



# STATE BOARD GENERAL SESSION

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Anne Kaiser	Joe Yarbrough
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## Approved Minutes

**Thursday, June 3, 2021**

11:19 a.m.- 12:22 p.m.  
1800 Century Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Atlanta, Georgia 30345

MEETING NUMBER (ACCESS CODE): 120.330.1859

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Absent: Randall Fox, 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 11:19 a.m. at the date and location stated above. He began by welcoming everyone to the meeting. He thanked Mr. John Cornileus, local board member at Atlanta Technical College, for joining the meeting today and for his service on the local Board. Chairman Carter thanked Mr. Dan Linginfelter and Mrs. Kelsey Bassett for their presentation during the Committee of the Whole and their work to help the students of the Technical College System of Georgia. The Chairman also thanked the TCSG Foundation Board Members for all the work they do for the Foundation.

### II. **CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

**Chairman Doug Carter**

Chairman Carter called for a motion to approve the minutes from the May Board Meeting.

#### I. **Approval of the Minutes**

**MOTION:** The Motion was made by Mr. Trey Sheppard to approve the May 6, 2021 Minutes. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Carvel Lewis. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously. The May 6, 2021 Minutes were approved.

### III. **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

**Commissioner Gregory Dozier**



Commissioner Dozier began by welcoming everyone to the Board Meeting. He asked Ms. Jen Ziifle to please join him, Chairman Carter, and several College Police Chiefs at the front of the room. Ms. Ziifle then took the Chief of Police Oath of Office and was officially sworn in as the Chief of Police for the Technical College System of Georgia Department of Public Safety. She received a standing ovation. Both the Commissioner and Chairman thanked her for her outstanding service and passion for the Technical College System of Georgia. Chief Ziifle thanked everyone for the honor, especially Commissioner Dozier for his support. Commissioner Dozier thanked Chief Ziifle for her service and complimented her on her servant heart, her continued support of TCSG, and for taking care of all the students at the Technical College System of Georgia.

Commissioner Dozier thanked the staff at TCSG for their support as the System Office re-opened to pre-pandemic operations. He is already seeing the synergies of staff being back in the office. The Commissioner applauded everyone for their hard work.

The Commissioner discussed how workforce needs have increased throughout the state and the nation and how TCSG is working with business and industry. TCSG is working to educate business and industry associations about TCSG's offerings. He recently spoke to the Next Generation Manufacturing Association regarding the manufacturing workforce pipeline. Mr. Phil Sutton, State Board Member, and Mrs. Lisa Winton, State Board Member, also spoke to the group. The group was very excited to learn about what TCSG can offer and several Colleges have already started working with participants from the meeting.

Commissioner Dozier thanked the TCSG Adult Education team and Dr. Cayanna Good for the Adult Education virtual conference that was held this month. The Adult Ed team is doing a great job helping adult learners earn credentials and get on the path to joining Georgia's workforce.

TCSG held several roundtable discussions with the College presidents. The Commissioner thanked Dr. Andrea Daniel for welcoming the TCSG System Office Senior Leadership Team to Athens Technical College last week. Senior Staff met with their counterparts at Athens Tech to discuss how the system office can help better serve the College staff. The Senior Leadership will meet at a College once a quarter.

The Commissioner has had the opportunity to speak to several groups over the past month. One group was the Georgia Economic Development Association where he participated in a panel discussion about the future of the workforce.

The Commissioner awarded the 2021 State Rick Perkins and State GOAL winner via two separate Facebook live events. Congratulations to the 2021 Rick Perkins Award Winner,



Casey Corbett, a Fish and Wildlife Management instructor from Ogeechee Technical College, and to the 2021 GOAL Winner, Elizabeth Rodriguez, a Registered Nursing student from West Georgia Technical College. Elizabeth was awarded a new KIA K5 by Rick Douglas and Chris Miller from KIA Georgia. During the GOAL and Rick Perkins competitions, representatives from Governor Kemp's office, the Lt. Governor's office, as well as members of the legislature served as judges.

Commissioner Dozier then gave the Board an update on enrollment numbers throughout the System. Both Spring and Fall Semester in 2020 were down around nine percent. A large number of that decline was dual enrollment. The traditional student enrollment was down around 4.5 percent. The Summer 2021 enrollment is showing a one percent increase compared to last summer.

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 Degrees and TCCs):**

**MOTION:** The Motion was made by Mr. Joe Yarbrough 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 Mrs. Ann Kaiser. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

**Athens Technical College** - TCC program in Logistics Management Specialist, LM21, 18 Credit Hours, effective August 2021.

Educational programs at ATC align with two direct goals of the college's mission statement: (1) "to foster lifelong learning" and (2) "to facilitate workplace success." Adding the Logistics Management Specialist TCC provides students with an opportunity to earn a credential and complete classes toward the Business Management associate degree. An EMSI analysis revealed that the Logistics Management Specialist TCC program is the only Logistics credential in the college's service area. With a +8.8% employment outlook over the next five (5) years, this program will provide students for workplace success. The addition of the Logistics TCC will provide the Business Management with an opportunity to



increase program enrollment. The college will follow the state standard program. The first year costs of the program will be covered through current full-time salaries and adjuncts as needed. The current Program Chair for Business Management and Marketing will provide oversight and instruction for the program. The college expects to start the program with 13 students and expand the program over the next three years by adding 3-5 students per academic year.

**Enrollment Projections:**

Day Students Year 1: 8 Year 2: 10 Year 3: 15

Evening Students Year 1: 5 Year 2: 7 Year 3: 10

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

The Commissioner of the Technical College System of Georgia is spearheading a statewide initiative to fill anticipated jobs in the field of Civil Engineering as the State of Georgia engages in major infrastructure related projects in upcoming years. In Fulton and Clayton counties, the number of jobs for Civil Engineers is projected to grow by 8.9% by 2030 according to Economic Modeling Specialists Inc. (EMSI). The median salary for this field is \$79,648.

**Enrollment Projections:**

Day Students Year 1: 20 Year 2: 40 Year 3: 80

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

**Atlanta Technical College** - Degree program in Horticulture, EH13, 60 Credit Hours, effective January 2022.

There have been recent inquiries from elected officials in Clayton County regarding an agriculture program to meet local labor needs. There have been similar discussions in conjunction with the AeroATL initiative at Hartsfield Jackson International Airport. There are also several high schools in the College's service area with occupational pathways in agriculture that could support the College's dual enrollment initiatives. The number of jobs in this field is projected to grow significantly by 2030 in Fulton and Clayton counties according to labor market data from Economic Modeling Systems, Inc. (EMSI): Agricultural & Food Science Technicians Projected Growth Locally: 24.9% Projected Growth Nationally: 12.6% Estimated Starting Salaries: \$35,000/year Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers Projected Growth Locally: 20.4% Projected Growth



Nationally: -2.4% Estimated Starting Salaries: \$25,000/year Agricultural Equipment Operators Projected Growth Locally: 12.7% Projected Growth Nationally: 15.6% Estimated Starting Salaries: \$30,000/year Agricultural Workers, All Other Projected Growth Locally: 6% Projected Growth Nationally: 11.2% Estimated Starting Salaries: \$35,000/year

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 20 Year 2: 40 Year 3: 80

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

**Augusta Technical College** - Degree program in Cloud Computing and Solutions, CCA3, 66 Credit Hours, effective August 2021.

Augusta Technical College has taught networking and systems administration for over 20 years in the networking program. This program was designed to prepare students to install, configure, and manage local premises-based systems. Many organizations are rapidly moving many of their IT services to the Cloud. In our networking degree program, we have taught multiple Microsoft Operating Systems courses to prepared students to install, configure, and manage local premises systems. With the latest version of Microsoft server, Microsoft is only offering 1 local server course, with the bulk of the training being on their cloud services platform Azure. The reason for requesting cloud computing and solutions as a stand-alone degree program is because it is multi-discipline. Cloud students need to understand networking, operating systems, systems administration, scripting and programming, database systems, virtualization, software, analytics, and security as well as the cloud platform. The Augusta Technical College Cyber and Related programs advisory committee have been recommending for years that we teach virtualization and cloud computing. According to Amazon, just with their system AWS, there are over one million jobs available in the USA. There are no colleges in our service area or in adjacent areas offering this program. This program will initially be institutionally developed. The program meets State Board and general program standard requirements for a degree program. There will not be a need for additional funding to implement the program. Anticipated enrollment is 20 students the first year, 30 the second year, and 40 the third year.

Enrollment Projections:

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

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



**Augusta Technical College** - TCC program in Photovoltaic Systems Installation and Repair Technician, PS11, 15 Credit Hours, effective January 2022.

The Photovoltaic Systems Installation and Repair Technician Technical Certificate of Credit provides individuals with the opportunity to enter the workforce area that specializes in electrical applications of installing, inspecting, and repairing solar panels in the electrical construction industry. Currently local companies and the city of Augusta, GA are in need of technicians that can install and repair solar panels.

Enrollment Projections:

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

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

**Gwinnett Technical College** - TCC program in Driverless and Driver Assist Systems, DA21, 22 Credit Hours, effective August 2021.

The Automotive Department at Gwinnett Technical College would like to add an advanced certificate to the current automotive curriculum and develop a course that focuses on emerging automotive technologies. This will be a valuable recruiting tool for all of our automotive programs. The new course will cover current and future technologies in the automotive industry. The program will follow state standards and will meet state board and general program standards for programs at its award level. The College's first year of estimated costs will be \$300,000, for salaries, equipment, and supplies. The expenses will be supported by the revenue received for tuition and potential industry partner support. The number of students expected in the first year is 20 with the projection to increase this by 100% in year three with the addition of a second cohort. There are no colleges in Georgia that offer this type of training.

Enrollment Projections:

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

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

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

Savannah Technical College is seeking to serve dual purposes with this TCC. This will give potential Option B High School Diploma students a complete health science pathway when combined with the existing Certified Nurse Aide TCC.



Even more importantly, it will allow us to add a specialized component to our health science offerings that serves a vital workforce need in our area - providing health care for the growing number of elderly individuals needing care in an assisted living, nursing home, or in-home environment.

Enrollment Projections:

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

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

## II. Program Terminations

**MOTION:** The Motion was made by Mr. Joe Yarbrough to approve the program termination requests for June 2021. The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Mary Flanders. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

### Termination of Degrees, Diplomas and TCCs

#### **North Georgia Technical College**

Diploma program in CNC Technology (CT12), effective January 2022.

TCC program in Hospitality Industry Associate (HIA1), effective January 2022.

#### **Southern Crescent Technical College**

Degree program in Pharmacy Technology (PT23), effective August 2021.

Diploma program in Pharmacy Technology (PT22), effective August 2021.

## III. Approval for Program Standards and Revisions

**MOTION:** The Motion was made by Mr. Joe Yarbrough to approve program standards and revisions for June 2021. The Motion was seconded Mrs. Shirley Smith. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

Major Code	Program Name	Program Development	Award Level	Credit Hours
BHT2	Business Healthcare Technology	Standard	Diploma	45
BHT3	Business Healthcare Technology	Standard	Degree	61



HI12	Health Information Coding	Standard	Diplom a	47
HMC1	Health Information Specialist	Standard	TCC	10
HBC1	Healthcare Billing and Coding Specialist	Standard	TCC	30
HBA1	Healthcare Billing and Reimbursement Assistant	Standard	TCC	17
HD51	Healthcare Documentation Specialist	Standard	TCC	29
HFA1	Healthcare Office Assistant	Standard	TCC	26
BRF2	Brewing & Fermentation Production Technology	Chattahoochee	Diplom a	47
BT12	Business Technology	Chattahoochee	Diplom a	42
CCA3	Cloud Computing and Solutions	Augusta	Degree	66
DA21	Driverless and Driver Assist Systems	Gwinnett	TCC	22
HC21	Health Care Access Representative	Athens	TCC	14
HI61	Health Information Technician	Georgia Northwestern	TCC	37
HI51	Health Information Technology Specialist	Lanier	TCC	14



HA51	Healthcare Access Associate	Wiregrass Georgia	TCC	23
MH71	Medical Administrative Assistant	Lanier	TCC	18
SC22	Supply Chain Management and Logistics	Chattahoochee	Diploma	44
THO1	Timber Harvesting Operations	Coastal Pines	TCC	18

#### IV. Motion to Authorize the Commissioner

**MOTION:** The Motion was made by Mr. Joe Yarbrough to authorize the Commissioner to approve Program Requests, Program Terminations, and Program Standards and Revisions until the next State Board meeting. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Trey Sheppard. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

That concluded the Committee report.

#### • Adult Education

**Shirley Smith**

Mrs. Shirley Smith gave the Committee report. Dr. Cayanna Good gave the Committee general updates regarding the TCSG Adult Education team. Adult Education continues to see lower numbers with student enrollment and High School Equivalencies earned but as we transition out of the pandemic phase, we anticipate a sharp increase going into the new fiscal year. The Committee received information about the new 4-year cohort of federal and state funded Adult Education providers: 22 Technical College; 4 School Districts, 4 Community Based Organizations.

The TCSG Foundation received a \$100,000.00 grant from the Georgia Department of Education to expand the great work of our CLCPs. The Office of Adult Education will administer a grant process to existing and potentially new CLCPs in order to boost 2Gen literacy programming.

The Online Proctored GED was launched in May of 2020 in response to requests to provide a solution for test-takers who couldn't test at a test center due to public health



concerns from the COVID-19 Pandemic. It uses a division of PearsonVUE called OnVUE to monitor test-takers who elect to take the test at home or in another secure location. Georgia was selected as a pilot state and as a participant was permitted to implement the proctored tests at the same cost as the established testing fee for the state. The Online Proctored GED will transition from pilot to production on September 1, 2021 resulting in a fee increase that incorporates the cost of using a third party company to proctor the tests remotely. The new fee changes from \$40 to \$46 per subject area or from \$160 to \$184 for the full battery, which includes four subtests. This fee change is for the Online Proctored GED only and does not affect the cost of testing at the public testing centers.

**I. Approval Online Proctored GED® Testing Fee:**

**MOTION:** A Motion was made by Mrs. Shirley Smith to approve the Online Proctored GED® testing fee of \$46.00 per subject area test. The fee for the full battery (four tests) will be \$184.00 and will become effective September 1, 2021 when the product transitions from pilot to production phase. The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Ann Kaiser. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

Mrs. Shirley Smith continued her report with the TCSG Workforce Development update. The Defense Community Economic Development Grant awards have been made and recipients are: The VECTR Center at Central Georgia, Columbus Technical College, Albany Technical College in partnership with Dougherty County, Savannah Technical College in partnership with two community agencies.

The Office of Workforce Development has concluded the annual monitoring of local areas. Overall, the results are very positive with few findings. The TCSG Office of Workforce Development received the final allocation amounts from USDOL for FY22 for a total of \$70,927,292. This represents a 9.36% overall cut. In other news, Mrs. Smith let the Board know that the TCSG Workforce Development team is planning an in-person Board Retreat for the State Workforce Development Board. The retreat will coincide with the August State Workforce Board meeting. They are currently working to identify strategic initiatives. TCSG Workforce Development team is also planning a WorkSource Academy in November. The meeting will be in-person, but scaled back from prior years.

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 the month of May, there were five prospects for 1,073 potential new jobs and seven announcements for 2,510 new jobs.

Quick Start was part of the team attracting Duckyang, one of the first SK suppliers, to announce its 285-job start-up in Braselton. The Georgia Quick Start BioScience Training Center was in the April edition of *Georgia Trend* magazine as part of the profile of Newton County. The Center was credited with helping accelerate the overall economic development of the region through its critical role in startup of the bio-manufacturing facility now owned and operated by Takeda.

The Commissioner awarded the 2021 State Rick Perkins and State GOAL winner on a Facebook live event. Congratulations to 2021 Rick Perkins Award Winner Casey Corbett, a Fish and Wildlife Management instructor from Ogeechee Technical College, and to 2021 GOAL Winner Elizabeth Rodriguez, a Registered Nursing student from West Georgia Technical College. Elizabeth was awarded a new KIA K5 by Rick Douglas and Chris Miller from KIA Georgia.

The TCSG Marketing team met with marketing experts from CoxNext to discuss changes to the digital marketing landscape as tech companies tighten tracking around privacy concerns. They also met with Georgia representatives from Medicaid to discuss ways that our college public relations teams can assist with sharing information about Medicaid eligibility for TCSG students.

During the GOAL and Perkins competitions, we were well represented with judges from Governor Kemp's office, Lt. Governor's office, as well as members of the legislature. The remainder of the first round of the Governor's Emergency Educational Response Funds will be awarded later this month. TCSG submitted three proposals to the Governor's Office. Currently, we are working with the Governor's Office, AWS, Ga DOE, and TAG on a press release to announce a partnership to educate 5,500 new students in the field of cloud computing.

Additionally, we are working with Apple and the Governor's Office on a press release to announce an initiative to expand swift coding at our colleges, as well as through eCampus. On Tuesday, Representative Emory Dunahoo and Congressman Andrew Clyde visited Lanier Tech for a round table discussion followed by a tour of the campus. On Monday, June 7th, Governor Kemp and Mrs. Kemp will attend the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the 100 building project at Gwinnett Tech. On June 15th, members of the House Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee will visit Georgia Northwestern Technical College to tour their Aviation Program. On June 21st, we will host members of the Governor's Office of Planning Budget at Georgia



Northwestern Technical College in Walker and Whitfield Counties. They will also tour the Dalton College and Career Academy. On July 21st, we will host more members of that committee and from the local delegation at Savannah Technical College where they will tour their Aviation Program, as well as visit Gulfstream.

TCSG Foundation expended \$200,000 for all the College Foundations for summer semester for Last Mile Fund. The TCSG Foundation will also be hosting a two-day training in June for Foundation directors and their Boards at Central Georgia Technical College.

Mr. Baoky Vu then reported that the TCSG Office of Economic Development has issued the retraining tax credits through May 31, 2021. They have processed 565 credit for an approved amount of \$25,944,553.00. Healthcare and fast food industries represent over 50% of the total number of requests. Service providers represent almost 55% of the total dollar amount of requests.

Mr. Vu then gave an update on the mobile welding lab projects. Georgia Northwestern/Floyd County Prison project has completed 135-hour welding program. One hundred percent of the students successfully completed the program and passed the AWS Welding Test Certification in Shielded Metal Arc Welding. Ninety-two percent of the students successfully passed their AWS Weld Test Certification in Flux Cored Metal Arc Welding.

Savannah Technical College hosted an Adult Education Integrated Education and Training program teaching welding basics to students. Seventeen adult education students participated in or completed the program with an eighty percent credential attainment rate. All students are simultaneously working on GED attainment and pursuing employment. Lastly, Chattahoochee Technical College is about to start their third Goodwill partner cohort. This is a 90-hour program teaching welding fundamentals class. Southern Crescent Technical College is slated to begin a Goodwill partnership in late June.

That completed 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. Buzz Law. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

**A. Gwinnett Tech – 0.26 AC Easement to Atlanta Gas Light Company**

**DISCUSSION:** Gwinnett Technical College requests approval on the granting of a revocable license and a non-exclusive easement to the Atlanta Gas Light Company, over approximately 0.26 acres on the Main Campus of Gwinnett Technical College, for the installation and maintenance of gas distribution lines to serve the TCSG-361 Building 100 Renovation and Addition.

**B. West Georgia Tech – 0.28 AC Easement from Joseph & Helen Martin**

**DISCUSSION:** West Georgia Technical College requests approval on the acquisition of a non-exclusive easement from Joseph & Helen Martin, over approximately 0.28 acres adjacent to the New Carroll Campus of West Georgia Technical College, for the installation and maintenance of gas distribution lines to serve the TCSG-349 New Carroll County Campus.

**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 Mr. Buzz Law. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

**A. Gwinnett Tech - \$170,078.41 with Albion Scaccia Enterprises, LLC**

**DISCUSSION:** Gwinnett Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Renovation of Room 315" on the North Fulton Campus of Gwinnett Technical College, with Albion Scaccia Enterprises, LLC, Sandy Springs, GA in the amount of \$170,078.41, using local funds.

**B. Ogeechee Tech - \$310,000.00 with Y-Delta Inc.**

**DISCUSSION:** Ogeechee Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Electrical Construction Renovation" on the Main Campus of Ogeechee Technical College, with Y-Delta Inc., Statesboro, GA in the amount of \$310,000.00, using local funds.



- C. **Southern Regional Tech** - \$188,812.70 with Darsey Construction Co.

**DISCUSSION:** Southern Regional Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "HVAC Controls Upgrade" on the Bainbridge Campus of Southern Regional Technical College, with Darsey Construction Co., Cordele, GA in the amount of \$188,812.70, using local funds.

- D. **West Georgia Tech** - \$248,288.21 with Rubio and Son Interiors, Inc.

**DISCUSSION:** West Georgia Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Automatic Operators for Bathroom Doors" on the Various Campuses of West Georgia Technical College, with Rubio and Son Interiors, Inc., Dacula, GA in the amount of \$248,288.21, using local funds.

- E. **West Georgia Tech** - \$131,388.14 with Rubio and Son Interiors, Inc.

**DISCUSSION:** West Georgia Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Filtered Water Fountains with Bottle Fillers" on the Various Campuses of West Georgia Technical College, with Rubio and Son Interiors, Inc., Dacula, GA in the amount of \$131,388.14, using local funds.

• **Governance, Compliance and Audit**

**Buzz Law**

I. **Approval of Mutual Aid Agreements**

**MOTION:** The Motion was made by Mr. Buzz Law to approve the proposed Mutual Aid Agreements. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Joe Yarbrough. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

- MOA Georgia Piedmont Technical College and City of Covington PD
- MOA Chattahoochee Technical College and Pickens Co SO
- MOA Chattahoochee Technical College and Cherokee Co SO
- MOA Chattahoochee Technical College and City of Jasper PD
- MOA Georgia Northwestern Technical College and Floyd Co SO
- MOA Georgia Northwestern Technical College and Cave Springs PD
- MOA Georgia Northwestern Technical College and Rome PD

II. **Approval of Local Board Appointments**



**MOTION:** The Motion was made by Mr. Buzz Law to approve the appointments for local board members that are listed in the Board materials. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Phil Sutton. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

That concluded the Committee report.

## **Operations, Finance, and Planning**

**Carvel Lewis**

### **I. Approval of FY2022 Projected Budgets for each Technical College**

**MOTION:** The Motion was made by Mr. Carvel Lewis for the State Board to approve the projected budgets for each technical college for Fiscal Year 2022. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Phil Sutton. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

**DISCUSSION:** The Commission on Colleges requires that projected budgets for accredited institutions be approved by their governing board. The governing board for all TCSG colleges is the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia. The initial projected budgets for the institutions accurately reflect the estimated funds available during Fiscal Year 2022 based on both prior year data and current year projections. Projections may have been adjusted based on enrollment trends and will continue to be adjusted as actual current year data becomes available. The total of all the initial projected budgets matches the FY2022 Appropriations Act as signed by the Governor.

### **II. Commissioner Authorization Motion**

**MOTION:** The Motion was made by Mr. Carvel Lewis for the State Board to authorize the Commissioner to make all decisions, purchases, and enter into necessary contracts between the June and August Board meeting dates that would otherwise require Board approval. Such decisions, purchases, and contracts will be reviewed for ratification by the Board at the August 2021 meeting. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Joe Yarbrough. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

### **III. 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 system office and 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. **TCSG/Adult Ed** – Request to enter into a contract with Data Recognition Corporation (DRC) for FY2022 for an unlimited license for TABE 11/12 Online and TABE CLAS-E Online; cost \$169,200.00. **State funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** TABE, or the Tests of Adult Basic Education, is one of the approved student assessments that local grantees use and the only one used in the Adult Basic Education/Adult Secondary Education Program. TABE CLAS-E is one of the approved student assessments that local grantees use to assess English-as-a-Second Language students. The contract provides an unlimited license of test administrations for the local providers for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 20, 2022.

2. **TCSG/Adult Ed** – Request to enter into a contract with Boardworks Education for the purchase of a full suite of ready-made, interactive lessons that can be used and shared across all adult education providers; cost \$183,202.00. **State funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** The contract with Boardworks Education provides for the purchase of a full suite of ready-made, interactive lessons that can be used and shared across all adult education providers. These resources cover all K-12 disciplines and are aligned to the College/Career Readiness Standards (CCRS) for Adult Education. These resources have been essential to many adult education providers as they work to build their Blackboard content classes to provide instruction to students virtually and face-to-face. The statewide license will ensure that all providers have access to the same set of materials and will allow providers to share their Blackboard classes without concerns of copyright violation.

### **3-4. Albany Technical College; total expenditures \$365,394.00 –**

- 3) Electronic Lab Workstations from I4.0 Strategies for Electronics and Electrical/Computer Engineering Technology Programs; cost \$132,677.00. **Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** ATC is seeking to acquire Electronics Lab Workstations for the Electronics and Electrical/Computer Engineering Technology Programs. The objectives of the workstations are to meet the college's Strategic Goal #1: Ensure student learning and achievement; primarily ensure student learning is aligned with current industry practices,



meeting workforce requisites, and making the programs attractive to recruitment efforts.

- 4) Cisco Blade Server upgrade, Cisco Direct Internal Wireless Access Point Devices/licenses, and Meraki Ruggedized Outdoor Wireless Access Point Devices/licenses from CDW-G; cost \$232,717.00. **Local funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** 1) Hardware upgrade for Blade server will increase processing capacity for additional servers/virtual desktops. This will provide a more robust, efficient, and capable service and allow the expansion of remote desktop sessions/applications for all IT service users particularly during times when users are unable to be present on campus due to pandemic restrictions. 2) Hardware upgrade of EOL campus Internal Wireless Access Point Devices – newer devices will provide greater coverage, higher reliability, and simplified administration, which translates to a more robust wireless internet access for on campus students/faculty. 3) Outdoor Wireless Access Point Devices – replacement of older EOL units and install new units in strategic areas to provide sufficient wireless internet access coverage over the campus green space.

#### **5-6. Atlanta Technical College; total expenditures \$357,525.00 –**

- 5) Cisco network switches from Byteworks for six building locations on the main campus; cost \$201,872.00. **Federal CARES funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** Cisco network switches are needed to replace equipment in six building locations that are 11+ years old. The current switches are creating a challenge in providing reliable wireless access throughout the campus, and necessary software updates are hindered due to end of life/end of support thru Cisco. This is a critical infrastructure component that will allow the college to continue to build a more reliable and secure network, which is critical to the college to provide in-person, remote, and eCampus instruction to students. The new switches will make sections of the network 10x-100x faster and able to support the increasing demand for video and more network intensive applications.

- 6) X-Ray Machine and accessories from Radon Medical for Radiology Technology Program; cost \$155,653.00. **Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.**



**DISCUSSION:** ATC's Radiology Technology Program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). The new energized x-ray equipment is beneficial to students enabling them to perform hands on tasks and skills taught in the program courses. This includes all procedures, positions, and exams instructed to the students thru the first three semesters in Radiographic Procedures I, II and III courses.

**7-9. Augusta Technical College; total expenditures \$1,250,018.00 – Federal grant funds are available for these expenditures.**

- 7) SAS Visual Statistics software and analytical consulting professional services from SAS Consulting Services; cost \$276,431.00.

**DISCUSSION:** The SAS Visual Statistics software is compatible with the current SAS environment installed on the college's SAS VA server. The software/professional services are needed to assist ATC in optimization report development. The new professional services will include outcome measurements to propose course times/days of the week for student success overall for each method of delivery and subject area, plus determine instructors in need of additional training/resources based on desired student outcomes. The software and optimization reports will be used college-wide to help with decisions regarding course scheduling each term to ensure proper social distancing and adequate number of sections to meet demand. This purchase will benefit the college/students by providing multiple scheduling options which will allow for more efficient scheduling practices.

- 8) Purchase of Cisco WebEx Codec Pro Solutions from Converge One to outfit 13 technology enhanced classrooms at multiple campus locations; cost \$757,972.00.

**DISCUSSION:** The purchase of the technology-enhanced classrooms is needed to expand higher level Mathematics and ESL course offerings to the rural area locations (Burke, Lincoln, McDuffie) as well as the Columbia County Center. The college has experienced difficulty in recruiting qualified subject matter experts and the technology enhanced classrooms provide an alternative option course delivery. The new equipment will allow instructors to deliver educational content utilizing state-of-the-art videoconferencing and interactive technology to provide a blended delivery of face-to-face and online instruction. The equipment will also allow for interaction and distance learning from the



main campus classrooms with classrooms at the off-campus instructional sites.

- 9) Purchase of hardware and software from Cisco/Byteworks to upgrade the wireless network; cost \$215,615.00.

**DISCUSSION:** The upgraded wireless system is needed to increase the coverage and speed of connections. Newer hardware will allow for better monitoring and security of the wireless network. The use of laptops/mobile devices will allow for greater social distancing over many of the current lab configurations. This will allow for more flexible use of classroom and other academic spaces.

#### **10-13. Chattahoochee Technical College; total expenditures \$904,237.00 –**

- 10) Audio Visual upgrades from Solutionz for North Metro Campus; cost \$217,896.00. **Local and Federal CARES funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** Audio Visual upgrades are needed in the 400 Building Large Event Hall and three classrooms on the North Metro Campus. The Large Event Hall upgrade includes rack mounted hardware, 3x3 video wall, and (2) 2x2 screens to allow Web conferencing software/hardware for physical attendees to maintain social distancing while viewing the speaker/contents and see virtual attendees. The upgrade of the A/V systems in the three classrooms will create a hybrid classroom experience for both faculty/staff. The rooms will fully support physical student attendees while at the same time providing real time live broadcast and two-way communication between the teacher and students attending class virtually.

- 11) 143 Dell Precision Tower computers and 286 monitors from Dell Technologies for three campus locations; cost \$288,002.00. **Local funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** Computers/monitors are needed to replace obsolete and malfunctioned equipment for six Networking/Cybersecurity classrooms across three campus locations (North Metro, Woodstock, Marietta). The Computer Information Systems Technology programs, particularly Cybersecurity & Networking, have shown steady growth over the past several years, and in order to continue to grow these programs, it is imperative to provide these students with current technology. This equipment is capable of supporting the ever-changing course content and meet the needs of course instructors and students.



- 12) Two new Freightliner Cascadia 126SLP Semi-Trucks from Peach State Truck Centers for CDL program; cost \$265,479.00. **Local funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** Two new semi-trucks are needed to replace used 2013 trucks that are unusable due to continual road failures and constant maintenance/repair. The college has spent a large amount of CDL program funds trying to fix the issues with the two used trucks and recommendations are to replace these trucks with newer models. Dependable trucks are required for student safety as well as student learning experience, and new trucks will not require repairs and will save the college money. The new trucks will also allow more students to attend the CDL courses, thus helping to lessen the student wait list.

- 13) Five 2021 Ford Escape SE Compact SUV Hybrid Vehicles from Allan Vigil Ford Fleet-Govt. for multiple campus locations; cost \$132,860.00. **Local funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** CTC will utilize the five vehicles as fleet vehicles for use by employees when traveling between campuses, to training, and other required travel. The college will surplus five high-mileage vehicles in order to ensure safety and security of college personnel. This purchase will also allow for more fuel-efficient travel and lessen the cost of travel.

**14-15. Columbus Technical College; total expenditures \$604,956.00 – Local funds are available for these expenditures.**

- 14) Training Aids from Learning Labs Inc. for new Civil Engineering Technology Degree; cost \$135,187.00.

**DISCUSSION:** CTC is starting a new Civil Engineering Technology Degree for students wanting to pursue a career in the Civil Engineering field. This equipment is needed to train students, fulfill lab competencies, and teach the state standards. Equipment comes with an instructor's guide, student workbooks, and experiment lab manuals.

- 15) Training Aids from Southern Educational Consulting for Mechatronics Degree and Industrial Systems Degree; cost \$469,769.00.

**DISCUSSION:** Training Aids are needed to enhance the Mechatronics Degree and Industrial Systems Degree for students wanting to pursue a career as industrial technicians, mechatronics technicians, or maintenance technicians in the manufacturing field. This training system implements the design/structure of flexible production plants in a classroom setting and will provide excellent training to students who will



eventually work in the maintenance industry. This equipment includes the necessary technologies/components for communicating extensive knowledge of Industry 4.0. With training materials provided, instructors will not spend additional time creating new curriculum for this new training equipment, and the materials provided are in direct correlation to state standards.

**16-18. Georgia Northwestern Technical College; total expenditures \$975,445.00 –**

- 16)** FESTO Comprehensive Training System from Southern Educational Consulting for Siemens Mechatronics and Industry Certification training; cost \$265,618.00. **Local funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** The FESTO Comprehensive Training System for Mechatronics and Industry is required to provide industry specific Siemens certification training. GNTC is sending instructors for Siemens Level 1 and Level 2 training in order to provide “train the trainer” training which will allow the college to offer the certification to students. This certification will be valuable for students in the workforce.

- 17)** FESTO Basic Industrial Controls Training System from Southern Educational Consulting for Industry Systems Program at Floyd County campus; cost \$184,769.00. **Local funds are available for this expenditure.**

*Discussion:* GNTC has aging equipment in the Floyd County Industrial Systems Program that is 15-20 years old. This equipment will upgrade the lab with the necessary equipment with compatible curriculum and ensure students' training is up to industry standards, enabling them to do the tasks necessary in the workforce. The system includes PLC, Motor Drives, and Sensor Training add-ons.

- 18)** Purchase of 1,950 classroom chairs and drafting furniture from Exemplis for classrooms in 3 campus locations; cost \$525,058.00. **Local and state funds are available for this expenditure.**

*Discussion:* The three older campuses of GNTC have many chairs that are over 15 years of age and are broken, mismatched, and dirty. The new chairs will make a step in getting more functional classroom spaces for students. Second, is the need for drafting furniture that will allow for space designed specifically for drafting needs with height adjustable desks and more desk space for the students.





19. **North Georgia Technical College** – One each high-fidelity adult and pediatric patient simulator with Maestro software and tablets from CAE Healthcare for ASN Simulation Lab upgrades on two campus locations; cost \$266,122.00. **Federal CARES funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** Simulation is an important part of the nursing education. It allows students to learn to care for patients with both common and complex conditions in a safe environment. During the pandemic, students were not allowed to participate in direct patient clinical activities and simulators were used to keep students on track for graduation. Up-to-date simulators contribute to the realness of the simulation and allow students to experience caring for a life-like patient in a safe environment bridging the gap between skills, theory coursework, and clinical rotations.

20. **Oconee Fall Line Technical College** – New Freightliner Cascadia 126SLP Semi-Truck from Peach State Truck Centers for CTD program at three campus locations; cost \$131,136.00. **Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** OFTC offers their Commercial Truck Driving Program (CTD) at full capacity at three campus locations (Sandersville, Jefferson, Dublin). Truck driving is a high-demand career in the OFTC service area, and the Port in Savannah has exponentially increased the need for truck drivers delivering to/from the Savannah area. The college still utilizes trucks that are 15 years old and was able to purchase two new trucks in 2020 with World Class Lab funding. The purchase of this additional truck will enable each location to have a new truck for students to drive. This purchase is also needed to help with social distancing requirements due to COVID. Where in the past multiple students were allowed to ride in one truck with the instructor, it is limited now to one student and one instructor per truck.

21. **Southeastern Technical College** – Replacement of three network cores and upgrade of data storage infrastructure from CDW-G; cost \$172,537.00. **Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** STC has identified an immediate need to replace three network cores. These devices are the central backbone to the networking infrastructure, are at end of life/no longer supported, and are unable to support the needs of the students/staff. The upgrade will increase security and reliability, enhancing the speed and ability to accomplish learning goals. STC also needs to upgrade the data storage infrastructure. This infrastructure provides storage for sensitive/critical data for applications that support online





learning, student information systems, and various other support systems. The current data storage devices no longer meet industry standards and are at end of life.

**22-25. West Georgia Technical College** – WGTC is in the process of building a new Carroll Campus that will allow the college to offer new/improved space and equipment designed specifically for student success. This investment in Carroll County will continue to strengthen the cooperative relationship between WGTC and its many workforce and corporate partners. The requests below are for furniture for the new campus. **Total expenditures \$2,204,832.00 – FFE bond funds are available for these expenditures.**

- 22) Furniture from Group Lacasse including metal cabinets, tables, mobile trolleys, and lab stools; cost \$175,903.00.
- 23) Furniture from Safco Products including wire shelving, laptop carts, mailbox sorters, and benches; cost \$172,005.00.
- 24) Furniture from OFS Brands including modular office furniture, seating, and tables; cost \$950,579.00.
- 25) Furniture from Krueger International including chairs, desks, file cabinets, tables, conference tables, credenzas, book shelves, seating and the equipment to setup; cost \$906,346.00.

**26-29. Wiregrass Georgia Technical College** – WGTC is in the process of building a newly constructed Allied Health Building that will provide new classroom space for 7 new medical programs and 17 existing programs. The requests below are for a refresh of the network infrastructure, computer equipment, and furniture for the newly constructed building. **Total expenditures \$2,226,020.00 – FFE bond funds are available for these expenditures.**

- 26) Refresh of the network infrastructure, including switches, from Converge One that provides for all programs in the newly constructed Allied Health Building; cost \$400,809.00.
- 27) Computer equipment from Dell Technologies including desktops, monitors, laptops, docking stations, and charging carts; cost \$592,230.00.
- 28) Furniture from Krueger International for classrooms, offices, labs, and common student area furnishing; cost \$522,422.00.
- 29) Furniture from OFS Brands for classrooms, offices, labs, and common student area furnishings; cost \$710,559.00.



That concluded the Committee report.

- **Executive Committee**

**Chairman Doug Carter**

Chairman Carter gave the Committee report. Dr. Victoria Seals, Atlanta Technical College President, gave the Committee updates on the Center for Workforce Innovation (CWI). The Center for Workforce Innovation (CWI) is an innovative partnership between Atlanta Technical College, the City of Atlanta, and the Atlanta Committee for Progress. With the direct input, investment, and involvement of corporate and community partners, the CWI is focused on preparing students to enter into careers that meet local high-demand, rapidly changing workforce needs and which lead to economic mobility.

Dr. Seals then updated the Committee on the Aviation Program at Atlanta Technical College. The Commissioner added that he has recently toured the hanger at Atlanta Technical College and is very impressed with the remodel. The College has paid great attention to detail in the remodel.

Chairman Carter added that Dr. Andrea Daniel attended the Committee meeting and gave background information to the Athens Technical College building naming request. He then asked Mr. Tommy David to make a motion.

**I. Motion (Approval of naming a building)**

**MOTION:** The Motion was made by Mr. Tommy David to name the newly constructed building on the Elbert Campus of Athens Technical College for former State Georgia Representative Tom McCall. The name would be "The Tom McCall Agricultural Science Complex." The Motion was seconded by Mr. Daren Wayne. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

**DISCUSSION:** A letter was sent to Commissioner Dozier from Dr. Andrea Daniel, President of Athens Technical College. Along with the letter, she sent the minutes from the Athens Technical College Board of Directors Meeting. Currently, the Agricultural Laboratory Building and the Agricultural Area are under construction and are scheduled to be completed in September 2021. These buildings will house the Agricultural Science Program, which includes Horticultures, Poultry Science, Animal Science, and Fish and Wildlife Conservation Law. The Arena will be used for instructional curriculum, as well as recruitment into the programs. The Athens Technical College President, Local Board Members, and the local



community leaders have requested that the newly constructed building on the Elbert Campus of Athens Technical College be named for former State Representative Tom McCall. Since 2001, Representative McCall has been instrumental in obtaining approval and state funding for the \$8.2 Million Agricultural Science Building, \$10 Million Industrial Building, and the \$17.2 Million Industrial Technology Building projects on the Elbert Campus of Athens Technical College. In all, Representative Tom McCall helped to secure \$38.4 Million in building projects. Representative McCall has contributed to the success of Athens Technical College for over 27 years. His long-term contributions have resulted in hundreds of positive outcomes for the Athens Technical College students and workforce.

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:

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| • <b>Thursday, August 5</b>    | <b>TCSG System Office</b>                  |
| • <b>Thursday, September 2</b> | <b>Athens Technical College</b>            |
| • <b>Thursday, October 7</b>   | <b>TCSG System Office</b>                  |
| • <b>Tuesday, October 26</b>   | <b>Hyatt Regency   Savannah</b>            |
|                                | <b>coincide with TCSG Leadership Conf.</b> |
| • <b>Thursday, December 2</b>  | <b>TCSG System Office</b>                  |

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 September Board Meeting will be held at Athens Technical College. Additional information will be sent out closer to the meeting. The Governor's Office wanted to make sure that all the TCSG State Board Members received their invitation to the Valedictorian reception on June 19, 2021.

Chairman Carter asked each Board Member to please fill out the three forms at their desk. There is a TCSG State Board Self-evaluation, the TCSG Ethics policy, and the new EO from the Governor's Office. Please review, sign, and return them to Collier. The self-evaluation will be used to determine training for the Board during the coming year.



The next TCSG State Board meeting will be August 5, 2021 at the TCSG System Office.

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

**VIII ADJOURN**

**Chairman Doug Carter**

**I. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** The Motion was made by Mr. Joe Yarbrough to adjourn the June 3, 2021 State Board Meeting of the Technical College System of Georgia at 12:22 pm. The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Lisa Winton. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

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