



# STATE BOARD GENERAL SESSION

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Mary Flanders	Phil Sutton
Randall Fox	Daren C. Wayne
Joseph Hsiao	Tim Williams
Mark Hennessy	Joe Yarbrough

## Approved Minutes

**Thursday, March 30, 2023**

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

System Office

1800 Century Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Atlanta, Georgia 30345

MEETING NUMBER (ACCESS CODE): 2620 708 9504

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Absent: Mary Flanders, Calder Clay, Shirley Smith, Fran Millar,

### I. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairman Trey Sheppard**

Mr. Trey Sheppard, Chairman of the Technical College System of Georgia State Board, called the March 30, 2023 State Board Meeting of the Technical College System of Georgia to order at 11:15 a.m. at the date and location stated above. He began by welcoming everyone to the meeting. He thanked Commissioner Dozier for the detailed budget presentation he gave during the Committee of the Whole. Chairman Sheppard introduced Mr. Tim Perryman a new TCSG State Board Member.

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

**Chairman Trey Sheppard**

Chairman Sheppard called for a motion to approve the Minutes from the March 2, 2023 Board Meeting.

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Jay Cunningham made the Motion to approve the March 2, 2023 minutes. Mr. Doug Carter seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously. The March 2, 2023 Minutes were approved.

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

**Commissioner Gregory Dozier**

Commissioner Dozier began by welcoming everyone to the Board. Mr. Mark D'Alessio and the TCSG Staff worked very hard to put together the 2022 Annual Report. Each Board Member should have a copy at their desk. Commissioner Dozier thanked the team for their hard work on the report.



The TCSG Team and Mr. Mark Peevy did a great job during the legislative session this year. TCSG had a lot of success this year not only with the budget, as he reported during the Committee of the Whole, but also with legislation.

Commissioner Dozier shared the *Georgia Trend* article highlighting TCSG.

That completed the Commissioner's report.

#### IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Academic Affairs

Daren Wayne for Fran Miller

##### I. Academic Standards and Programs

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Daren Wayne made the Motion that the college requests listed below to offer degrees, diplomas and TCCs 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. Dr. Artesius Miller seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

##### **DISCUSSION:**

**Atlanta Technical College** - TCC program in Natural Gas Technician, NGT1, 14 Credit Hours, effective May 2023.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021 employment data for the State of Georgia included approximately 1,500 jobs related to this certificate, including 160 jobs for Gas Plant Operators (51-8092) and 1,420 jobs for pipe layers (147-2151). Data specific to natural gas technicians is not available. However, an Internet search for job postings in November 2022 yielded 68 vacant positions in the state. This program will support workforce needs at companies such as Atlanta Gas Light, Georgia Natural Gas, Georgia Power, Gas South, SCANA Energy, Southern Company, Walton EMC, and other residential and commercial gas line and piping companies.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 20 Year 2: 40 Year 3: 60

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



**Central Georgia Technical College** - TCC program in Firefighter I, FF11, 15 Credit Hours, effective August 2023.

The Firefighter I TCC program is conducted in cooperation with the Georgia Fire Academy and Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training to ensure graduates have the skills, knowledge, and credentials to serve as firefighters in paid and volunteer fire departments. Due to a shortage of qualified firefighters, Macon-Bibb County Fire Department and William S. Hutchings College and Career Academy (Bibb County) have developed a partnership with CGTC to offer this Firefighter I TCC to dual enrollment students. The program will give the dual enrollment students the opportunity to interview with the Macon-Bibb County Fire Department. South Georgia Technical College, which is adjacent to CGTC's service area, currently offers this certificate. This is a state standard program and meets State Board requirements for programs at the certificate level. Startup cost for this program is estimated at \$4000 for adjunct stipend and library resources. All necessary equipment will be furnished by the Macon-Bibb County Firefighter Training Academy. Enrollment is estimated to be 15 graduates the first year and increase to 20 graduates by year three. Enrollment estimation is based on student interest.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 15 Year 2: 18 Year 3: 20

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

**Coastal Pines Technical College** - TCC program in Emergency Medical Responder (EMR), EB71, 11 Credit Hours, effective August 2023.

Coastal Pines Technical College has two dual enrollment partners, Camden County High School and Jeff Davis High School, who have requested the addition of the Emergency Medical Responder program. The high schools are interested in offering the Emergency Medical Responder Technical Certificate of Credit program through dual enrollment. The dual enrollment partners have 32 students interested in the program. The Camden County EMS is also a partner in the program with Camden County High School and has 14 current openings, with additional openings expected at a reported entry-level annual salary of \$38,000. The Jeff Davis Hospital has offered support for the program by providing a qualified adjunct faculty member to teach the program, and the hospital agrees to assist with lab activity needs. There is one adjacent technical college that offers this program, and the program will follow the TCSG standard curriculum for a technical certificate of credit. The first-year costs will include salary, benefits,



supplies, and equipment at a total of \$14,295 for 32 students, and year three will have the same expense with an estimated 35 students enrolled.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 32 Year 2: 35 Year 3: 35

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

**Gwinnett Technical College** - Diploma program in Diesel Equipment Technology, DET4, 47 Credit Hours, effective August 2023.

Gwinnett Technical College is requesting to add the Heavy Diesel Technology diploma to its program offering to continue to develop diesel technicians for the College's service area. This diploma would build upon the College's highly successful and popular Heavy Diesel certificate program (HD31). Students would have the option to complete a certificate or diploma program, depending upon their career goals and aspirations. Local business and industry support this diploma program as it has basic English and math courses needed for communication and calculations in the industry and maintains the internship course which provides vital hands-on opportunities for students. The costs associated with the program are minimal, as existing faculty, resources, and classrooms will be used. Over time, if enrollment grows substantially, future faculty will be needed, but tuition revenue should cover that expense. We expect eight students to enroll the first year, with enrollment growing to 27 by year three. We anticipate some former certificate program graduates will return to complete the diploma for advancement within the industry.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 0 Year 2: 8 Year 3: 12

Evening Students Year 1: 8 Year 2: 12 Year 3: 15

**Gwinnett Technical College** - TCC program in Hybrid/Electric Vehicle Service Technician, HVS1, 19 Credit Hours, effective August 2023.

The Hybrid/Electric Vehicle Service Technician certificate will fill a gap in program offerings and support numerous businesses in the Gwinnett Tech service area. The automotive industry is shifting towards a greener future with the increased use of hybrid and electric vehicles. The U.S. House and Senate recently passed the Inflation Reduction Act that offers a federal rebate to both new and used electric vehicles. As these vehicles become more mainstream, skilled technicians are needed to service and maintain them. Ford Motor Company announced two different divisions with Ford Blue covering hybrid and electric models, which are



projected to be 50% of the market by 2030. Gwinnett Tech needs to remain cutting edge and increase opportunities to train new technicians, as well as update the skillset of current technicians to service hybrid and electric vehicles. This TCC is unique in that it allows all of our manufacturer programs the opportunity to participate and increase students' knowledge and skills. No other TCSG college has programs like Mopar CAP, the Mercedes-Benz College Program, or Ford ASSET. As such, this is an institutionally created program. The costs for this program seem higher than they are since the salaries are already paid to existing faculty, and no new faculty will be needed. Additionally, larger startup costs are needed to secure vehicles to support this program, though used vehicles will be purchased where available. The College's automotive building has older electrical systems, so some of the initial costs are to increase electrical capacity in the lab to handle electric vehicles. A new transformer and service that can support this load are being installed now. We anticipate a full class of 20 students by the end of year three once the community becomes aware of the program and its opportunities.

Enrollment Projections:

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

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

**Gwinnett Technical** College - TCC program in Natural Gas Technician, NGT1, 14 Credit Hours, effective May 2023.

This request was previously ratified by the State Board at the February meeting. The effective date is now being changed from August 2023 to May 2023, which needs State Board approval. The Natural Gas Technician certificate program has been developed in collaboration with Atlanta Gas Light and the Technical College System of Georgia. This will become a state standard program that will provide an entry-level trained workforce to support the gas utility industry primarily in the Metro Atlanta region. According to 2021 data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, annual mean wages for related positions range from \$37,100 to \$61,830. (\$17.84 to \$29.73 hourly). For entry-level positions, annual wages range from \$23,230 to \$39,520 (\$11.17 to \$19.00 hourly). Graduates will have opportunities for career advancement with additional work experience, training, and/or education. First-year costs for this program will be funded from tuition revenue; they are estimated to be \$39,400 for instructional equipment and faculty salaries. Gwinnett Technical College projects that enrollment will grow from 15 students in year one to 30 students in year three.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 0 Year 2: 0 Year 3: 0



Evening Students Year 1: 15 Year 2: 20 Year 3: 30

**Southern Regional Technical College** - TCC program in Film Production - Grip & Rigging Technician I, FP31, 12 Credit Hours, effective May 2023.

Southern Regional Technical College is seeking approval for the Film Production - Grip & Rigging Technician I (FP31) technical certificate of credit. The Film Production - Grip & Rigging Technician TCC is an institutionally developed program from Southern Crescent Technical College and is 12 credit hours in length. The completion of the TCC will prepare students for entry-level production assistant positions assigned to the Grip/Rigging department in film, TV, video, or other media companies. These skills will also allow them to operate in a variety of professional production environments and understand the jobs, protocol, and hierarchy of this demanding work. Employment in media communication and film production is projected to grow 14% over the next 10 years, which is much faster than the average for all occupations. The program will be taught at Colquitt County High School using their lab facilities and equipment. No additional equipment or faculty will be needed.

Enrollment Projections:

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

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

Backup material for these requests will be available when the committee meets at the Board meeting or may be requested prior to the meeting from Steve Conway, Academic Affairs Director, Office of Technical Education, at 404-679-1669.

## **II. Program Terminations**

**MOTION:** Mr. Daren Wayne made the Motion to approve the program termination requests for March 30, 2023. Mr. Joe Yarbrough seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

### **Termination of Degrees, Diplomas, and TCCs**

#### **Augusta Technical College**

TCC program in Agribusiness Manager (AM21), effective May 2023.

Degree program in Agribusiness (AG13), effective May 2023.

TCC program in Agribusiness Policy Specialist (AP41), effective May 2023.

Diploma program in Agribusiness (AG12), effective May 2023.



### III. Approval for Program Standards and Revisions March 30 2023

**MOTION:** Mr. Daren Wayne made the Motion to approve the program Standards and revision for March 30, 2023.

Major Code	Program Name	Program Development	Award Level	Credit Hours
HVS1	Hybrid/Electric Vehicle Service Technician	Gwinnett	TCC	19
MC81	Mopar CAP HVAC Technician	Gwinnett	TCC	10

### IV. Motion to approve updates and changes to the Dual Achievement Program List

**MOTION:** The Motion is made to approve the updates and changes to the Dual Achievement Program list as listed in the Board Materials. Mr. Doug Carter seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

That concludes the Committee report.

#### • Adult Education

**Daren Wayne for Shirley Smith**

Mr. Daren Wayne gave the Committee report. Dr. Cayanna Good shares that the adult education program has around 32,000 students enrolled. NRS students are around 23,000 students. IET enrollment is 1,078. HSE graduates are 4,759 with a goal of 7,710. 44% of our HSE graduates were Adult Education students.

#### I. Motion to approve GED testing fees

**MOTION:** Mr. Daren Wayne made the Motion to approve the **In-Person** GED<sup>®</sup> 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 July 1, 2023 with the approval of the new GED contract agreement. Mr. Randall Fox seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

#### II. Motion to approve the HDCI Program and development of contracts



**MOTION:** Mr. Daren Wayne made the Motion to approve the companies as listed for participation in the High Demand Career Initiatives (HDCI) Program and authorize the development of contracts with selected companies for contract completion awards. Mr. Doug Carter seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

**DISCUSSION:**

Today, we are considering the second round of program awards for the High Demand Career Initiatives (HDCI) Program, which will award out the remaining funding for Fiscal Year 2023.

Last year, the HDCI Program, authorized by Georgia Senate Bill 379, was signed into law by Governor Brian P. Kemp. As Georgia's first-ever state-funded apprenticeship initiative, the HDCI Program represents a historic investment by the State of Georgia in the expansion of registered apprenticeships.

The HDCI Program provides funding awards to Georgia employers to incentivize the creation and expansion of registered apprenticeship programs throughout the state. This program aimed to both upskill Georgians and increase skilled talent within Georgia's high-demand industries.

This round of HDCI funding will support an additional 10 employers and create 34 apprentices in Georgia. Year-to-date, this program has supported 39 employers, and created 125 apprentices throughout the state. The state's initial investment of \$1.275M for this program is projected to create \$7.39M in added wages into Georgia's economy year over year upon the completion of the apprenticeships supported with this year's funds.

That concludes the Committee report.

- **External Affairs and Economic Development**

**Chunk Newman**

Mr. Chunk Newman gave the Committee report. In March 2023, the Quick Start team presented to eight different prospects representing a total of 3,256 potential new jobs for Georgia. Industries represented by these prospects include automotive, packaging/warehousing, and clean tech manufacturing.

During March 2023, Quick Start delivered instruction to 3,742 trainees (new and existing employees). QuickStart had several project kick-offs this month around the State.



The TCSG Communication department completed the 2022 TCSG Annual Report and each Board Member should have a copy at their desk. The Communication Team launched a statewide digital marketing campaign promoting the benefits of technical education earlier this month. So far, this campaign has delivered **370 applications** to our 22 colleges. This digital strategy is being executed by TCSG through CoxNext.

The Communications Team is assisting the Workforce division with a digital marketing strategy promoting the Apprentice Georgia program. The campaign launched last week and is collecting inquiry leads from both companies and individuals.

TCSG and GaDOE are finalizing paperwork on the winning bid for our upcoming joint marketing project to promote technical education and CTAE courses in high school.

Mr. Mark Peevy updated the Committee on Georgia Legislative Session.

The Technical College System of Georgia Foundation has disbursed funds to the college foundations for the last mile fund for Spring term.

Mr. Matt Dollar discussed the progress on non-credit standardization and Badgr. He also let the committee know that they completed the SKILLS USA competition in March.

Mr. Scott McMurray introduced Ms. Danetha Belk to the Board. She is the new Executive Director of Operation for Georgia Quick Start.

That concludes the Committee report.

## **Facilities and Real Estate**

**Ben Bryant**

### **I. Approval of Real Estate Transactions**

**MOTION:** Mr. Ben Bryant made the Motion 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. Mr. Mark Hennessy seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.



- A. QuickStart – Acquisition of 30 AC from Savannah Harbor – Interstate 16 Corridor Joint Development Authority

**DISCUSSION:** QuickStart requests approval on the acquisition of approximately 30 acres of unimproved land located on US Highway 280, Ellabell (Bryan County), GA, from the Savannah Harbor – Interstate 16 Corridor Joint Development Authority, for the consideration of \$ 0.00, as the site for TCSG-398 QS EV Training Center - Bryan, subject to the approval of the State Properties Commission.

- B. QuickStart - Acquisition of 34.4 AC from Georgia Department of Economic Development

**DISCUSSION:** QuickStart requests approval on the acquisition of approximately 34.4 acres of unimproved land located on US 278, Social Circle (Walton County), GA, from the Georgia Department of Economic Development, for the consideration of \$ 0.00, as the site for TCSG-397 QS EV Training Center - Walton, subject to the approval of the State Properties Commission.

- C. Georgia Piedmont Tech – 0.448 AC Easement to the City of Covington

**DISCUSSION:** Georgia Piedmont Technical College requests approval on the granting of a revocable license and a non-exclusive easement to the City of Covington, over approximately 0.448 acres on the Covington-Newton Campus of Georgia Piedmont Technical College, for the installation and maintenance of sewer lines.

## II. Approval of Construction Contracts

**MOTION:** Mr. Ben Bryant made the Motion to authorize the Commissioner to execute the construction contracts listed below at a cost not to exceed the amount stated for each request. Mr. Doug Carter seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

- A. Albany Tech - \$671,185.00 with Lang Mechanical, Inc.

**DISCUSSION:** Albany Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Building H - Boiler Replacement and Controls Upgrade" on the Dougherty County Campus of Albany



Technical College, with Lang Mechanical, Inc., Thomasville, GA in the amount of \$671,185.00, using local funds.

- B.** Atlanta Tech - \$599,000.00 with Brad Construction Company II, LLC

**DISCUSSION:** Atlanta Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Building F Renovation" on the Main Campus of Atlanta Technical College, with Brad Construction Company II, LLC, Fayetteville, GA in the amount of \$599,000.00, using local funds.

- C.** Chattahoochee Tech - \$128,671.00 with Striker Contracting, LLC

**DISCUSSION:** Chattahoochee Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Renovations of Seven Classrooms" on the North Metro Campus of Chattahoochee Technical College, with Striker Contracting, LLC, Atlanta, GA in the amount of \$128,671.00, using local funds.

- D.** Coastal Pines Tech - \$926,800.00 with Paul S. Akins Company, Inc.

**DISCUSSION:** Coastal Pines Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "New Welding & Multi-Purpose Lab" on the Jesup Campus of Coastal Pines Technical College, with Paul S. Akins Company, Inc., Statesboro, GA in the amount of \$926,800.00, using local funds.

- E.** Columbus Tech - \$1,569,100.00 with Freeman & Associates, Inc.

**DISCUSSION:** Columbus Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "TCSG-382 GEER II Initiative - New CDL Range" on the Commercial Truck Driving Range of Columbus Technical College, with Freeman & Associates, Inc., Columbus, GA in the amount of \$1,569,100.00, using local funds.

- F.** Georgia Northwestern Tech - \$598,000.00 with BM & K Construction, Inc.

**DISCUSSION:** Georgia Northwestern Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Paving at Gordon County Campus" on the Gordon County Campus of Georgia Northwestern Technical College, with BM & K Construction, Inc., Braselton, GA in the amount of \$598,000.00, using local funds.



- G. Georgia Northwestern Tech - \$274,200.00 with Integrated Properties

**DISCUSSION:** Georgia Northwestern Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Civil work for Maintenance building" on the Floyd County Campus of Georgia Northwestern Technical College, with Integrated Properties, Chattanooga, TN in the amount of \$274,200.00, using local funds.

- H. Georgia Northwestern Tech - \$469,605.48 with Apex Facility Services Group

**DISCUSSION:** Georgia Northwestern Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "HVAC Renovations - Building I" on the Floyd County Campus of Georgia Northwestern Technical College, with Apex Facility Services Group, Dacula, GA in the amount of \$469,605.48, using local funds.

- I. Georgia Piedmont Tech - \$392,680.00 with Skyline Construction Services, Inc.

**DISCUSSION:** Georgia Piedmont Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Newton Bldg. C Reroof & Skylight Replacement" on the Covington-Newton Campus of Georgia Piedmont Technical College, with Skyline Construction Services, Inc., Eatonton, GA in the amount of \$392,680.00, using local funds.

- J. Georgia Piedmont Tech - \$1,815,825.61 with JOC Construction, LLC

**DISCUSSION:** Georgia Piedmont Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "TCSG-382 GEER II Initiative - New CDL Range" on the Newton Center of Georgia Piedmont Technical College, with JOC Construction, LLC, Columbus, GA in the amount of \$1,815,825.61, using local funds.

- K. Oconee Fall Line Tec - \$613,543.00 with F.H. Paschen, SN Nielsen & Assoc.

**DISCUSSION:** Oconee Fall Line Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "New Nursing Lab & Repave Truck Driving Range" on the Dublin Campus of Oconee Fall Line Technical College, with F.H. Paschen, SN Nielsen & Assoc., Atlanta, GA in the amount of \$613,543.00, using local funds.



- L. Oconee Fall Line Tech - \$2,393,516.05 with Lynn Construction Contracting, Inc.

**DISCUSSION:** Oconee Fall Line Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "TCSG-382 GEER II Initiative - New CDL Range" on the Dublin Campus of Oconee Fall Line Technical College, with Lynn Construction Contracting, Inc., Douglasville, GA in the amount of \$2,393,516.05, using local funds.

- M. Southeastern Tech - \$586,980.80 with Sikes Brothers, Inc.

**DISCUSSION:** Southeastern Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "TCSG-382 GEER II Initiative - CDL Range Resurfacing" on the Vidalia of Southeastern Technical College, with Sikes Brothers, Inc., Metter, GA in the amount of \$586,980.80, using local funds.

- N. Southern Crescent Tech - \$171,048.95 with Rubio and Son Interiors, Inc.

**DISCUSSION:** Southern Crescent Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Building - 300 Hall Roof Replacement" on the Griffin Campus of Southern Crescent Technical College, with Rubio and Son Interiors, Inc., Dacula, GA in the amount of \$171,048.95, using local funds.

- O. Southern Crescent Tec - \$873,806.00 with Robinson Paving Company

**DISCUSSION:** Southern Crescent Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "TCSG-382 GEER II Initiative - CDL Range Resurfacing" on the Flint River Campus of Southern Crescent Technical College, with Robinson Paving Company, Dacula, GA in the amount of \$873,806.00, using local funds.

- P. West Georgia Tech - \$102,632.00 with Ben Hill Roofing and Siding

**DISCUSSION:** West Georgia Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Gutter Repairs" on the Murphy Campus of West Georgia Technical College, with Ben Hill Roofing and Siding, Douglasville, GA in the amount of \$102,632.00, using local funds.



- Q. West Georgia Tech - \$248,976.44 with Rubio and Son Interiors, Inc.

**DISCUSSION:** West Georgia Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Renovation of Library and Re-location of Bookstore" on the LaGrange Campus of West Georgia Technical College, with Rubio and Son Interiors, Inc., Dacula, GA in the amount of \$248,976.44, using local funds.

That concludes the Committee report.

• **Governance, Compliance and Audit**

**Buzz Law**

I. **Approval of Local Board Appointments**

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

- Albany Technical College
- Columbus Technical College
- Georgia Northwestern Technical College
- Southern Crescent Technical College

That concludes the Committee report.

**Operations, Finance, and Planning**

**Carvel Lewis**

I. **Expenditure Requests**

**MOTION:** Mr. Carvel Lewis made the Motion 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. Mr. Randall Fox seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

1. **Athens Technical College** – Replacement monitors and switches from CDW-G for multiple campus locations and new Industrial Technology Building; cost \$194,608.00. **Obsolete equipment and FF&E bond funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** 1) Recent computer purchases were not accompanied by monitor replacements. This purchase includes 500 monitors to replace aging, smaller monitors in both classrooms and staff/faculty offices throughout



campus locations. This purchase will update a sizable portion of ATC's monitor inventory.

2) This purchase includes 10 new switches for the main campus to replace switches that were purchased in 2013 and have reached end-of-life and are starting to fail. This represents the first step in a refresh cycle to replace end-of-life switches. These switches will offer better top data transfer speed and ensure network connectivity and support the goal of 100% uptime for the school.

3) 10 network switches are also needed for the new Industrial Technology Building that is currently under construction and set for material completion in August 2023.

2. **Chattahoochee Technical College** – Precision 3660 Tower PC's from Dell for all campus locations; cost \$705,861.00. **Local funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** 650 Precision 3660 Tower PC's are needed to replace the 10 year old Precision T1700 computers in classrooms/offices at all campus locations. All programs, classrooms, computer labs, conference rooms and offices that are still using the old PC's will be upgraded and benefit from this purchase.

3. **Coastal Pines Technical College** – Surgical Operating Room Lighting System, and Surgical Laparoscopic System w/display and boom/arm from Stryker Communications to support Surgical Technology Program; cost \$209,506.00. **Obsolete equipment bond funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** This purchase of new surgical lights, boom, and laparoscopic equipment will enhance experiential learning for students in the Surgical Technology Program by providing them laboratory simulation training using more technological up-to-date surgical equipment. This will better prepare them for their clinical sites where this technology is already available and in use with the surgical setting. This purchase is for replacement equipment since major parts of the light system and laparoscopic scope are in disrepair. In addition, the overall light system and boom are technologically outdated.

4. **Southern Regional Technical College** – Replacement furniture from Jasper Seating for three campus locations; cost \$227,644.00. **Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** This purchase is to replace old/worn furniture in the common areas (hallways, lobby's, admissions, etc.) of the Moultrie, Tifton, and Thomasville campuses. These areas have had the carpet replaced and been



re-painted. The new furniture will bring a more modern and clean appearance to the improved areas. This purchase includes benches, armless/lounge seating, and linking tables.

That concludes the Committee report.

- **Executive Committee**

**Chairman Trey Sheppard**

Mr. Trey Sheppard gave the update from the Executive Committee. No motions were made. The Commissioner shared several of the same updates in his report that he shared with the Executive Committee.

For the next item of business, the Board went into Executive Session. Everyone was asked to please exit the room.

That concluded the committee report.

**V. Executive Session**

**I. Enter Executive Session**

**MOTION:** Mr. Doug Carter made the Motion for the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia go into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue at 11:39 a.m. Mr. Carvel Lewis seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously. The State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia entered into Executive Session at 11:39 a.m. [See attachment A]

**II. Exit Executive Session**

**MOTION:** Mr. Doug Carter made the Motion for the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia come out of Executive Session at 12:10 p.m. Dr. Artesius Miller seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously. The State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia exited Executive Session at 12:10 p.m.

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Chairman Trey Sheppard**

The next TCSG State Board meeting will be **April 27, 2023** and will coincide with the 2023 TCSG Leadership summit and GOAL.

The 2023 schedule is below.



Thursday, April 27* [May Mtg.]	Grand Hyatt   Atlanta to coincide with TCSG GOAL and RPA Conf.
Thursday, June 1	TCSG System Office
Thursday, August 2-3*	West Georgia Technical College
Thursday, September 7	TCSG System Office
Thursday, October 4-5*	North Georgia Technical College
Tuesday, October 24* [Nov. Mtg.]	Hyatt Regency   Savannah to coincide with TCSG Leadership Conf.
Thursday, December 7	TCSG System Office

Please let the Commissioner or Collier know if you have any issues with the date above. The TCSG schedule is in the Board Book and on the TCSG Website.

Mr. Joe Yarbrough closed the meeting with a word of prayer.

## **VIII ADJOURN**

**Chairman Trey Sheppard**

### **I. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Mr. Doug Carter made the Motion to adjourn the March 30, 2023 State Board Meeting of the Technical College System of Georgia at 12:15 pm. Mr. Tommy David seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

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



## ATTACHMENT A

### Attachment A

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

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

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

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

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

On March 30, 2023, this Board which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons set forth below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.

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

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

#### FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of March 2023.

  
Trey Sheppard  
Chair & Presiding Officer

