February 4, 2021 State Board Meeting of the Technical College System of Georgia at 12:44 pm. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Trey Sheppard. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

The Technical College System of Georgia State Board Meeting stood adjourned.