![Technical College System of Georgia]

STATE BOARD GENERAL SESSION

Approved Minutes

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

Thursday, May 6, 2021
11:15 a.m.- 12:16 p.m.
1800 Century Place, 2nd Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30345

MEETING NUMBER (ACCESS CODE): 120.330.1859
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Absent: Buzz Law, Mark Hennessy

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 meeting, especially Mr. Fran Millar and Mr. Daren Wayne. They were both sworn in by Governor Kemp last week as the newest members of the Board. He called on Mrs. Kelsey Bassett to recognize several TCSG Foundation Board Members that were present at the Board Meeting. She called on Mr. Rick Douglas, Mrs. Sloane Drake, and Mr. Ben Copeland. Chairman Carter thanked them for attending and for all the work they do for the TCSG Foundation.

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 April 1, 2021 minutes. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Trey Sheppard. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously. The April 1, 2021 Minutes were approved.

III. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS   Commissioner Gregory Dozier

Commissioner Dozier began by thanking the TCSG Foundation Board Members for attending today and for their service. He welcomed back Mr. Ben Copeland to the

TCSG Foundation Board and for continuing his support of TCSG. He thanked Ms. Drake for her support and for the support of Georgia Power. The Commissioner called on Mr. Douglas and thanked him for his dedication to the Foundation and for the generous donation of a KIA K5 to the TCSG Student of the Year.

The Commissioner thanked the Board for approving the two new presidents, Mr. Tim McDonald at Lanier Technical College and Dr. Julie Post at West Georgia Technical College. They are both doing a great job and already making a difference at their colleges.

He thanked the Colleges and the Presidents for their continued effort fighting this pandemic, especially as more Georgians become vaccinated. Several Colleges have stepped up and are serving their communities.

The Commissioner updated the Board on the President Round Table discussions that are happening. We are identifying where communication gaps may exist and how the System Office Staff can better assist our Colleges. TCSG Senior Leadership will start meeting at our Colleges. On the days that we travel to a College, there will be a brief Senior Leadership meeting and then the staff will pair off with their college counterparts. The goal of these meetings will be to learn more about how the System Office staff can better support our Colleges. Lastly, TCSG Presidents Council meetings have resumed. There was a full meeting last week in Dublin and we are considering doing two-day meetings in the future. Commissioner Dozier thanked President Harden for hosting the last meeting.

The Commissioner has had several industries reach out about the workforce needs in the State. Business and industry representatives are asking for more apprenticeship opportunities. The Commissioner has asked the College Presidents to focus on expanding apprenticeship programs. TCSG has an approved Department of Labor Apprenticeship program and a German Apprenticeship Program called Georgia CATT. Georgia CATT is a consortium for advanced technical training. Commissioner Dozier attended a graduation for the first five graduates of the CATT program who earned an international certificate. This program combines practice, theory, and work to train a globally competitive workforce. They not only graduate high school with an Associate Degree, but also a German DIHK certification. The German DIHK certification demonstrates to companies that the apprentice was trained to internationally-recognized standards and can perform the work needed in most manufacturing settings. TCSG now has had five students participate in this program and pass the certification.

TCSG is a support arm for the Joint Defense Commission, on which the Commissioner serves. Secretary Ball had the second meeting that was held at Clay Armory in Marietta, Georgia. Mr. Steven Ferguson and his IT Team did a great job setting up the meeting.

There was an exciting event for our College and Career Academies recently. The Student of the Year was recognized and Northwest Georgia Career Academy won "Academy of the

Year." In addition, Graystone Power was recognized as the Business Partner of the Year. Mr. Tim Williams, State Board Member, was there to represent Graystone Power with the award. The Commissioner thanked Graystone Power for their partnership with the College and Career Academies.

Ogeechee Technical College hosted a ceremony to name the Jack Hill Building on Ogeechee Tech's campus. President Durden and her team did a wonderful job with the event. The Board would be very proud of her and the College.

Ms. Jen Ziifle will be leading the efforts to establish a TCSG Public Safety Office. Terminal access was granted to TCSG to start this process. At a future Board meeting, the Commissioner will give a full update on how this office will continue to support the Colleges with their safety initiatives.

Coming up, TCSG will have the GOAL and Rick Perkins Award Winner announcements in the next few weeks. This is one event that everyone should try to participate in. More information will be sent out.

That concluded the Commissioners remarks.

IV. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**   **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

- **Academic Affairs**   **Artesius Miller**

Dr. Artesius Miller gave the update for the Academic Affairs Committee. He attended the ribbon cutting for Southern Crescent Technical College. Several people made comments about how important accessibility to the college was to the students. He thanked Dr. Thomas and her team at Southern Crescent Technical College for all of their hard work, but also wanted to thank all of our College Presidents. He reported that TCSG has new partnerships that are in the works with some large companies. Dr. Miller then commented on all the hard work that is occurring at our College and Career Academies.

I.   **Academic Standards and Programs**

Motion (Approval of Degrees and TCCs):

MOTION: The Motion was made by Dr. Artesius Miller that the college requests listed below to offer Degree 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. Carvel Lewis. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

Atlanta Technical College - TCC program in Barbering Instructor Training, BI11, 25 Credit Hours, effective August 2021.

The number of jobs for licensed barbers and cosmetologists is projected to increase by 24.8% (2,628 positions) in Fulton and Clayton counties over the next ten years. This sizable increase will require more licensed instructors in and near the Atlanta area. The Barbering Instructor Training TCC provides a course of study for learning the skills needed to teach the theory and practice of skills in Barbering as required by the Technical College System of Georgia. Course work includes requirements for becoming an instructor, introduction to teaching theory, methods and aids, practice teaching, and development of evaluation instruments. Graduates of the program may be employed as barbering instructors in public or private education and business in Georgia and many other states. There is a total of (3) schools within the college's service area that offer this program: Profile Institute of Barber-Styling, CEI Hair Schools, and Sam Verly College. None of these are financial aid eligible institutions however.

Enrollment Projections:
Day Students Year 1: 10 Year 2: 15 Year 3: 20
Evening Students Year 1: 0 Year 2: 0 Year 3: 0

Columbus Technical College - TCC program in iOS App Development in Swift, IAD1, 11 Credit Hours, effective August 2021.

Columbus Technical College would like to add the iOS App Development in Swift TCC to the programs of study within the CIS department. This TCC is aligned with the mission and goals of the college and is not a significant departure from the programs in progress. Employment of software developers is projected to grow 22 percent from 2019 to 2029, much faster than the average for all occupations. The need for new applications on smart phones and tablets will help increase the demand for software developers. Software developers are likely to see new opportunities because of an increase in the number of products that use software. Concerns over threats to computer security could result in more investment in security software to protect computer networks and electronic infrastructure. In addition, an increase in software offered over the Internet should lower costs and allow more customization for businesses, also increasing demand for software developers. Job prospects will be best for applicants with knowledge of the most up-to-date programming tools and for

those who are proficient in one or more programming languages. The college will absorb additional costs for implementing this program. The college will purchase the necessary equipment ($8-11,000.00), hire an adjunct instructor to teach the program, and purchase applicable software. Adopting this program will not be a financial challenge for the college.

Enrollment Projections:
Day Students Year 1: 10 Year 2: 15 Year 3: 20
Evening Students Year 1: 10 Year 2: 15 Year 3: 20

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

The Geriatric Care Assistant program is a standardized TCC which provides the basic knowledge and skills needed to qualify employment as a nurse aide in nursing homes, elder personal care homes, and home healthcare agencies. Southeastern Technical College (STC) has been asked by two local school systems to teach this program in congruence with the Nurse Aide program for a pathway for Senate Bill 2 students. Additionally, multiple nursing homes in our service delivery area are desperate for these employees and have implored the college to graduate more students with these skills. According to EMSI data, the need for these graduates is expected to grow by 27% over the next ten years. This TCC meets State Board requirements for a technical certificate. The first year startup costs of $7,750 are minimal because STC currently offers the Nurse Aide program with two full time faculty. These instructors already teach 3 of the 6 classes needed for the Geriatric Care Assistant TCC. Adjuncts will be hired to assist the faculty and will make up $6,000 of the initial program costs with the rest of the budget going towards additional equipment, supplies, travel, and library expenses. The college will fund this program with tuition monies. STC estimates 20 students will enroll the first year and expects enrollment to increase to at least 30 students by year three.

Enrollment Projections:
Day Students Year 1: 10 Year 2: 14 Year 3: 20
Evening Students Year 1: 10 Year 2: 10 Year 3: 10

Southern Regional Technical College - Degree program in Civil Engineering Technology, CEE3, 69 Credit Hours, effective January 2022.

Southern Regional Technical College is seeking approval for the Associate of Science Degree (AAS) in Civil Engineering Technology. The Civil Engineering

Technology AAS degree is a state standard program. Program completers can be employed by surveying firms, state and local government, public works, construction companies, highway departments, soil and material testing firms, and engineering consultants. The program will consist of two specialization areas: a general track or a surveying specialization. Students may choose to complete either track for their AAS degree. Requirements for the program consists of one full-time faculty, material-testing laboratory, mapping/GIS and surveying equipment, and computer workstations.

Enrollment Projections:
Day Students Year 1: 8 Year 2: 12 Year 3: 20
Evening Students Year 1: 0 Year 2: 0 Year 3: 0

West Georgia Technical College - TCC program in AWS Cloud Solutions Specialist, AA91, 16 Credit Hours, effective August 2021.

The AWS Cloud Solutions Specialist certificate would provide specialized training through the eCampus platform for students pursuing computer and information technology positions. The demand for workers with Cloud computing skills within the community continues to grow. The courses offered through the certificate program can prepare students for AWS Certifications including Cloud Practitioner, Solutions Architect Associate, and Developer Associate. No other colleges adjacent or in the service area are currently offering this specific certificate. The certificate program will follow the developed state standard. No additional costs will be incurred in the implementation process of the certificate and current faculty will teach the courses within this certificate. The certificate program expects to attract 10 students the first year and grow enrollment to 25 or more students by the third year.

Enrollment Projections:
Day Students Year 1: 10 Year 2: 15 Year 3: 20
Evening Students Year 1: 0 Year 2: 0 Year 3: 0

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College - Degree program in Civil Engineering Technology, CEE3, 69 Credit Hours, effective August 2021.

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College is requesting approval for the Civil Engineering Technology Associate of Applied Science degree. Adding this program to the college's program offerings will allow the college to provide much needed graduates to meet the demands of engineering consultants, surveying firms, state and local government, public works, construction

companies, highway departments, and soil and material testing firms as Georgia prepares to upgrade and repair its aging and defective national infrastructure. Wiregrass Georgia Technical College offers an AAS in Engineering Technology as well as an AAS in Electrical/Computer Engineering Technology. Valdosta State University offers a Bachelor's in Engineering Technology. The Civil Engineering Technology Associate of Applied Science degree is a state standard program and adheres to the program guidelines set forth by the Technical College System of Georgia. Funding for the program will be provided by tuition and fees, and the estimated cost to implement the program is $132,478.00 which includes funding for salaries, benefits, equipment, and supplies. Enrollment for the first year is projected to be 10 students, and the third year's enrollment is projected to be 20 students.

Enrollment Projections:
Day Students Year 1: 10 Year 2: 15 Year 3: 20
Evening Students Year 1: 0 Year 2: 0 Year 3: 0

II.   Program Terminations

MOTION: The Motion was made by Dr. Artesius Miller to approve the program termination requests for May 2021. The Motion was seconded by Dr. Lynn Cornett. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

Termination of TCCs

Albany Technical College
>   TCC program in Certified Warehousing and Distribution Specialist (CW11), effective August 2021.
>   TCC program in Electrocardiography Technology (ET81), effective August 2021.

Augusta Technical College
- TCC program in Certified Warehousing and Distribution Specialist (CW11), effective May 2021.
- TCC program in Cross-Platform Mobile Web Programming (CM11), effective May 2021.
- TCC program in Certified Manufacturing Specialist (CM51), effective May 2021.
- TCC program in Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) (EMH1), effective May 2021.
- TCC program in Certified Customer Service Specialist (CC81), effective May 2021.

South Georgia Technical College
- TCC program in Railcar Repair Technician (RR11), effective May 2021.
- TCC program in Aircraft Structural Maintenance (AS31), effective May 2021.
- TCC program in Utility Equipment Technician (UET1), effective May 2021.

West Georgia Technical College
- TCC program in Dual Enrollment Gas Tungsten Arc Welder (MGT1), effective August 2021.
- TCC program in Dual Enrollment Gas Metal Arc Welder (MGM1), effective August 2021.
- TCC program in Dual Enrollment Manufacturing Maintenance Technician (MMM1), effective August 2021.
- TCC program in Dual Enrollment Basic Dental Assisting (DEB1), effective August 2021.
- TCC program in Automation and Robotics Technician (AAR1), effective May 2021.
- TCC program in Dual Enrollment Basic Shielded Arc Welder (MB31), effective August 2021.
- TCC program in Dual Enrollment Manufacturing Production Assistant (MMP1), effective August 2021.
- TCC program in Dual Enrollment Advanced Dental Assisting (DE61), effective August 2021.
- TCC program in Dual Enrollment Advanced Shielded Metal Arc Welder (DE41), effective August 2021.

III.   **Approval for Program Standards and Revisions**

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

Major Code	Program Name	Program Development	Award Level	Credit Hours
GF31	GFA Film & Television Post-Production	Standard	TCC	18
GF21	GFA Film & Television Production	Standard	TCC	18

RT23	Radiologic Technology	Standard	Degree	77
BA13	Business Administration	Georgia Piedmont	Degree	63

- **<u>Adult Education</u>** **Shirley Smith**

Mrs. Shirley Smith gave the Committee report. Dr. Cayanna Good gave a general update about the High School Equivalency graduates and a reminder regarding the Adult Education virtual conference next week on May 11 and 12. All Board Members are invited to attend.

TCSG Office of Adult Education gave an update on adult education's work to provide classes virtually through Blackboard, the same LMS platform that the credit side of TCSG utilizes. Mrs. Shirley Smith added that it is very exciting to see everyone collaborating.

Before the pandemic began last year, only 3% of adult education students participated in distance learning, but thus far for FY21, almost 10,000 students have participated outside of the traditional face to face classroom via online classes, which means that 59% of the students served for the year are distance education students. Most Adult Education is face to face. Converting the training over to virtual is not an easy task. She then thanked the Office of Adult Education team for their hard work.

Adult Education programs have been supported with extensive training for Blackboard and they've done great work in providing students the opportunity to continue to receive services that best fit their needs.

Ms. Karen Kirchler gave the Committee an update on the TCSG Office of Workforce Development. There are four open positions currently: Business Services Director, Program Specialist, Business Services Manager, Data Project Manager, and Apprenticeship Manager.

TCSG's Office of Workforce Development is working towards several grants. They applied for the State Apprenticeship Expansion, Equity, and Innovation Grant through the U.S. Department of Labor. The Grant was submitted April 26, 2021. They requested $10 million. This grant provides training funds for apprentices and add at least 1,250 apprentices over the four-year grant cycle.

The TCSG Office of Workforce is offering the Defense Community Economic Development Grant. The application closed on April 16, 2021. They received eight applications and the grant will be award by June 30, 2021.

The Sector Partnership Grants are being offered to support the work of local areas in the development of workforce/employer partnerships. The applications were released on April 12, 2021. The deadline is May 14, 2021. The grants will be award by June 6, 2021.

The TCSG Office of Workforce Development is offering COVID-19 Dislocated Worker Grant. They continue to experience challenges with getting participants. They have received approval to add vaccine distribution-related jobs. As of April 12, 2021 they are reporting 161 participants in temporary employment and 448 in training. The Cox Media digital campaign is in high gear receiving over 30,000 social media impressions.

Ms. Karen Kirchler let the Committee know that the Office of Workforce Development received their PY21/FY22 federal award notification. This year they will receive $70,927,292 in funds – a 9.38% reduction. The local areas have been notified of their allocations.

That concluded the Committee report.

- **External Affairs and Economic Development**   **Baoky Vu**

Mr. Baoky Vu gave the Committee report to the Board. Quick Start reported that for month of April, there were several prospects for 2,657 potential new jobs and five announcements for 539 new jobs. All three major training centers underwent a thorough inspection and review of their infrastructure and functional systems as well as a landscape plan complete with soil samples by the County Extension agents in their respective counties.

JCB has ramped up training to five days a week of training for the next several weeks at the Georgia Quick Start Advanced Manufacturing Center in Savannah on two full sized chassis provided by the company.

Two prospects received their Quick Start presentations during in-person visits. They have also had a steady pace of prospects.

The TCSG Marketing and Communication team are working on the GOAL and Rick Perkins Award. The regional GOAL and Rick Perkins Award judging took place in late April. The nine GOAL and RPA finalist will be announced via TCSG's Facebook live on Monday, May 10 at 1pm. State-level judging will take place on May 18, 2021.

The TCSG Marketing and Communication team continue to work with Economic development, WorkSource Georgia, TCSG Foundation, and Adult Education on various marketing strategies.

A task force was created comprised of dual enrollment coordinators and college marketing staff. This committee will work together to create an awareness strategy for influencers of high school students, specifically to consider technical colleges in the dual enrollment decision-making process.

Mr. Vu updated the Board on TCSG External Affairs. Governor Kemp has until Monday, May 10, 2021 to take action on all legislation. This Monday, he signed SB 107 which establishes a tuition and fee waiver for certain foster care students in TCSG and GED's. It also provides that homeless students be considered in state for tuition purposes.

The Governor signed HB 146 on Wednesday. This bill provides three weeks of parental leave for eligible State employees. This afternoon, he will sign SB 81 and SB 204. SB 81 is the TCSG agency legislation with a five-year extension to the sunset that allows colleges to carry forward a portion of local revenues, as well as to write-off certain receivable up to $3,000. SB 204 authorizes TCSG institutions to offer a high school diploma and establishes a pilot program in up to five colleges for an alternative pathway in which students may earn their high school diploma at one of those colleges.

The TCSG External Affairs team has already set up several legislative visits since session ended and have more scheduled for the Summer.

The TCSG Foundation is meeting today and they are excited for the opportunity to work alongside the State Board. The Foundation is kicking off the Woodruff grant with the first round of funding for Summer 2021 and plans for Fall 2021.

The Economic Development divisions have embraced the use of Blackboard and have pivoted to be able to deliver customized training online for business and industry. Over the last three months, on average, 22 new courses have been requested in Blackboard each month. Given it was just over a year ago when TCSG began the implementation of Blackboard as a tool for Economic Development to utilize, this represents a significant gain in adoption of this resource. Since April of 2020, 230 classes have been run through Blackboard for Economic Development noncredit training.

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. Chunk Newman. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

   A.   **Atlanta Tech** - 0.597 AC from Atlanta Technical College Foundation, Inc.

       DISCUSSION: Atlanta Technical College requests approval on the acquisition of 0.597 acres of improved land located on 1560 Metropolitan Parkway, Atlanta (Fulton County), GA, from the Atlanta Technical College Foundation, Inc. as the site for the Campus Safety Building for Atlanta Technical College.

   B.   **South Georgia Tech** – 0.30 AC Easement to Sumter County Schools

       DISCUSSION: South Georgia Technical College requests approval on the granting of a revocable license and a non-exclusive easement to the Sumter County Schools, over approximately 0.3 acres on the Main Campus of South Georgia Technical College, for the installation and maintenance of underground sewer line to serve the New Sumter County High School.

   C.   **Central Georgia Tech** – LOI for 2,400 SF from Jones County Board of Commissioners

       DISCUSSION: Central Georgia Technical College requests approval on the execution of Letter of Intent #8717 with Jones County Board of Commissioners, covering 2,400 square feet of classroom and office spaces located at 304 Old Clinton Road, Gray, GA, at the rental rate of $32,000.04 per annum, with an option to renew for 5 consecutive one year periods with no rent escalation.

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. Shirley Smith. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

A. **Chattahoochee Tech** - $127,970.00 with Gay Construction

DISCUSSION: Chattahoochee Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Patio Paver Project" on the North Metro Campus of Chattahoochee Technical College, with Gay Construction, Atlanta, GA in the amount of $127,970.00, using local funds.

B. **Chattahoochee Tech** - $134,802.00 with Maxair Mechanical, LLC

DISCUSSION: Chattahoochee Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Boiler Replacement – Building C & D" on the Marietta Campus of Chattahoochee Technical College, with Maxair Mechanical, LLC, Marietta, GA in the amount of $134,802.00, using local funds.

C. **North Georgia Tech** - $220,438.00 with Striker Contracting, LLC

DISCUSSION: North Georgia Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Blairsville Campus Refurbishment" on the Blairsville Campus of North Georgia Technical College, with Striker Contracting, LLC, Atlanta, GA in the amount of $220,438.00, using local funds.

III. Approval of Bond Sale Request

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Ben Bryant to authorize the Chairperson of the State Board to request to the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission that said GSFIC issue State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds in the aggregate principal amount listed below for the purpose of financing the projects listed below. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Tim Williams. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

DISCUSSION: The Senior Executive Director of Facilities Management requests approval of the bond sale request to the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission that said GSFIC issue State of Georgia General Obligation Bonds in the aggregate principal amount listed below for the purpose of financing the projects listed below.

Project	Total Authorized Principal Amount	Bond Sale Request Amount
Facility major repairs and renovations, statewide	$23,900,000	$23,900,000
Equipment refresh, statewide	$10,300,000	$10,300,000
TCSG-361 GWI Building 100 renovation and addition	$6,200,000	$6,200,000
TCSG-363 CHA Aviation Training Academy	$26,800,000	$26,800,000
TCSG-365 ATH Systems Technology Building	$13,085,000	$13,085,000
TCSG-372 SAV Culinary Institute renovation	$3,500,000	$3,500,000
ATL CTD facility and diesel and technology program	$3,200,000	$3,200,000
ALB Diesel Equipment & Auto Collision Demo Center	$770,000	$770,000
NGA Dr. Mark A. Ivester Center for Living and Learning	$5,620,000	$5,620,000
SRT Technical and Industrial Education Building	$2,270,000	$2,270,000
WIR CTD facility and diesel and technology program	$2,530,000	$2,530,000
GAP CTD facility and diesel and technology program	$5,770,000	$5,770,000
College and Career Academies, statewide	$9,000,000	$9,000,000
	$112,945,000	$112,945,000

That concluded the Committee report.

- **Governance, Compliance and Audit**   **Tommy David for Buzz Law**

I.   **Approval of the Mutual Aid Agreements**

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Tommy David to approve the proposed Mutual Aid Agreements. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Trey Sheppard. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

- Augusta Technical College and Richmond County SO
- Central Georgia Technical College and Perry PD
- West Georgia Technical College and Haralson County SO

DISCUSSION: As previously discussed, legislation allows us to enter into Mutual Aid Agreements with other law enforcement agencies, and that legislation mandates these agreements go before the State Board for approval. These agreements have been reviewed by TCSG and follows the approved format; we now seek your review and approval.

II.   **Approval of the Mission Statement for Augusta Technical College**

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Tommy David to approve the recommended revised Mission Statement of Augusta Technical College. The

Motion was seconded by Mr. Trey Sheppard. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

DISCUSSION: State Board approval of college mission statements is required pursuant to the Principles of Accreditation Standard 4.2a.

Current Mission Statement

Augusta Technical College, a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia, is a public postsecondary institution that provides academic and technical education, customized business and industry training, continuing education, student support, economic development, and adult education services to its service area (Burke, Columbia, Lincoln, McDuffie, and Richmond Counties) at a competitive financial value. Associate of Science Degrees, Associate of Applied Science Degrees, diplomas, and technical certificates of credit are provided through traditional and distance delivery methods.

Revised Mission Statement

Proposed Vision Statement:

Augusta Technical College will be a nationally recognized academic institution that transforms lives, organizations, and communities through excellence, innovation, and partnerships.

Proposed Mission Statement:

Augusta Technical College, a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia, is a public post-secondary academic institution that builds a skilled workforce and economically stronger communities through high-quality, innovative, and affordable career-advancing credentials.

Proposed Role and Scope Statement:

Augusta Technical College serves the constituents of the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) by offering robust student support services and academic programs on campus and virtually through the delivery of associate degrees, diplomas, and technical certificates of credit. The College also provides on campus and virtual learning for adult education and workforce training (economic development) to foster individuals' lifelong learning pursuits and business growth within the CSRA region.

Proposed Core Values:
- Excellence
- Inclusiveness
- Innovation
- Integrity
- Responsibility

III.   Approval of Local Board Member Appointments

MOTION: The Motion was made My Tommy David to approve the Local Board Member appointments as listed in the Board materials. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Joe Yarbrough. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

That concluded the Committee report.

Operations, Finance, and Planning   **Carvel Lewis**

I. Expenditure Needing Ratification

MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Carvel Lewis for the State Board to ratify the purchase approved by the Commissioner in regard to eCampus made between the April and May 2021 State Board meetings. Authority was granted to the Commissioner at the March meeting for approval of such requests at a cost not to exceed the amounts stated. The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Mary Flanders. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

1.   **TCSG/IT** – Request to purchase Banner Cross Registration, software as a service (SaaS) management software from Ellucian; cost $1,572,917.00. ***Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.***

DISCUSSION: This expenditure is the software platform capable of managing the data integration and movement required to support eCampus registration, course management, and student records. Ellucian is the developer of our student information system (SIS), Banner. These additions are cloud native services that integrate with our existing solutions and provide a platform that is both scalable and resilient. This request includes a 36-month license for Cross Registration, ILP, and Experience.

II. New 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 by Mrs. Shirley Smith. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

1. **Athens Technical College** – Multiple anatomical models/manikins from Carolina Biological Supply Company for medical/nursing instruction for Anatomy & Physiology curriculum at two campus locations; cost $172,337.00. *Federal CARES funds are available for this expenditure.*

   DISCUSSION: Additional anatomical models are being purchased to complement existing models for the anatomy and physiology labs at the Athens and Elbert campus locations. These labs are required for all students in the competitive health programs, and the models are currently shared/handled by small groups of students during labs. The additional models will allow students to have an individual model during lab sessions and will alleviate the need for sharing which will provide better instruction and prevent the spread of germs.

2. **Atlanta Technical College** – 195 computers and monitors from CDW-G for main campus; cost $243,864.10. *Obsolete equipment bond funds are available for this expenditure.*

   DISCUSSION: 195 computers and monitors are needed for classrooms and faculty/staff offices to replace obsolete equipment at the main campus. The failure rate of the obsolete equipment has increased substantially, and benefits from new computers include more efficient use of power resources, students are able to work on reliable equipment, and installed software performs significantly better on new machines with faster components/resources.

3-6. Chattahoochee Technical College; total expenditures $580,061.00 –

   3) Touchless faucets and single-flush mounts from WW Grainger for urinals and toilets at all campus locations; cost $179,800.00. *Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.*

      DISCUSSION: This equipment is needed to upgrade restroom facilities at all campus locations in order to adhere to COVID guidelines. Upgrading to touchless restrooms will allow students, faculty/staff to return to campus with safer practices in place related to current viruses. The maintenance team at CTC will handle installation of these devices.

4) Classroom furniture from Krueger International for three classrooms on the North Metro Campus; cost $127,400.00. *Local funds are available for this expenditure.*

DISCUSSION: Renovations to three classrooms are being scheduled to max out the space to provide for larger instructional classes. New furniture will give the classrooms a new and updated/modern look, allowing the instructor to deliver lectures to more students in a much larger classroom.

5) Nine Videos from Remedy Films describing programs of study by cluster for college website and student inquires; cost $127,525.00. *Local funds are available for this expenditure.*

DISCUSSION: This purchase is needed to address the changing marketing/communications environment for the education of the college's programs of study based on the recent pandemic. Nine videos describing programs of study by cluster will be used on the website and for potential student inquiries. With limited access to high schools and other face-to-face promotional events on campus, it is important to have a way for potential students to "see" programs.

6) 37 iMAC computers with Retina 5K display plus 3-year AppleCare+ from Apple Inc. for student instruction; cost $145,336.00. *Local funds are available for this expenditure.*

DISCUSSION: CTC will begin offering instruction in the Apple Swift programming language Fall instructional term 2021. Adding this language will supplement the current language options included as part of the Computer Programming AAS Degree. The 3 courses to be offered are also part of a new Technical Certificate of Credit (iOS App Development in Swift TCC).

7-9. Coastal Pines Technical College; total expenditures $1,711,979.00 –

7) 400 Dell computers, monitors and accessories from Dell Technologies for all campus locations; and 2 NAS storage devices for 2 site locations; cost $537,883.00. *Local funds are available for this expenditure.*

DISCUSSION: 400 Dell computers, monitors and accessories are needed for classrooms and faculty/staff offices to replace obsolete equipment at all campus locations. The failure rate of the obsolete equipment has increased substantially, and new computers will run modern operating systems/software much faster increasing the efficiency of students and staff. Additionally, NAS storage for virtualization servers is needed at the

Waycross and Golden Isles sites to replace obsolete equipment. This replacement will increase the performance of virtualization servers in the Information Technology department.

8) Several new servers plus upgrades to existing servers, projectors, and software from CDW-G for Waycross site; cost $263,936.00.
Local and federal grant HEERF funds are available for this expenditure.

DISCUSSION: This request is to purchase new servers and to upgrade aging servers, projectors, and software. This purchase will improve performance on all servers hosted on the Waycross site. The new projectors have improved resolution and brightness to better serve faculty/staff. Laser projectors have greater resolution and contract, are brighter, and don't require replacement bulbs. The Acrobat PC software will improve the ability of staff to create electronic forms with digital signatures.

9) Various Network Infrastructure and support equipment and software from Byteworks for all campus locations; cost $910,160.00. ***Local and federal grant HEERF funds are available for this expenditure.***

DISCUSSION: Various network infrastructure and support equipment and software are needed to install new wireless access points, improve wireless reception, and improve the ability to more quickly and efficiently manage, troubleshoot and protect the existing network. Purchase includes NetApp filer for storage at Waycross site; servers for Golden Isles site; management software to improve remote manageability for Cisco servers for all sites; core switch for Golden Isles; wireless access points for all sites to improve WiFi coverage/ connectivity; VoIP phones for all sites; VoIP module for Alma site; device management software for mobile devices; high-bandwidth switches to enhance WiFi APs for all sites; and external APs to improve outside WiFi on multi sites.

10-11. Columbus Technical College; total expenditures $526,420.00 –

10) Multiple Training Systems from Georgia Educational Solutions for Diesel Truck Maintenance instruction; cost $143,075.00. ***Local funds are available for this expenditure.***

DISCUSSION: CTC is starting a new certificate in the DTM1 Diesel Truck Maintenance Technician Certificate that will be offered to students pursuing a career in the diesel repair sector. This equipment is needed to train students, fulfill lab competencies, and teach the state standards.

The equipment comes with its own curriculum which includes user/operation manuals, testing, and lab worksheets. Training systems are for Braking, Electrical/Electronic, Drive Train, and Steering/Suspension.

11) Mobile Trailer Lab with Personal Trainer Simulators and software from Technical Training Aids for use by multiple colleges; cost $383,345.00. ***Economic Development state grant funds are available for this expenditure.***

DISCUSSION: Columbus Technical College has been awarded an Economic Development State Grant for the purchase of a mobile trailer with multiple trainer simulators/software. This unit will be shared with South Georgia, Southern Regional and Albany Technical Colleges for training throughout 30 county regions. The portable unit/simulators will allow instructors to provide much needed training and certification for commonly used heavy vehicles in Forklift, Backhoe, Wheel Loader, Bulldozer, Mobile Crane, Hydraulic Excavator, and Skid Steer. An analytic report from Economic Modeling Specialists (EMSI) indicated a strong demand for individuals with little education or experience needing short-term training and certifications for heavy vehicle operations. This training will help provide workers for businesses through out the region, especially those in the rural counties.

12-16. Georgia Piedmont Technical College; total expenditures $3,702,978.00 – *Federal grant funds are available for these expenditures.*

12) 190 Mobile Dell Precision laptops and docking stations from CDW-G for all campus locations; cost $677,807.00.

DISCUSSION: Mobile laptops and docking stations are needed for all campus locations to replace workstations for faculty/staff in offices as well as for use at home for remote teleworking scenarios.

13-14) 1,400 computers/accessories from ByteSpeed ($1,323,000); and 1,400 Dell collaboration monitors from CDW-G ($458,870) for classrooms at all campus locations; total cost $1,781,870.00.

DISCUSSION: These purchases are part of a project to replace obsolete PCs and monitors. The newer computers will run the latest operating system and support all student program applications. They will also work in tandem with the new Dell monitors which will add the capability of every student workstation to be virtual learning-ready with built in

camera/speaker. This equipment will deliver seamless virtual instruction to students across all campuses.

15) Cisco Unified Computing System blade servers from CDW-G for DeKalb and Newton campus locations; cost $131,325.00.

DISCUSSION: This equipment is needed to replace end-of-life equipment and expand the virtual environment that all faculty, staff, and students depend on.

16) Epson Brightlink interactive projectors and Cisco WebEx Room Kits from Solutionz for all campus locations; cost $1,111,976.00.

DISCUSSION: This request is for the purchase and installation of Epson interactive projectors and WebEx Room kits at all campus locations to replace EOL Polycom video conferencing equipment/projectors. This will allow asynchronous instruction between campuses, and will enable the college to reach more students using distance/remote learning. This project will also allow participants to connect to the instruction via any compatible device.

17-20. Gwinnett Technical College; total expenditures $913,659.00 –

17) ScanTrainer Ultrasound Skills Training Simulator from Intelligent Ultrasound for abdomen, small parts, and OB/GYN sonography programs; cost $129,635.00. ***Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.***

DISCUSSION: Simulators are a necessity to sonography programs as they serve to reinforce methodology, anatomy recognition and technical skills. The only way to learn and progress in the program is to not only study but be afforded the ability to have hands-on practice scanning. This simulator will allow students to practice normal imaging of a multitude of cases and the system offers a library of hundreds of real world pathology scans. Utilizing a simulator helps the student gain confidence in the recognition of anatomy and pathology as well as work toward imaging excellence.

18) Seven DC-90 Ultrasound machines with echocardiography software packages from Mindray DS USA for Echocardiography and DMS Programs; cost $414,866.00. ***Obsolete equipment bond funds are available for this expenditure.***

DISCUSSION: This request is to cover the purchase of seven new Mindray DC-90 ultrasound/echocardiography machines which will match the existing equipment brand currently used in the Echocardiography and

DMS Programs. This machine is an upgraded model that provides a new technology called "Strain and Strain rate" which has been introduced into the clinical environment in the last 5 years. By obtaining the new machines, the program will have the capability to teach strain technology to students and keep them up-to-date with emerging technologies. By maintaining the same equipment brand, the college will ensure consistency in the lab for both programs while improving their ability to keep up the workforce needs in the service area.

19) Maintenance costs to Canon USA Inc. for multifunction printers/copiers at two campus locations; cost $227,858.00. ***Local funds are available for this expenditure.***

DISCUSSION: This request is to cover the yearly leasing costs for multifunction printers and copiers at two campus locations. It consists of 57 units throughout the Lawrenceville and Alpharetta campus locations.

20) Renewal of foodservice contract with Smurti Corp for FY2022 for Hudgens Early Education Center; cost $141,300.00***. Local funds are available for this expenditure.***

DISCUSSION: High quality and reliable foodservice is required to operate a model early education center (EEC). Food service is required daily to provide breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack for children 3-5 years of age enrolled at the EEC, and menus must be developed in accordance with CACFP food safety guidelines. The Center's relationship with the foodservice provider is a collaborative effort and ensures the highest quality of foodservice for the children enrolled. This is the last renewal of a 4-year renewable contract.

21. **Lanier Technical College –** Video surveillance equipment with special analytic software and thermal temperature checking stations from Convergint Technologies for five campus locations; cost $1,700,000.00. ***Federal CARES funds are available for this expenditure.***

DISCUSSION: LTC consists of 5 campus locations spread across a 7-county service area. As the college recovers from the pandemic, it is extremely important to enhance safety for students, faculty/staff, and visitors. Thermal temperature checking stations will be placed at the entrances of each campus building, and video surveillance cameras with special analytic software will be added to all campuses to allow for enhanced contact tracing in the event someone is on campus and later determined to have been positive for COVID.

22. **North Georgia Technical College –** 225 desktop computers and monitors from CDW-G for student classrooms on three campus locations; cost $189,275.00. *Federal CARES funds are available for this expenditure.*

   DISCUSSION: Computer equipment is needed in student labs on three campus locations (Clarkesville, Blairsville, Currahee) to replace obsolete equipment that is 8-9+ years old and is no longer supported, nor can they handle online demands for distance learning. This purchase will fill the gap that has occurred in past years in the replacement plan.

23. **Ogeechee Technical College –** Amazon MRA Training Equipment from Technical Training Aids for Amazon RME MRA Program (Phase 1- Industrial Maintenance); cost $387,492.00. *Local and obsolete equipment bond funds are available for this expenditure.*

   DISCUSSION: OTC has been selected by Amazon to provide related technical instruction for the Amazon RME MRA Program, Phase 1. The purpose of this technical instruction is to train Amazon employees in specific areas of industrial maintenance preparing them to test for four industry related certifications at the completion of the 12-week training program.

24. **Savannah Technical College** – NetApp storage from CDW-G to support online learning; cost $222,510.00. *Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.*

   DISCUSSION: Additional NetApp storage is needed to add additional, high speed storage to the private cloud environment. This environment is used to deliver critical applications to the college in support of online learning, student information system, and support systems.

25. **Southern Regional Technical College –** Network infrastructure replacement including access switches/core switches from Byteworks for multiple campus locations; cost $1,260,999.00. *Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.*

   DISCUSSION: SRTC has identified an immediate need for replacement of the entire network infrastructure on the Bainbridge campus. The existing equipment is at the end of life and is unable to support the needs of students/staff. The upgrade will dramatically increase reliability of the network along with allowing both faculty and students to better accomplish their learning goals. Secondly, there is also a need for replacement of the Thomasville site network which is near end of life and unable to support the needs of student/staff. The replacement equipment will allow better wireless coverage for mobile users and will provide access to students for more

reliable internet resources. It will greatly increase the ability to offer remote learning opportunities.

26-28. West Georgia Technical College; total expenditures $985,080.00 –

26) New blade servers from CDW-G for the UCS chassis at the Murphy campus; cost $161,258.00. ***Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.***

DISCUSSION: New blade servers are needed for the UCS chassis at the Murphy Campus to replace existing blades that are at the end of their dependable lifespan. This equipment is part of an ongoing renewal project to combat obsolescence in the data center at WGTC. The new blades will provide at least double the amount of random-access memory of the current blades allowing for more robust virtual servers. The enhanced servers will help facilitate remote learning technologies which will provide richer distance learning experience to both the instructor and students.

27) New IDF switches including cables and optical modules from CDW-G for data closets for multiple campus locations; cost $694,598.00. ***Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.***

DISCUSSION: New IDF switches for the data closets at multiple campus locations are needed to replace existing switches that are at the end of their reliable lifespan. The new switches are part of an ongoing renewal project to combat obsolescence in the network infrastructure. The new switches will have power over Ethernet which will allow for the wireless access points to function at full capacity, power the new wireless access points, core switching, and introduce 10G+ connectivity rates. The new wireless access points will also provide power for Wi-FI coverage to parking lots that can be utilized by students without internet access.

28) Three Super Tory Newborn Infant simulators with UNI software from Guamard for three campus locations; cost $129,224.00. ***Local funds are available for this expenditure.***

DISCUSSION: Three Super Tory newborn simulators with UNI software are needed at three campus locations (Coweta, LaGrange, Murphy). This equipment is compatible with the birthing simulators currently located in all the college's Nursing nurseries. The simulator will allow the School of Nursing to expand their curriculum to increase learning of Newborn Assessment, APGAR's and Perinatal Asphyxia Simulation skill sets to the nursing students.

- **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. There is one Motion that will be coming out of the Executive Committee today. He called on Mr. Randall Fox to make the Motion.

   I.   **Resolution Approval**

   MOTION: The Motion was made by Mr. Randall Fox for the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia to approve the resolution to name the Exceptional Adult Georgian in Literacy Education (EAGLE) Award in memory of Mrs. Dinah Culbreath Wayne. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Trey Sheppard and several others. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

Chairman Carter invited The Wayne Family to the front to accept the Resolution and award. He thanked the Waynes for attending and added how missed Mrs. Dinah Wayne, State Board Member, will be by us all. The Commissioner and the entire Board felt like naming this award after her was a great way to help her memory live on. The family greatly appreciated the honor and thanked the Board for their thoughtfulness.

That concluded the Committee report.

V. Executive Session

Executive Session was not needed during this meeting.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS   **Chairman Doug Carter**

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

- **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 June 3, 2021 at the TCSG System Office.

Mr. Trey Sheppard closed the meeting with a word of prayer.

VIII ADJOURN   **Chairman Doug Carter**

I. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion was made by Mr. Randall Fox to adjourn the May 6, 2021 State Board Meeting of the Technical College System of Georgia at 12:16 pm. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Carvel Lewis. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

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