



STATE BOARD GENERAL SESSION

Approved Minutes

Doug Carter, <i>Chair</i>	Buzz Law
Trey Sheppard, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Carvel Lewis
Ben Bryant	Artesius Miller
Calder Clay	Chunk Newman
Lynn Cornett	Shirley Smith
Jay Cunningham	Phil Sutton
Tommy David	Baoky Vu
Mary Flanders	Tim Williams
Randall Fox	Lisa Winton
Mark Hennessy	Joe Yarbrough
Anne Kaiser	

Thursday, April 1, 2021

11:30 a.m.- 12:40 p.m.

1800 Century Place, 2nd Floor

Atlanta, Georgia 30345

MEETING NUMBER (ACCESS CODE):120.615.0869

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Absent: Lynn Cornett, Anne Kaiser, Artesius Miller

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 11:37 a.m. at the date and location stated above. He began by welcoming everyone to the meeting, especially those that joined from North Georgia Technical College for the conference room dedication for Dr. Mark A. Ivester.

II. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chairman Doug Carter

Chairman Carter asked Collier Collier to call the roll and confirm that there was a quorum present. She confirmed a quorum was 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 Mr. Carvel Lewis to approve the March 4, 2021 minutes. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Buzz Law. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously. The March 4, 2021 Minutes were approved.

III. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Gregory Dozier

Commissioner Dozier began by expressing his condolences to Mr. Carvel Lewis on the recent passing of his mother. He also congratulated Mr. Jay Cunningham on his recent marriage and wedding.



He introduced Mrs. Kelsey Bassett, whom recently came back to TCSG from West Georgia Technical College. She will be working with the TCSG Foundation and Economic Development Department.

TCSG had very little damage at our colleges from recent storms, but our colleges are still stepping up to help their communities, especially in Newnan. For example, the CDL team from Southern Crescent Technical College is helping with the distribution of supplies in and around their area.

TCSG and our colleges are helping with the vaccination efforts throughout the State. They are assisting at the local hospitals or working at the vaccination sites to either administer the vaccine or monitor the patient afterwards. Athens Technical College will launch a vaccination site this Friday. Commissioner Dozier applauded Dr. Daniel and the staff at Athens Technical College for their help with distributing the vaccine in the Athens community. Dr. Heidi Popham and her team at Georgia Northwestern Technical College have been working with several industries in Northwest Georgia to provide space for the community and workforces to get vaccinated at the different campuses.

Commissioner Dozier will be giving a detailed budget overview during the May Board Meeting. TCSG was extremely blessed with the completed budget. The Governor recommended his budget and it was approved in the final bill: \$23.9M for MRR, \$10M for Equipment Refresh, \$6.2M for Gwinnett Technical College, \$26.8 M for the Paulding aviation facility for Chattahoochee 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.

Commissioner Dozier then reviewed parts of the Bond package. TCSG is very appreciative of the robust bond package. Several projects were included this year. This appears to be one of the strongest bond packages TCSG has had in years.

Atlanta Technical College received \$3,200,000 for its commercial truck driving facility and diesel and technology programs. Southern Regional Technical College received a bond of \$2,270,000 to fund the design of the Technical and Industrial Education Building. Georgia Piedmont Technical College received \$5,770,000 for the Commercial Truck Driving Facility and diesel and technology programs. Wiregrass Georgia Technical College received a bond for \$2,530,000 for the commercial truck driving facility and diesel and technology program. North Georgia Technical College also received a bond of \$5,620,000 for the design, construction, and equipment of the Dr. Mark A. Ivester Center for Living and Learning.



Commissioner Dozier applauded Mr. Neil Bitting for his efforts and hard work representing TCSG at the Capitol this session.

There were three pieces of legislation that TCSG was watching very closely. The first was a bill to allow TCSG to write off charges that were not collected from past due notices to students. There was another bill that passed which allows TCSG to carry money forward since the academic year and fiscal year are not aligned. This legislation was about to sunset and has been extended for an additional five years. There was a small change to how the revenue is reported. TCSG will be reporting the reserve to the State Board, OPB, House, and Senate budget offices.

Another piece of legislation is the Lt Governor's bill to allow children in the Georgia Foster Care system to attend a TCSG college for free. TCSG does not know the full cost of this for our colleges, but we are working to implement this legislation to help Georgia's Foster Care Children.

Chairman Tippin's bill, SB 204, authorizes TCSG institutions to issue high school diplomas. Additionally, the bill establishes the framework for a pilot program within TCSG that includes up to five colleges for five years called the "Dual Achievement Program." Under the structure, a high school student who is 16 or older, and has completed six of the nine core courses established in the alternative high school pathway, could be eligible to transfer to a TCSG college to earn the remaining core credits in addition to two TCC's, a diploma, or associate degree to earn a high school diploma simultaneously. Additional language outlines certain requirements for students and waivers that colleges may necessitate in order for a student to participate.

That concluded the Commissioner's report.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- **Academic Affairs**

Joe Yarbrough for Artesius Miller

I. Academic Standards and Programs

Motion (Approval of TCCs):

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Joe Yarbrough that the college requests listed below to offer TCC programs be approved effective the semester specified for each request. Any fiscal requirements to begin the program must be approved through the standard budget approval process. The Motion was



seconded by Mr. Carvel Lewis. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

Albany Technical College - TCC program in Social Media Specialist, SMF1, 12 Credit Hours, effective May 2021.

During this time, it is important for Marketers to have social media skills. Social media usage is one of the most popular online activities. In 2020, an estimated 3.6 billion people were using social media worldwide, a number projected to increase to almost 4.41 billion in 2025. According to Statista, social network penetration is constantly increasing worldwide and, as of January 2020, stood at 49 percent. The most successful companies use social media marketing and have specific jobs related to social media management and engagement. We want to give students opportunities and the necessary skills to thrive in this industry. There are no colleges in our service area that offer the Social Media Specialist certificate. There are no additional costs associated with starting this program. An enrollment of 40 students is anticipated in year one growing to 80 by year three.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 25 Year 2: 35 Year 3: 45

Evening Students Year 1: 15 Year 2: 25 Year 3: 35

Coastal Pines Technical College - TCC program in Foundations of Computer Programming, FF41, 15 Credit Hours, effective August 2021.

Based on Legislation in Senate Bill 108, all high schools will be required to offer a computer programming course to students by 2023. Coastal Pines Technical College (CPTC) has polled its high school dual enrollment partners and all are interested in partnering with CPTC to provide the computer programming course to students through dual enrollment. Additionally, CPTC is participating in the Strengthening Community Colleges Grant. This certificate will enable a completer to be eligible for an entry level programming position. There are no colleges in the CPTC Service Delivery Area that offer computer programming. The proposed TCC will follow the current state standard. Projected costs for the first year are \$29,570 with enrollment of 25 and third year projected costs of \$36,366 with enrollment of 55 students. This includes salaries, fringe benefits, supplies, equipment upgrades, travel, and library resources. This program will also meet the workforce demand of the companies who are advertising for entry-level Python Programming Developers in Georgia.



Enrollment Projections:

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

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

South Georgia Technical College - TCC program in Unmanned Aerial Systems Technology, UAS1, 18 Credit Hours, effective May 2022.

The UAS1 Unmanned Aerial Systems Technology TCC will allow students to expand and enhance their electronics training and apply their skill sets in a new and growing field. More businesses and government agencies in the SGTC service area are employing drones for various business purposes; this more elaborate and expensive equipment requires repair and modification, unlike the less expensive, though ubiquitous, hobbyist drone models. Students can work for companies that use a large number of drones or have the opportunity for an entrepreneurial option. Most of the equipment necessary to work on this type of device is already present in the electronics and avionics labs on campus, so the startup costs will be minimal. This program also dovetails with current Econ Dev/Cont Ed offerings; therefore, both the credit and non-credit side of the college will benefit from implementing this program.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 10 Year 2: 12 Year 3: 20

Evening Students Year 1: 8 Year 2: 10 Year 3: 12

II. **Program Terminations**

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Joe Yarbrough to approve the program termination requests for April 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 Quality Assurance Specialist (QA31), effective May 2021.
- TCC program in Quality Assurance Professional (QA21), effective May 2021.

Savannah Technical College

- TCC program in Automotive Collision Repair Assistant II (AZ51), effective May 2021.
- TCC program in Automotive Refinishing Assistant II (AP71), effective May 2021.



- Diploma program in Residential Weatherization and HVAC Specialist (RWA2), effective April 2021.
- Diploma program in Auto Collision Repair (ACR2), effective May 2021.
- TCC program in Automotive Refinishing Assistant I (ARA1), effective May 2021.
- TCC program in Automotive Collision Repair Assistant I (AB51), effective May 2021.
- Degree program in Residential Weatherization and HVAC Specialist (RWA3), effective April 2021.

West Georgia Technical College

- Diploma program in Surgical Technology (ST12), effective April 2021.

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College

- TCC program in Dual Enrollment Nurse Aide (DF91), effective April 2021.
- Diploma program in Horticulture (EH12), effective May 2021.
- Degree program in Horticulture (EH13), effective May 2021.
- TCC program in Dual Enrollment Geriatric Care Assistant (DEG1), effective April 2021.

III. Approval for Program Standards and Revisions

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Joe Yarbrough to approve program standards and revisions for April 2021. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Phil Sutton. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

Major Code	Program Name	Program Development	Award Level	Credit Hours
MA23	Medical Assisting	Standard	Degree	62
MA22	Medical Assisting	Standard	Diploma	53
FST3	Forensic Science Technology	Southern Crescent	Degree	64
FS12	Forensic Science Technology	Southern Crescent	Diploma	51
IAD1	iOS App Development in Swift	Standard	TCC	11

That concluded the Committee report.

• Adult Education and Workforce Development

Shirley Smith

Mrs. Shirley Smith gave the Committee report. In the Adult Education and Workforce Development Committee meeting, the TCSG Adult Education team provided an



update on the High School Equivalency numbers. At this time there are 3,526 GED graduates and 6 HiSET graduates. The Committee then received an update from Mrs. Carla DeBose regarding the outstanding TCSG Adult Education professional development efforts. From March to June 2020, the Professional Development team delivered 56 training sessions and over 100 hours of instruction to 2,600 instructors. They have continued this training through Blackboard and two educational training summits. The TCSG Adult Education team is planning a Virtual Spring Conference, May 11-12, 2021, all the State Board Members will be invited to attend.

Mrs. Smith noted that the EAGLE competition will be back in FY22, which means that the fabulous winner from FY20, Hannah Hadley from Wiregrass Georgia Technical College will serve for two years.

The Workforce Development team at TCSG has hired a new member for their finance team. There are currently four open positions on the team. The American Apprenticeship Initiative grant is sun setting on September 30th. There is currently \$1.8 million in remaining funds. The Workforce Development team is still working with the COVID-19 Dislocated Workers Grant. They have launched a digital outreach campaign through Cox Media with an information message regarding training and employment opportunities.

That concluded the Committee report.

- **External Affairs and Economic Development**

Baoky Vu

Mr. Baoky Vu gave the Committee report to the Board. There were seven prospects in March 2021, for 3,794 potential jobs. There were four announcements and 990 jobs announced. The Athens training center is now the site of a first-of-its-kind training site designed and built by the Quick Start team for use in courses on Alternative Protective Measures. Quick Start has opened three new projects in March. Quick Start's operations teams rolled out a new project for client companies using "smart factory" or "Industry 4.0" technologies.

The Marketing team at TCSG is continuing to assist Economic Development with their digital marketing strategy. They are also helping the Adult Education team with their marketing strategy to assist in transition efforts from adult education students to traditional students. The Marketing team hosted a video shoot of former adult education students at Southern Regional Technical College and have another one scheduled at Gwinnett Technical College. The Marketing team has launched a series of digital ads promoting high earning potential at some of Georgia's most high-demand careers. They are working with the marketing staff at the colleges to update college



websites with eCampus webpages. The GOAL and Rick Perkins regional competition dates have been set for late April.

Mr. Vu summarized the agency legislation that passed during the 2021 Session. TCSG's agency legislation, House Bill 67 was added to SB 81 in House Rules Committee. After the House passed the bill Monday afternoon, the Senate agreed to the measure yesterday morning. The sunset is extended for five years and allows colleges to retain locally generated revenue (tuition is capped at 15%). TCSG must submit a report that includes revenue information as well as a spending plan with details of each revenue source, amount, timing, and projected use of non-lapsing funds to the governor, along with the House and Senate Budget Offices on October 15th. Additionally, the sunset to authorize write-offs for accounts receivable up to \$3,000 was extended for five years. The bill awaits signature from Governor Kemp.

The House passed Senate Bill 204. This measure authorizes TCSG institutions to issue high school diplomas. Additionally, the bill establishes the framework for a pilot program within TCSG that includes up to five colleges for five years called the "Dual Achievement Program." Under the structure, a high school student who is 16 or older, and completed six of the nine core courses established in the alternative high school pathway, could be eligible to transfer to a TCSG college to earn the remaining core credits in addition to two TCC's, a diploma, or associate degree to earn a high school diploma simultaneously. Additional language outlines certain requirements for students and waivers that colleges may necessitate in order for a student to participate.

The final version of House Bill 81, the FY 22 budget, passed. Each provision awaits Governor Kemp's signature. Between Governor Kemp's recommendations and legislative additions, \$115,145,000 in Capital Outlay for TCSG was included in the bill.

The House passed Senate Bill 107. This legislation is a priority of Lt. Governor Duncan and supported by Director Tom Rawlings of the Department of Child and Family Services. The bill would urge the Board of Regents and require TCSG to waive tuition and fees for individuals who were in the DFCS system within the previous three years, completed a FSFA, and are under the age of 28.

House Bill 146 would provide for paid parental leave for state employees including any full-time employee of the executive, legislative, and judicial branch or local board of election.

Senate Bill 85 would make it illegal for any person to haze a student as a condition to gain acceptance into a school organization.



Mr. Vu provided an Economic Development update. The Department of Community Affairs has reached out to TCSG for support in implementing the “Workforce Development” component of a Disaster Relief grant that will serve areas impacted by Hurricane Michael. The grant will provide about \$7.5 million for training individuals in affected counties, over the next four years. Albany and Southern Regional's service areas comprise the bulk of the impacted region. These colleges will be working with TCSG to implement the grant and provide training and education to citizens in areas covered by the grant.

The Mobile Welding Labs are busy: Chattahoochee Tech is providing training through Goodwill; Georgia Northwestern is running a project at the Floyd County Prison; Columbus Technical College is running dual enrollment cohorts through a welding program at Jordan Vocational High School; and Savannah Tech is running a project for YouthBuild at the Liberty Campus in Hinesville.

Economic Development is working with the Department of Corrections to develop an access portal for inmates to take advantage of the Free Professional Development courses being offered on the TCSG website. Inmates will be able to engage in about 17 hours of self-paced, online courses on topics such as Time Management, Business Etiquette, Job Search Skills, and more.

That concluded the Committee report.

- **Facilities and Real Estate**

Ben Bryant

- I. **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. Jay Cunningham. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

- A. **Savannah Tech** - 0.928 AC Easement to Georgia Power Company

DISCUSSION: Savannah Technical College requests approval on the granting of a revocable license and a non-exclusive easement to the Georgia Power Company, over approximately 0.928 acres on the Effingham Campus of Savannah Technical College, for the installation and maintenance of electrical distribution lines to serve the TCSG-359 Effingham Transportation Conference Center.



B. Savannah Tech - 0.92 AC Easement to Southern Company Gas

DISCUSSION: Savannah Technical College requests approval on the granting of a revocable license and a non-exclusive easement to the Southern Company Gas, over approximately 0.92 acres on the Effingham Campus of Savannah Technical College, for the installation and maintenance of gas distribution lines to serve the TCSG-359 Effingham Transportation Conference Center.

II. 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 Mrs. Mary Flanders. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

A. Columbus Tech - \$211,449.12 with Veterans Facility Services, Inc.

DISCUSSION: Columbus Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Patrick Hall Cooling Tower Replacement" on the Main Campus of Columbus Technical College, with Veterans Facility Services, Inc., Cataula, GA in the amount of \$211,449.12, using local funds.

B. Coastal Pines Tech - \$230,800.00 with Altamaha Building Systems, Inc.

DISCUSSION: Coastal Pines Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Hazlehurst Campus Renovations" on the Hazlehurst Campus of Coastal Pines Technical College, with Altamaha Building Systems, Inc., Surrency, GA in the amount of \$230,800.00, using local funds.

III. Approval of Design Professional Contracts

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Ben Bryant to authorize the Commissioner to execute the design professional contract listed below at a cost not to exceed the amount stated for each request. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Randall Fox. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

A. Chattahoochee Tech - \$191,523.00 with Nelco Architecture Inc.

DISCUSSION: Chattahoochee Technical College requests approval of the



execution of a design professional contract with Nelco Architecture Inc., Norcross, GA, for Project "TCSG-366 VECTR Center", Marietta Campus, Chattahoochee Technical College, in the amount of \$191,523.00.

That concluded the Committee report.

- **Governance, Compliance and Audit**

Buzz Law

- I. **Approval of Local Board Member Appointments**

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Buzz Law to approve the Local Board Member appointments as listed in the Board materials. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Carvel Lewis. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

That Concluded the Committee report.

- **Operations, Finance, and Planning**

Carvel Lewis

- I. **Expenditure Requests**

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 technical colleges listed below at a cost not to exceed the amounts stated. The Motion was seconded Mr. Buzz Law. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

1. **Athens Technical College** – Video Surveillance expansion from GC&E Systems Group to include security cameras, recorders, cabling, and associate systems for four campus locations; cost \$173,421.00. **Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.**

DISCUSSION: GC&E Systems Group will install new Panasonic i-Pro networks cameras at all four ATC campus locations. This purchase provides installation and programming of an additional 120 cameras to be tied into the existing video surveillance system. Purchase includes security cameras, recorders, cabling and other associate systems. This equipment will offer a safer and more secure environment for students, faculty, and staff.

2. **Atlanta Technical College** – New service contract with 3H Service System to outsource janitorial services to all campus locations; cost \$389,229.00. **Local funds are available for this expenditure.**



DISCUSSION: This is a new contract with 3H Service System to provide janitorial services to all ATC campus locations. The contract includes day porters to assist with the cleanliness required by the college. Outsourcing janitorial services saves the college a considerable amount of money when compared to filling these positions with full-time benefited employees. Contract price is good for the initial year of May 2021 thru April 2022, and offers additional four one-year optional renewals.

3. **Savannah Technical College** – Request to execute a contract with The Board of Regents for the University System of Georgia on behalf of Georgia State University to conduct an implementation evaluation for the Strengthening Community Colleges grant; cost \$240,000.00. **Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.**

DISCUSSION: This expenditure is to procure services necessary to provide the federally required independent verification and validation (IV&V) of the project as described in US DOL's award of \$4.85M to the TCSG consortium, led by Savannah Technical College, through the Strengthening Community Colleges grant. The grant funds development and implementation of a micro-credentialing system for programs focused on Healthcare, Manufacturing, and Information Technology. Funding is also supplied for course and program development leveraging virtual and augmented reality technologies. We will utilize an inter-governmental contract to procure these services.

4. **South Georgia Technical College** – Model 130ST Trainers and associated material from Learning Labs for Aviation and Avionics Programs; cost \$129,620.00. **Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.**

DISCUSSION: This system meets the needs of the standards of today's aviation industry and will be very beneficial to students in the Aviation and Avionics Programs. The trainers will give students hands-on projects to prepare them for aircraft wiring, soldering, and troubleshooting. Flight Line Safety and Foreign Object Elimination training, which is required by the FAA/industry, is included in the system. The courseware with the Trainers includes theory, hands on experimentation, practice and assessment capabilities. This system can be upgraded as industry demands change without having to replace the entire lab.

- 5-7. **Southern Crescent Technical College; total expenditures \$1,521,000.00 -- Federal CARES funds are available for these expenditures.**



- 5) Audiovisual Systems from OnePath for several classrooms at Griffin Campus; cost \$270,000.00.

Discussion: The COVID pandemic has had a profound impact on educational systems in regard to student learning and course delivery. It has underscored the necessity of using digital technology to maintain continuity during a highly disruptive event. The audiovisual systems to be installed in several classrooms at the college will optimize remote learning capabilities for students and even more importantly, continue to provide quality virtual instruction now and in the future. Students will have the ability to access their classrooms, regardless of their location and can continue their studies with minimal inconvenience or downtime.

- 6) Crisis Alert & Contact Tracing Managing System from Centegix for all campus locations; cost \$252,000.00.

Discussion: SCTC is seeking to purchase the Centegix Crisis alert/Contact Tracing System in an effort to combat the spread of COVID and create a safer environment for students, faculty/staff. The Crisis Alert System provides a solution to allow staff/students to discreetly and immediately request help from first responders during an emergency situation. To manage the spread of COVID and other infectious diseases, the contact tracing feature allows faculty/staff to identify individuals who have been in close proximity and the school locations visited within a specific timeline. This system will increase safety at the college and help instructors be in control of their classrooms so they can focus on the learning environment.

- 7) Upgrade by GC&E Systems Group of CCTC camera system to IP Video at four campus locations; cost \$999,000.00.

Discussion: In order to provide a safer and more secure environment for students and faculty/staff, the College is seeking to upgrade their existing CCTV camera system to IP Video at the Henry, Griffin, Thomaston, and Butts campus locations. The pandemic has made evident the need to have operable, quality camera surveillance equipment at each of the college campuses. At some locations, the current camera footage needed for contact tracing is non-existent due to cameras working improperly or just inoperable. This surveillance system will not only allow campus personnel to monitor and protect the college premises but will also allow for contact tracing at the entryways, exits, and common areas of the college.



8. **Southern Regional Technical College** – Security Camera System upgrades from Technology Integration Group for Bainbridge Campus; cost \$401,278.00. ***Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.***

DISCUSSION: SRTC has identified an immediate need for security camera system upgrades on the Bainbridge campus. Current cameras installed are antiquated and inoperable. Upgrades will include indoor/outdoor cameras, servers, and licenses to record and view remotely. These systems will provide security personnel with the ability to review recordings and live feeds remotely via Virtual Network Technology. In the wake of the COVID pandemic, video surveillance recordings are becoming increasingly valuable for contact tracing purposes. These systems will help maintain the safest environment possible for the college's students, faculty, and staff.

That concluded the Committee report.

• **Executive Committee**

Chairman Doug Carter

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

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

V. **Executive Session**

I. **Enter Executive Session**

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mrs. Mary Flanders at 12:14 p.m. for the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Chunk Newman. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously. The State Board of the Technical College system of Georgia entered into Executive Session at 12:17 p.m. [See attachment A]

II. **Exit Executive Session**

MOTION: The Motion was by Mrs. Mary Flanders at 12:29 p.m. for the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to come out of Executive Session. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Baoky Vu. The Motion passed State



Board approval unanimously. The State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia exited Executive Session at 12:30 p.m.

Chairman Carter welcomed everyone back to the General Session of the Technical College System of Georgia State Board Meeting. He then called on Mr. Phil Sutton to make a motion.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Doug Carter

I. Lanier 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 Mr. Timothy McDonald as the new President of Lanier Technical College effective April 1, 2021. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Baoky Vu. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

Chairman Carter congratulated President McDonald and asked Commissioner Dozier to introduce the new President of Lanier Technical College, Mr. Timothy McDonald.

Commissioner Dozier introduced President McDonald to the Board. He explained how President McDonald has tremendous respect in the community. President McDonald has been with Lanier Technical College since the early 1980s and is currently serving as the Interim President.

President McDonald commented on how proud and honored he was to be given this opportunity. He thanked the State Board, Commissioner Dozier, everyone at Lanier Technical College for the privilege to serve in this role. Starting as a student and now being given the chance to serve as President, he feels like he is completing his circle at Lanier Technical College.

Chairman Carter echoed the Commissioner's early statements about President McDonald. He then let President McDonald know that, on behalf of the State Board, we are all looking forward to working with him and are here to help in any way. Then the Chairman called on Mr. Chunk Newman to make a motion.

II. West Georgia Technical College President

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Chunk Newman for the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to approve the Commissioner's recommendation to appoint Dr. Julie Post as the new President of West



Georgia Technical College effective April 16, 2021. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Baoky Vu. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

Chairman Carter congratulated President Post. He then asked Commissioner Dozier to introduce the new President of West Georgia Technical College, Dr. Julie Post.

Commissioner Dozier introduced Dr. Post and read several highlights from her resume. Commissioner Dozier expressed his support for President Post, and his confidence that she will do a great job at West Georgia Technical College.

Dr. Post said she was humbled and honored to serve West Georgia Technical College. She thanked the Board and Commissioner Dozier for this opportunity.

Chairman Carter congratulated President Post and let her know that the State Board was here to support her in any way they could.

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

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| • 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 |
| • Tuesday, 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 next TCSG State Board meeting will be May 6, 2021 at the TCSG System Office.

Mrs. Lisa Winton closed the meeting with a word of prayer.

VIII ADJOURN

Chairman Doug Carter

I. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by Mr. Carvel Lewis to adjourn the April 1, 2021 State Board Meeting of the Technical College System of Georgia at 12:40 pm. The



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

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



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 April 1, 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 1 day of APRIL 2021.


Doug Carter
Chair & Presiding Officer

