



# STATE BOARD GENERAL SESSION

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## Approved Minutes

**Thursday, June 1, 2023**

11:15 a.m. -12:21 p.m.

System Office

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MEETING NUMBER (ACCESS CODE): 2620.266.6457

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Absent: Ben Bryant, Jay Cunningham, Joe Yarbrough

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

**Chairman Trey Sheppard**

Mr. Trey Sheppard, Chairman of the Technical College System of Georgia State Board, called the June 1, 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 thanked Mrs. Martha Ann Todd, President of Columbus Technical College, for her presentation during the Committee of Whole on Micro-credentialing. Chairman Sheppard recognized former Commissioner Ron Jackson who was attending the meeting today.

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

**Chairman Trey Sheppard**

Chairman Sheppard called for a motion to approve the Minutes from the April 27, 2023 Board Meeting.

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

**MOTION:** Dr. Artesius Miler made the Motion to approve the March 30, 2023 minutes. Mr. Buzz Law seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously. The March 30, 2023 Minutes were approved.

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

**Commissioner Gregory Dozier**

The Board meeting commenced with Commissioner Dozier extending a warm welcome to all attendees. One notable update came from Dr. Deona Carter, who informed the staff about the remarkable progress of the TCSG eCampus initiative. The number of sections offered during the summer semester reached its peak at 238, accommodating over 4,500 students.



During a recent event, Commissioner Dozier, Dr. Glenn Cannon, Mr. Ben Bryant, and other representatives participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Computer Science, Cybersecurity, and Emerging Technologies building at Gwinnett Technical College Campus.

Commissioner Dozier represented TCSG at a panel discussion on utilizing zero-emission vehicles to stimulate economic prosperity. Another panel member, Mrs. Anne Kaiser, also contributed to the conversation.

An employee appreciation event was organized by TCSG, where senior leadership generously donated gift cards to acknowledge the hard work of our team in Georgia. The event served as a wonderful occasion for everyone to come together and recognize the dedication of our staff.

As part of fostering innovation and economic development, Mr. Mark Peevy and Commissioner Dozier visited the Rowen Foundation in Dacula, GA. They had a productive meeting with Mr. Mason Ailstock, the President of the Rowen Foundation. The foundation's mission aligns with TCSG's goals of promoting public-private partnerships and advancing Georgia's progress.

Dr. Alvetta Thomas arranged an event at Central Georgia Technical College, inviting TCSG presidents to attend the Senior Leadership Academy. Dr. Ivan Allen, President of Central Georgia Technical College, hosted the gathering, which focused on the partnership between Houston Medical and Central Georgia Technical College and their joint efforts in shaping the future of healthcare in the region.

The aviation programs at TCSG are experiencing continuous growth. Commissioner Dozier, accompanied by community leaders, joined Dr. Ron Newcomb, President of Chattahoochee Technical College, for the topping-out event at the Aviation building in Dallas, GA. Given the increasing demand for aviation professionals and the need to address workforce requirements across the state, Chattahoochee Technical College's facility holds significant importance.

Commissioner Dozier met with the Associated Contractor Association to discuss the eight regional SKILLS competitions held throughout the State. The partnership between TCSG and the Association continues to thrive, providing an excellent opportunity to recruit students to TCSG.

TCSG's partnership with Be Pro Be Proud is making a positive impact statewide. This collaboration involves engagement with high schools, focusing on nine different



technical areas. Be Pro Be Proud's initiative aims to inspire pride, progress, and a new generation of skilled professionals in Georgia's workforce. Commissioner Dozier serves on the Board, and several TCSG Colleges actively partner with Be Pro Be Proud Georgia.

The TCSG strategic plan is scheduled to be submitted to the Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) by July 14, 2023. A draft of the plan will be shared with OPB, and any modifications made after State Board approval will be incorporated following the August 3, 2023 meeting.

Commissioner Dozier provided an overview of enrollment figures, expressing optimism about the projected growth. This year, TCSG anticipates a 3% increase in enrollment, with a notable 5.3% rise in summer enrollment among traditional students.

Commissioner Dozier extended a warm welcome to Austin Trott from the Senate Budget Office, Morgan Hall from the House Budget Office, and Alex Huskey from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget. Their attendance at the meeting was appreciated, and Commissioner Dozier acknowledged their valuable contributions to 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. Mr. Doug Carter seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Augusta Technical College** - Degree program in LPN to RN Transition to Professional Nursing, LT33, 65 Credit Hours, effective January 2024.

The transition from LPN to RN program is needed in the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) to help decrease the nursing needs in critical areas of the hospital and community. There is only one college that offers a transition program for LPNs in the



immediate 60 miles radius, and it is located in South Carolina. This distance is a barrier to a number of students admitted and would afford Augusta Technical College the opportunity to transition previous students to higher wages and standards of living. The program is institutionally developed and meets the boards of nursing program standards for the associate degree level. The first year of costs will be minimal and will be funded by tuition and fees. The current staff would be able to accept a cohort of transition students beginning in the spring of 2024 and with success in the first-semester nursing course, students will be able to be added to the current cohort for progression through the remainder of the program. The faculty is currently in place to handle the addition of the transition students. The college expects to admit roughly 50 transition students in the first cohort in the first year. In the second year, the program will seek to admit 50 students in the day program and 20 students in the evening program. This number of students will increase to 50 in the day program and 50 in the evening program. Any additional cost would be covered by tuition and fees as the staff is currently in place as well as the equipment and physical resources. These numbers will allow the program to adequately help decrease the nursing shortage here in the CSRA.

#### Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 50 Year 2: 50 Year 3: 50

Evening Students Year 1: 0 Year 2: 20 Year 3: 50

**Central Georgia Technical College** - Degree program in Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) Bridge, AF93, 62 Credit Hours, effective May 2024

The proposed Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) Bridge program provides an alternate, accelerated track for licensed LPNs, paramedics and other licensed health professionals to earn the ASN degree. CGTC currently offers the traditional ASN program on the Warner Robins and Milledgeville campuses, with consistently more qualified applicants than available spaces. Clinical partners in CGTC's service area have demanded expanding the college's ASN program offerings to meet the demand for licensed RNs. In middle Georgia alone, there are 98 open positions for registered nurses (RNs) at Atrium Health Navicent; 318 open positions in the Piedmont hospital system; and 65 open positions at Houston Healthcare (July 2021). According to the nursing job service Vivian, there are currently 11,000 vacant nursing positions statewide. Currently, there is no LPN-RN Bridge/Transition program offered by another institution of higher education in the CGTC service area. The proposed ASN program addresses this gap in providing an accelerated pathway designed to upskill individuals already credentialed in healthcare fields. This ASN Bridge program is an institutionally developed program by Central Georgia Technical College and meets State Board and general program standards for Associate of Science in Nursing award level. First year costs are



estimated at \$1.36m funded through grant, state, and local sources. These costs include renovation of the Macon campus Health Science Building, now underway, equipment, supplies, as well as personnel costs for additional faculty to support the program. Operational costs for years 2-3 are estimated at \$365-\$425k, respectively. Enrollment is estimated at 25 students the first year, increasing to 75 by year three, dependent upon faculty recruitment and retention.

**Enrollment Projections:**

Day Students Year 1: 25 Year 2: 50 Year 3: 75

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

**Coastal Pines Technical College** - TCC program in Basic Heavy Equipment Operator, BHE1, 9 Credit Hours, effective August 2023.

The Southern Pines College and Career Academy and its supporting high school partners have expressed interest in heavy equipment operations to meet the current employment demand. There are no colleges in or adjacent to the Coastal Pines Technical College service area that offer this institutionally developed program. The stand-alone technical certificate of credit follows general program standard requirements at its award level. The first-year costs of \$13,902 will provide for instructor salary, benefits, supplies, minimal equipment maintenance or purchases, and travel while training 24 students. The third-year costs of \$19,103 will provide for instructor salary, benefits, supplies, minimal equipment maintenance or purchases, and travel while training 36 students. Coastal Pines Technical College plans to incorporate the use of the Caterpillar Simulators for motor grader, excavator, wheel loader, and bulldozer, which were purchased by CPTC in 2021 and TCSG in 2022.

**Enrollment Projections:**

Day Students Year 1: 24 Year 2: 36 Year 3: 36

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

**Georgia Northwestern Technical College** - TCC program in Accelerated Phlebotomy Technician, AP81, 13 Credit Hours, effective August 2023.

Georgia Northwestern Technical College (GNTC) would like to offer the Accelerated Phlebotomy (AP81) TCC as a replacement for the Phlebotomy Technician (PT21) TCC. This will allow GNTC to better meet increasing employer demand for qualified phlebotomy technicians. Graduates will still have developed the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed for success on the job, but will do so in a more expedited manner. No other colleges in or adjacent to our service area



offer this program. The program will follow the state standard. There will be no additional costs to implement this program since it is replacing an existing program. First year enrollment is expected to be 25 students and should hold steady at that amount through year three.

Enrollment Projections:

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

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

**Savannah Technical College** - TCC program in Electric Vehicle Professional, EVP1, 8 Credit Hours, effective June 2023.

This program is needed to support new industry that is moving into the area. Hyundai is building its first all-electrical vehicle and battery manufacturing plant in the State in the Savannah Technical College service area. They will have over 8,500 people working on the site once it is completed. They desire to partner with Savannah Technical College to create programs that will train individuals in the skills needed to work in this type of environment. Currently there are no other colleges with this type of program in or adjacent to Savannah Technical College's service area. The program is institutionally developed but will more than likely be adopted by other colleges in the area once approved. The program falls within the required credit hours for a Technical Certificate of Credit. Savannah Technical College currently has the resources to offer this program and will start offering it using current faculty and additional adjunct faculty. The program is projected to grow quickly and be offered on the Savannah Main and Liberty locations. Offering it at the Effingham College and Career Academy is being discussed. First year projections are approximately 60 students growing to 120 students or more.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 60 Year 2: 100 Year 3: 100

Evening Students Year 1: 60 Year 2: 60 Year 3: 60

**Wiregrass Georgia Technical College** - TCC program in Basic Entrepreneurial Skills, BF71, 12 Credit Hours, effective August 2023.

The GA Department of Corrections has requested that Wiregrass Georgia Technical College offer the Basic Entrepreneurial Skills technical certificate of credit to prepare students to work in a business environment while enhancing personal effectiveness training, soft skills, and personal/business finance. Wiregrass offers associates of applied science degrees, diplomas, and several technical certificates in Business Management, Business Technology, and Accounting. Valdosta State



University offers bachelors and master's program in Accounting, Business, and Management, and Thomas University offers bachelors and master's program in Accounting, Business, and Management. This is an institutional developed program created by Southern Crescent Technical College. Wiregrass will adhere to all guidelines set forth by the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia in implementation and maintenance of the program. This program will replace the existing Business and Customer Service Technology technical certificate that is offered at GA Department of Corrections sites; therefore, no additional funding is needed as the College will utilize the current instructor and existing equipment. Enrollment during the first year is expected to be 30 students and will continue to be 30 students per year through the third year.

Enrollment Projections:

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

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, Instructional Support Services, at 404-679-1669.

## **II. Program Terminations June 2023**

**MOTION:** Mr. Daren Wayne made the Motion to approve the program terminations request for June 2023. Mrs. Anne Kaiser seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

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

#### **Georgia Northwestern Technical College**

TCC program in Chemical Process Control Technician Assistant I (CR71), effective June 2023.

TCC program in Healthcare Documentation Specialist (HD51), effective January 2024.

TCC program in Breastfeeding Counselor (CB11), effective January 2024.

TCC program in Lactation Consultant (LC31), effective January 2024.

Diploma program in Lactation Consultant (LC12), effective January 2024.

TCC program in Chemical Technology Laboratory Technician (CT51), effective June 2023.

TCC program in Chemical Laboratory Technician Assistant I (CL41), effective August 2023.



### **West Georgia Technical College**

Degree program in A. S. - Psychology (AI13), effective June 2023.

### **III. Approval for Program Standards and Revisions June 2023**

**MOTION:** Mr. Daren Wayne made the Motion to approve the Program standards and revisions for June 2023. Mr. Carvel Lewis seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

Major Code	Program Name	Program Development	Award Level	Credit Hours
AP91	Advanced Pharmacy Technology Certificate	Wiregrass Georgia	TCC	32
AF93	Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) Bridge,	Central Georgia	Degree	62
BHE1	Basic Heavy Equipment Operator	Coastal Pines	TCC	9
BP31	Basic Pharmacy Technology Certificate	Wiregrass Georgia	TCC	16
EVP1	Electric Vehicle Professional	Savannah	TCC	8
EL21	Electrical Lineworker with Pintle Hook Restriction	North Georgia	TCC	13
HWC1	HDCI Workforce Career Entry TCC	Columbus	TCC	20
LT33	LPN to RN Transition to Professional Nursing	Augusta	Degree	65
NU93	Nursing	Ogeechee	Degree	68

### **IV. Motion for Commissioner Approval**

**MOTION:** Mr. Daren Wayne made the Motion to allow the Commissioner to approve Program Requests, Terminations, and Program Standards and Revisions until the next state board meeting. Mr. Doug Carter seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.



## **V. Approval of Georgia CERTIFIED College and Career Academies**

**MOTION:** Mr. Daren Wayne made the Motion that the college and career academies listed below be certified as Georgia College and Career Academies, in accordance with the Dr. Joe Harless Georgia College and Career Academies certification process. Mrs. Anne Kaiser seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Certification teams reviewed the CCA's listed below and found that they meet the applicable standards to be certified as Georgia College and Career Academies.

1. Cairo High School CCA (Cairo)
2. Central Educational Center (Newnan)
3. Fitzgerald High School CCA (Fitzgerald)
4. Hart County CCA (Hartwell)
5. Houston CCA (Warner Robins)
6. Ignite CCA (Americus)
7. Wiregrass Regional CCA (Douglas)
8. W. S. Hutchings CCA (Macon)

## **VI. Approval of TCCs for Dual Achievement Program**

**MOTION:** Mr. Daren Wayne made the Motion for the committee to approve the updates and changes to the Dual Achievement Program list approved at the April Presidents' Council Meeting. Mr. Chunk Newman seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

That concluded the Committee report.

### **• Adult Education**

**Shirley Smith**

Ms. Shirley Smith gave the Committee report. Dr. Cayanna Good shared that statewide high school equivalencies are at 6,665, which is 86% of our 7,710 goal for this fiscal year. As of May 30, 2023 NRS enrollment is 27,244 (89% of target) and total enrollment is 36,221.

The Committee also heard Carla DeBose regarding the Office of Adult Education's Professional Development work. They have been very busy. They have provided well over



60 events that support instructor development, HSE attainment, and students gaining the skills needed to be college and career ready.

Professional development has been provided through statewide events like the fall conference all the way down to focused workshops like the recent Math Boot camps. The Math Boot camps provided intense instruction and testing to students that just needed to pass the math test to complete their HSE credential. So far, over 140 HSE's have been earned and the campaign is not done. Upcoming professional development events include a virtual ESL summit that is currently underway and a statewide fall conference that will be held in late September.

Deputy Commissioner Karen Kirchler reported that the Office of Workforce Development reported that title one funds were cut by \$5.4M this is the 6<sup>th</sup> year that Georgia title one funds have decreased. Wagner Peyser employment service funds will be allocated to TCSG for the first time this year and there is a 1% increase. The Feds have also issued a base allocation funding to states to support the expansion of registered apprenticeships. TCSG will receive around \$920,000 in funds for additional team members to assist with registered apprenticeships at colleges. OWD was able reduce the rapid response set aside in dislocated worker funds from 25% to 5%. These funds will be part of allocation to the local areas.

**I. Approval of Policies 5.2.3, 5.2.4, 5.2.5, 5.2.8, 5.2.9.**

**MOTION:** Mrs. Shirley Smith made the Motion to approve Policies 5.2.3, 5.2.4, 5.2.5, 5.2.8, 5.2.9. Mr. Carvel Lewis seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

**DICUSSION:** This change is to convert Career Plus to a High School Diploma option from a high school equivalency option. Policy 5.2.9 is a new policy that sets forth the student eligibility criteria for the high school diploma under Career Plus. The policy was placed on the table at the April 27, 2023 TCSG State Board Meeting.

## **POLICY: 5.2.4. High School Equivalency (HSE) Testing and Diplomas**



**Revised:** April 24, 2023; February 4, 2021; September 7, 2007; March 6, 2002; January 15, 2002; March 14, 2001; and March 5, 1992.

**Last Reviewed:** October 3, 2022; and September 7, 2007.



**Adopted:** January 2, 1992.

**POLICY:**

The Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) is responsible for providing adult education at the primary and secondary levels throughout the State of Georgia. TCSG shall administer the High School Equivalency and High School Diploma (HSE/HSD) Credentialing options and issue High School Equivalency and Diploma Credentials in accordance with the policies of the American Council on Education and comparable to the Georgia High School graduation requirements set by the State Board of Education for public school program .

The State Board shall approve fee schedules for taking the HSE tests, for taking retests on one or more components of the HSE tests, for a replacement of an HSE Credential, or an Official Report of Test Scores.

**RELATED AUTHORITY:**

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-11 – Powers of Board.

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-14 – TCSG Established; Powers and Duties.

**POLICY: 5.2.5**

**Credit-Bearing High School Equivalency and Diploma Programs**

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**Revised:** April 24, 2023



**Last Reviewed:** October 3, 2022.

**Adopted:** September 2, 2001.

**POLICY**

Eligible students, as defined in the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Section WIOA 203(4), who are enrolled in an adult education program funded through the Office of Adult Education may enter into a credit-bearing high school equivalency or diploma program. Per WIOA 203(4), eligible students are:

- a. Individuals who are at least 16 years old and are not enrolled or required to be enrolled in secondary school under State law; and who—



- b. Are basic skills deficient; or
- c. Do not have a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent and have not achieved an equivalent level of education; or
- d. Are English language learners (even if they have degrees in their native countries).

Eligible students who are enrolled in an adult education high school diploma program through the Career Plus High School Diploma Program, must meet the following eligibility criteria:

Students must be at least 18 years of age.

Students between the ages of 18-20 must have no more than five (5) high school credits earned from a recognized K-12 school system.

Students who are 21 and older may have any number of previously earned high school credits earned from a recognized K-12 school system.

Students must be a resident of the state of Georgia to participate.

Students must be withdrawn from the K-12 school system and home school study program and be registered in a participating Adult Education program funded through the Technical College System of Georgia.

Students are required to provide a Mathematics and a Language Arts score for program placement. One score must be from the current state-approved TABE assessment, but it may be combined with the GED®, HiSET, and prior high school credit options listed below:

- A. One current state-approved TABE Math or one current state-approved Reading test with a minimum established cut score
- B. GED® Mathematical Reasoning or Reasoning through Language Arts with a minimum passing score.
- C. HiSET® Language Arts-Reading plus Language Arts-Writing must be combined to complete the Language Arts test requirement. A minimum passing score is required on both of the tests. To satisfy the math requirement, the HiSET Mathematics test also requires a minimum passing score.
- D. Two awarded high school credits in Mathematics or Language Arts as demonstrated by an official high school transcript. One credit in Algebra and one credit in Geometry are required to satisfy the Mathematics requirement.
- E. At the point of entry into postsecondary studies, students must meet other entrance criteria by the local college.

#### **RELATED AUTHORITY**

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-11 – Powers of Board.

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-14 – TCSG Established; Powers and Duties.

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-18 – Management and Control of Adult Literacy and Postsecondary Technical Education Programs and Schools.

Title II of the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act.

Section 116 of the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act.

## **POLICY: 5.2.9**



## Requirements for Establishing a Career Plus High School Program



**Revised:**

**Last Reviewed:**

**Adopted:** June 1, 2023.

### **POLICY**

In order to become a Career Plus High School Program, an entity must meet the following eligibility requirements.

The entity must:

- a. Be a technical college authorized under the Technical College System of Georgia.
- b. Maintain accreditation by an accrediting agency. The President of the Technical College shall keep the Commissioner advised on the status of their Technical College's accreditation.
- c. Establish a cross-functional support team for potential and enrolled students.

### **RELATED AUTHORITY**

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-11 – Powers of Board.

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-14 – TCSG Established; Powers and Duties.

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TCSG State Board Policy 5.2.4. – High School Equivalency (HSE) Testing and Diplomas.

## **II. Lay Policy 5.2.4 on the table**

**MOTION:** Ms. Shirley Smith made the Motion to lay Policy 5.2.4 Underage Youth Application & Enrollment in GED/HiSET on the table. Mr. Doug Carter seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

## **POLICY: 5.2.4.**

## **High School Equivalency (HSE) Testing and Diplomas**



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TCSG shall be authorized to promulgate procedures to allow individuals who are sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age who have officially withdrawn from public, private, or home school to enroll for the purpose of taking the GED Test or HiSET Exam.

The State Board shall approve fee schedules for taking the HSE tests, for taking retests on one or more components of the HSE tests, for a replacement of an HSE Credential, or an Official Report of Test Scores.

**RELATED AUTHORITY:**

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-11 – Powers of Board.

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-14 – TCSG Established; Powers and Duties.

That concludes the Committee report.

• **External Affairs and Economic Development**

**Chunk Newman**

Mr. Chunk Newman gave the Committee report. There was no motion presented during the Committee. Deputy Commissioner Scott McMurray gave remarks at the GASFA (Georgia Association of State Facilities Administrators) Spring Summit, held April 25<sup>th</sup>. The topic of his speech was "Preparing Workers for the Jobs of the Future TODAY." Quick Start presented to eight companies, two of which are existing Georgia companies, with the potential to create over 1,800 new jobs. The Quick Start team provided 183 classes or sessions to 2,702 trainees. QuickStart will provide training services to two companies that have recently announced in Georgia: Creative Home Ideas in Liberty County and Avovion Technologies (Anovion) in Decatur County.



Mr. Mark D'Alessio, Executive Director of Communications, reported that TCSG continues to see great success with the digital marketing efforts promoting the "Succeed Sooner" brand. As of today, TCSG has delivered approximately 5,000 completed applications throughout the system. This campaign will run through June. TCSG launched a lead-generation digital campaign promoting aviation technology programs within six college service delivery areas.

Mr. Mark Peevy, Assistant Commissioner External Affairs and Facilities, gave the Committee an update on the budget and foundation report. KIA Motors donated \$100,000 and we greatly appreciate their support.

Mr. Matt Dollar, Deputy Commissioner of Economic Development, provides a summary of revenue from the customized contract training and summary of activity on the economic development Blackboard.

That completed the Committee report.

- **Facilities and Real Estate**

**Randall Fox for Ben Bryant**

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Randall Fox 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. Chunk Newman seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

- A. Coastal Pines Tech - 0.12 AC Easement to Georgia Power Company

**DISCUSSION:** Coastal Pines Technical College requests approval on the granting of a revocable license and a non-exclusive easement to Georgia Power Company, over approximately 0.12 acres on the Golden Isles Campus of Coastal Pines Technical College, for the installation and maintenance of electrical distribution lines to serve the Southern Pines College and Career Academy.

- B. Athens Tech - 0.092 AC Easement to Georgia Power Company

**DISCUSSION:** Athens Technical College requests approval on the granting of a revocable license and a non-exclusive easement to Georgia Power Company, over approximately 0.092 acres on the Athens Campus of



Athens Technical College, for the installation and maintenance of electrical distribution lines to serve TCSG-365 Industrial Systems Building.

- C. Columbus Tech – 0.08 AC Easement to Columbus Tech Foundation

**DISCUSSION:** Columbus Technical College requests approval on the granting of a revocable license and a non-exclusive easement to Columbus Technical College Foundation, Inc., over approximately 0.08 acres on the Main Campus of Columbus Technical College, for the ingress & egress to the overflow parking lot.

- D. Oconee Fall Line Tech – 0.14 AC Easement to Little Ocmulgee EMC

**DISCUSSION:** Oconee Fall Line Technical College requests approval on the granting of a revocable license and a non-exclusive easement to Little Ocmulgee, over approximately 0.14 acres on the South Campus of Oconee Fall Line Technical College, for the installation and maintenance of electrical distribution lines to serve TCSG-382 GEER II CDL Range.

- E. Augusta Tech – Acquisition of 14.6667 AC from ATC Foundation, Inc.

**DISCUSSION:** Augusta Technical College requests approval on the acquisition of 14.6667 acres of unimproved land located on 3140 & 3180 Augusta Tech Drive and 3120 Deans Bridge Road, Augusta (Richmond County), GA, from the Augusta Technical College Foundation, Inc. as the site for the Small Business Incubator.

## II. Approval of Construction Contracts

**MOTION:** Mr. Randall Fox 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. Savannah Tech - \$2,889,560.35 with Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC

**DISCUSSION:** Savannah Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Nursing Program Expansion" on the Effingham Campus of Savannah Technical College, with Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC, Orlando, FL in the amount of \$2,889,560.35, using local funds.



- B. Southern Crescent Tech - \$160,800.00 with JOC Construction, LLC

**DISCUSSION:** Southern Crescent Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Building 900 Classroom Renovation" on the Griffin Campus of Southern Crescent Technical College, with JOC Construction, LLC, Chamblee, GA in the amount of \$160,800.00, using local funds.

### III. Approval of Bond Sale Request

**MOTION:** Mr. Randall Fox made the Motion 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. Ms. Shirley Smith seconded the Motion. 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
TCSG-388 CGA Renovation of Building H	\$245,000	\$245,000
TCSG-390 NGA Renovations of Purcell Hall	\$650,000	\$650,000
TCSG-376 ALB Diesel Equip & Auto Collision Demo Ctr	\$1,535,000	\$1,535,000
TCSG-378 SRT Technical and Industrial Education Building	\$5,080,000	\$5,080,000
TCSG-403 AUG Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Building	\$2,700,000	\$2,700,000
TCSG-383 COL Advanced Manufacturing Center	\$1,825,000	\$1,825,000
TCSG-404 OFL Renovation of Stewart Building	\$14,300,000	\$14,300,000



TCSG-405 FY24 College and Career Academies	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
HB911, Bond 35 Disregard	\$0	\$1,045,000
HB911, Bond 37 Disregard	\$0	\$835,000
Unallocated Bond Sale Amount	\$0	\$50,000
Total	\$29,335,000	\$31,265,000

\$2,920,000 HB911, Bond 35 \$1,825,000 to TCSG-383 & \$1,045,000 disregard  
\$2,185,000 HB911, Bond 37 \$1,350,000 to TCSG-403 & \$835,000 disregard  
\$1,350,000 HB19, Bond 376.261 \$1,350,000 to TCSG-403

That concluded the Committee report.

- **Governance, Compliance and Audit**

**Buzz Law**

- I. **Approval of Policy 4.5.3 Holidays**

**MOTION:** Mr. Buzz Law made the Motion to approve Policy 4.5.3. Holidays. Ms. Shirley Smith seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

**DISCUSSION:** Policy 4.5.3. Holidays changes the number of State holidays from 12 to 13 following last year's legislative change and the recent corresponding update to the State Personnel Board Rules.

## **POLICY: 4.5.3.** (III.U.9.)

### **Holidays**

**Revised:** April 27, 2023; April 4, 2013; March 14, 2001; and August 3, 2006.

**Last Reviewed:** April 27, 2023; September 21, 2022; and April 2, 2013.

**Adopted:** April 2, 1987.



#### **POLICY:**

Georgia law provides for the recognition and observance of thirteen (13) holidays each calendar year. Through individual proclamations, the Governor specifies the day state offices and facilities shall be closed for each observance.

Holidays will typically be observed on the dates designated by the Governor; however, if the date



of a holiday's observance will impact the continuity of instructional delivery to students in a Technical College, one or more holidays may be observed later in the same calendar year consistent with a college's approved academic calendar.

**RELATED AUTHORITY:**

Technical College Calendar.

TCSG Procedure: 4.5.3p. – Holidays.

O.C.G.A. §1-4-1 – Public and Legal Holidays; Leave for Observance of Religious Holidays not Specifically Provided For.

**II. Approval of Policy 7.1.2**

**MOTION:** Mr. Buzz Law made the Motion to approve Policy 7.1.2. Technical College System of Georgia Department of Public Safety Standard Operating Procedure Manual. Mr. Phil Sutton seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

**DISCUSSION:** The standard operating procedure (SOP) manual was created by and is maintained by the Technical College System of Georgia's (TCSG) Department of Public Safety (DPS) in collaboration with the Chiefs of college law enforcement agencies within the TCSG.

## **POLICY 7.1.2.**

Technical College System of Georgia Department of Public Safety Standard Operating Procedure Manual

**Revised:**

**Last Reviewed:**

**Adopted:** April 27, 2023.



**POLICY:**

The standard operating procedure (SOP) manual was created by and is maintained by the Technical College System of Georgia's (TCSG) Department of Public Safety (DPS) in collaboration with the Chiefs of college law enforcement agencies within the TCSG. The SOP manual shall adhere to GA Law Enforcement Professional Standards administered by the GA Association of Chiefs of Police and GA statute. All law enforcement agencies within the TCSG shall adopt the attached SOP manual as the operating procedures for the agency. Individual college law enforcement agencies may make no edits



except where noted within the SOP manual. College Chiefs of Police may issue internal directives and procedures to address the uniqueness of their agency. However, internal directives or procedures shall remain consistent with those in the attached SOP manual. The manual and any updates will be reviewed by TCSG General Counsel prior to dissemination and adoption by TCSG law enforcement agencies.

**RELATED AUTHORITY:**

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-11 – Powers of Board.

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-14 – TCSG Established; Powers and Duties.

**III. Local Board Approval**

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

- Atlanta Technical College
- Augusta Technical College
- Columbus Technical College
- Georgia Piedmont Technical
- Lanier Technical College
- Savannah Technical College
- Southern Crescent College
- Southern Regional Technical College
- Wiregrass Georgia Technical College

That concluded the Committee report.

**Operations, Finance, and Planning**

**Carvel Lewis**

**I. Approval of FY2024 Projected Budgets for each Technical College**

**MOTION:** Mr. Carvel Lewis made the Motion for the State Board to approve the projected budgets for each technical college for Fiscal Year 2024. Mr. Buzz Law seconded the Motion. 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 2024 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



FY2024 Appropriations Act as signed by the Governor.

## II. Commissioner Authorization Motion

**MOTION:** Mr. Carvel Lewis made the Motion for the State Board to authorize the Commissioner to make all decisions, purchases and enter into necessary contracts between the June and August 2023 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 meeting. Ms. Shirley Smith seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

## III. New Expenditure Requests

**MOTION:** Mr. Carvel Lewis made the Motion is made 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. Mr. Phil Sutton seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

1. **TCSG/Economic Development** – Authorization to pay eLearning lease to Technical Training Aids for Amatrol manufacturing training equipment/ curriculum and SACA membership through FY2024; cost \$330,000.00. **State funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** 20 TCSG colleges currently use Amatrol Hardware Learning Systems in various Industrial and Mechanical programs at the colleges. All Amatrol learning systems include student curriculum/instructors guides, which can be used in either a self-paced or lecture-lab environment. Over several years, the colleges have built their Industrial/Mechanical training labs with Amatrol. E-learning is extensive online technical library curricula that works in conjunction with the Amatrol hardware learning systems. It is TCSG's goal to standardize the e-learning platform across the technical colleges so that each college will be utilizing a standardized approach to training. The statewide SACA membership is available for all TCSG colleges. College education members have authorization to offer unlimited, free certifications to individuals enrolled as students of the member institution, receive access to all SACA assessment materials, and receive discounted instructor/administrator training, etc.

2. **TCSG/IT** – Authorization to pay Computer Aid, Inc. for renewal of contractors for FY2024 for the technical colleges & system office; cost \$454,876.00. **State funds are available for this expenditure.**



**DISCUSSION:** This expenditure is for the renewal of contract labor to support our Enterprise Services team and continued support for the Information Managed Services team. Computer Aid Inc. is the state vendor for technical staffing resources.

3. **TCSG/IT** – Authorization to pay DeLage Landen Public Finance for the renewal of VMWare maintenance & support for FY2024 for technical colleges and system office; cost \$564,517.00. **State funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** This expenditure is to renew VMWare maintenance & support for FY2024. VMWare is utilized by the technical colleges & system office as a software solution for all critical server applications. VMWare is the leading provider of virtualization technology and has been in use by our system for over 10 years. We have consolidated a large portion of the contract across the system to secure deeper discounts and a higher level of service as a large customer.

4. **TCSG/IT** – Request to renew Red Hat Enterprise Linux from SHI for Virtual Datacenters for FY2024; cost \$240,641.00. **State funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** Red Hat Enterprise Linux is the operating system used to host Banner in the virtualized environment at all TCSG colleges/system office. Pricing is based on the number of servers used for production and development. SHI offers Red Hat licensing via state contract.

5. **TCSG/IT** – Request to pay Byteworks for Cisco Cybersecurity Enterprise Agreement for FY2024 for the technical colleges & system office; cost \$463,901.00. **State funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** This expenditure is for the enterprise agreement for cybersecurity licensing and systems for the technical colleges and system office. Cisco is the leading cybersecurity vendor and we have used their technologies for over 10 years to provide cyber protection for all of our systems. This agreement will renew our perimeter security licensing while adding additional products to provide next generation antivirus, enhanced reporting, and advanced email threat protection. This is the first year of an optional 4-year renewable contract.

6. **Athens Technical College** – 5-axis HAAS attachment (TRT-160) for CNC machine and 4-axis HAAS lathe (ST-10Y) from HAAS/Phillips Corp. for Precision



Machining Program; cost \$132,463.00. **Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** The Precision Machining Program has a need for a 5-axis attachment for the current CNC machine as well as an additional multi-axis lathe with live tooling for the lab at the Walton County Campus. The 5-axis attachment will allow the TM1P CNC machining center to be used for more complex machine concepts. The lathe can be used as 2 axis or 4 axis. Both pieces of equipment are necessary to provide training for students in skills that are necessary for employment in local industry.

7. **Coastal Pines Technical College** – Cisco Catalyst 9200 switches with network modules from Byteworks, LLC; cost \$289,008.00. **Local funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** Cisco Catalyst 9200 switches with appropriate network modules are needed to replace current switches that will soon reach end-of-life and will decrease reliability. These switches will ensure the security, integrity, and reliable connectivity of devices on the college network. Replacing these obsolete switches will also keep the college compliant with the current TCSG Information Security Standards and industry best practices.

**8-10. South Georgia Technical College; total expenditures \$1,113,443.00 –**

- 8) Phase II Electronic Card Access Expansion from Southern Computer Warehouse for Americus Campus; cost \$713,416.00. **Federal Cares funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** SGTC is requesting additional exterior doors card access for their Americus Campus. The intent of this project is to complete and provide the second phase expansion for the deliverable of exterior entrance control and additional door monitoring. Electronic door access will provide increased security safety for students, faculty, and staff. This system will require the use of access control cards to enter 12 assigned buildings. With the completion of this project, it will provide a new/updated system for the safety/security of the college.

- 9) AV Equipment upgrades from Solutionz, Inc. for Gymnasium on Americus Campus; cost \$260,027.00. **Local funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** AV equipment upgrades are needed at the Basketball Gymnasium on the American Campus. The project will be to upgrade the outdated audio system, which will include installation of 2 large video monitors and 2 scoreboards as well as add a clock timer in both



locker rooms and install a sound system. Replacing the outdated system with a new audio system will provide clear high-quality sound which is important to provide/create motivational energy for basketball games, assemblies, and other activities that are held in the gymnasium. Prime Call Warranty and 3 years maintenance are included.

- 10) Two used Freightliner trucks from Peach State Truck Centers for CDL Program at Satellite Cordele Campus; cost \$140,000.00. **Federal Cares funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** This purchase is for a 2017 and 2018 Freightliner Cascadia, one with automatic transmission, to provide Commercial Truck Driving instruction at the Satellite Cordele Campus. The Commercial Truck Driving Program at the college has more than doubled. The truck with automatic transmission will offer another layer to train students for the increasing number of jobs that require only an automatic certification. With the purchase of these 2 trucks, the college will be able to add additional CDL classes teaching students how to navigate roads and other different vehicle situations safely. When the students take to the road for their jobs, they will have been trained with the best quality of Commercial Truck Driving training.

11. **Southeastern Technical College** – Manikin simulation products/consumables from Laerdal Medical including software/training material for ASN Program; cost \$125,000.00. **Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** As a means to reduce barriers limiting program enrollment, grant funds are being used to assist ASN faculty with effectively enhancing/expanding simulation in the program's skills laboratories. Also, the program's investment in faculty development will be used to recruit new faculty as enrollment increases. STC's service delivery area encompasses small rural communities which limits the number/variety of clinical experiences available to students. Expansion of the ASN Program's simulation labs will allow faculty to replicate patient care experiences throughout the curriculum. As a result, the program can offer diverse simulation-based learning options as a means to replace traditional and hard to find clinical experience. Students will be provided the opportunity to develop clinical reasoning abilities and become competent practice-ready caregivers in a safe environment. Purchase includes Nursing Anne and SimMom/Birthing Baby manikin simulation products and consumables.

**12-14.Southern Crescent Technical College; total expenditures \$1,353,509.00 –**

- 12) 2 new 2024 aluminum dry van trailers and 2 used 2018 Cascadia Freightliner Sleepercab Tractors w/seating from Peach State Truck Centers for CDL Program at Flint River and Butts County locations; cost \$330,900.00. **Local funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** This purchase will be an addition to the college's existing fleet for their Commercial Truck Driving Program at the Flint River Campus and Butts County Center. The addition of the tractors/trailers will help the college increase its current enrollment in the CDL program and support the critical need for workforce training opportunities for commercial truck drivers. These vehicles will also provide students with the opportunity to have hands-on training with state-of-the-art equipment with the latest technology similar to what the students will experience in real world application.

- 13) Desktop & computer workstations and monitors from CNETICS Technologies for all college locations; cost \$263,585.00. **Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** **a)** 100 desktop computer/monitors are needed to replace student computers in critical computer labs at both Griffin/Flint River campuses and all center locations that are over 5 years old. As students are coming back to campus, updated computer labs are needed for teaching the latest software. **b)** 25 computer workstations/monitors are needed to update computers in the Film Technology Program at Griffin Campus. These computers are over 7 years old and will not run the required Adobe software. **c)** 21 computer workstations/monitors are needed to outfit a new computer lab for the Civil Engineering Program to teach CAD and other related software at the Fayette County Center.

- 14) Desktop & Notebook computers and monitors from CDW-G for all college locations; cost \$759,024.00. **Local funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** SCTC has a 5-year replacement plan for staff/student computers. Currently there are approximately 1,500 computers used for student instruction that are 6 years and older. The purchase of 550 desktop computers/monitors will be used to begin replacing student instruction computers in classrooms/labs in critical areas. This will ensure that all instructional labs/classrooms are equipped with up-to-date technology for student/faculty use. Breakdown: 200 to Griffin Campus, 150 to Flint River Campus, and 200 to Henry County Center. This request is also for 50 Notebook computers/monitors/docking stations and accessories to begin replacing staff computers. There are currently



300 staff computers that are over 6 years old. This laptop purchase will be used to begin upgrading the oldest staff computers with laptops to give flexibility of work locations across all campuses/centers.

**15-18. Wiregrass Georgia Technical College; total expenditures \$1,298,249.00 –**

- 15)** Two used 2019 Freightliner Cascadia trucks from Four Star Freightliner for Commercial Truck Driving Program at Coffee County campus; cost \$162,500.00. **Local funds are available for these expenditures.**

**DISCUSSION:** WGTC is seeking to purchase 2 additional used trucks for their CDL Program located on the Coffee County campus. Prior to the purchase of 2 trucks approved by the State Board on 4/24/23, the program had 7 trucks, all manual, none automatic. The years of those trucks range from 2003 to 2015. Program enrollment increased by 56% in FY22, and FY23 enrollment should equal or exceed the FY22 totals. Also, truck maintenance costs have increased. These newer trucks will help accommodate the increased enrollment as well as reduce the costs and downtime associated with frequent repairs on the older trucks. The purchase of these 2 additional trucks following the recent purchase of the 2 approved by the State Board in April will bring the total to 4 for FY23.

- 16)** Medical equipment and supplies from McKesson Medical Surgical for healthcare programs; cost \$131,204.00. **Federal grant funds are available for these expenditures.**

**DISCUSSION:** Medical equipment and supplies are needed for several healthcare programs of the college. The largest purchase is for equipment to support the establishment of a new Clinical Lab Tech program. Other equipment includes an EMS defibrillator, emergency crash cart for the ASN program, and an Electrosurg unit for Surgical Tech.

- 17)** Contract upgrade with Apogee Telecom for FY24 bandwidth services for 6 campus locations; cost \$149,740.00. **Local funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** A contract was awarded to Apogee Telecom in 2021 for internet services covering multiple campuses (Valdosta, Ben Hill-Irwin, Cook, Coffee, Coffee CDL, Moody AFB). Two of the internet connections are regularly exceeding capacity at this point. Apogee has proposed an upgrade from 1Gb to 10 Gb for the Coffee campus and from 50Mb to 100Mb for the Moody campus. In addition, this new proposal includes converting the Valdosta campus connection to a protected fiber path. This will provide an alternate fiber path in the event that one path from



Atlanta to Valdosta has a fiber break. Traffic can then be rerouted to the other path and the service remains.

- 18) Upgrade of existing network infrastructure from CDW-G for all 4 campus locations; cost \$854,805.00. **Local funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION:** Existing infrastructure for storage/backup of critical systems and desktop pools is set to come to end-of-life by August 2023 and progress toward total end-of-life/support by December 2024. As part of the 5-year plan for the college, the solution of adding a hyperconverged presence will allow for continued growth and increased performance in the areas of storage/backup in the network infrastructure and lines up with the TCSG plan for increasing a hyperconverged presence among all TCSG colleges. By adding this solution at all four campus locations (Coffee, Cook, BHI, Valdosta), WGTC will be future proofing the infrastructure into 2030 before another upgrade would be necessary. This upgrade will also allow for increased growth in the VMware footprint, which houses desktop pools and mission critical servers. This solution will allow the college to upgrade aging PCs in classrooms across all campuses with thin clients that will cost substantially less per unit. A benefit of transitioning to thin clients includes increased efficiency in upgrading labs and better performance/reliability.

That concluded the Committee report.

• **Executive Committee**

**Chairman Trey Sheppard**

Mr. Trey Sheppard provided an update on behalf of the Executive Committee. He shared several updates that were also included in the Commissioner's report.

Today marks a day of farewells as we bid adieu to three of our esteemed Board Members. Additionally, we would like to recognize and honor Ms. Laura Boalch, Chief of Staff, who will be retiring after dedicating 29 years of service to TCSG. Ms. Boalch, your presence will be greatly missed. In light of this occasion, we will be presenting a resolution in her honor. Chairman Sheppard invited Mr. Doug Carter to initiate the motion.

I. **Resolution**

**Motion (Approval of resolution)**



**MOTION:** Mr. Doug Carter made the Motion to approve the resolution honoring Laura Boalch on her upcoming retirement. The resolution will be read and presented at the June 1, 2023 TCSG State Board Meeting. Mrs. Anne Kaiser seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

Chairman Sheppard read and presented the resolution [Attachment A]. Commissioner Dozier presented Ms. Boalch with a Commendation from the Governor. He thanked Ms. Boalch for her service to the State and TCSG.

Ms. Laura Boalch expressed her gratitude and appreciation to the State Board and TCSG staff. She received a heartfelt standing ovation from the attendees. Dr. Artesius Miller publicly acknowledged Ms. Boalch's dedicated work and extended his thanks for her contributions to TCSG over the course of her 29-year tenure.

Chairman Sheppard announced that Mr. Tommy David, Mr. Joe Yarbrough, and Mr. Doug Carter are concluding their terms on the Board, making this their final Board meeting. Chairman Sheppard extended his heartfelt gratitude to the departing members for their exemplary service. He commended their integrity and expressed his respect, viewing them as both mentors and friends. Their significant and positive impact on TCSG was acknowledged, and Chairman Sheppard thanked them on behalf of the TCSG State Board and TCSG for their invaluable contributions.

Mr. Tommy David expressed his gratitude to the TCSG staff, specifically mentioning Ms. Laura Boalch, Mr. Brad Sims, Mrs. Collier Collier, and the Board for their collective efforts in support of TCSG. Likewise, Mr. Doug Carter shared a few words of appreciation, extending his thanks to the TCSG staff, local staff, presidents, Commissioner Dozier, Mrs. Collier Collier, and Mr. Brad Sims.

Mr. Tim Williams thanked Mr. David and Mr. Carter for their friendship and added that they will be missed on the TCSG Board.

Mr. Tommy David closed with a word of prayer.

That concluded the Chairman's comments.

## **V. Executive Session**

Not needed

## **VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Chairman Trey Sheppard**

The next TCSG State Board meeting will be **August 2-3, 2023** at West Georgia Technical College, Carrollton Campus.



The 2023 schedule is below.

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.

## VIII **ADJOURN**

**Chairman Trey Sheppard**

### I. **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Mr. Buzz Law made the Motion to adjourn the June 1, 2023 State Board Meeting of the Technical College System of Georgia at 12:21 pm. Mr. Carvel Lewis seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

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

## Attachment A

### TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GEORGIA



#### ***A RESOLUTION***

The State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia  
wishes to recognize

***Laura Boalch***

*Chief of Staff for the Technical College System of Georgia  
For her remarkable service and leadership*

**Whereas**, Laura Boalch has been a faithful and dedicated public servant of the State of Georgia for nearly 27 years, working in various leadership positions at the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) including Budget Director, Assistant Commissioner for Administrative Services, Assistant Commissioner for External Affairs, Executive Vice President for Economic Development at West Georgia Technical College, Deputy Commissioner for Economic Development, and Chief of Staff; and,

**Whereas**, Laura Boalch has helped Georgia not only become the number one state in the nation in which to do business, but has improved the lives and livelihoods of the countless number of Georgians that have graduated from Georgia's technical colleges during her service; and,

**Whereas**, Laura Boalch's dedication to advancing opportunity through the technical education of our citizens has been both unwavering and exemplary, while her commitment to fostering a thriving workforce and strong communities has positively impacted countless lives, providing Georgians with the skills and opportunities needed to achieve success in the 21st-century economy; and,

**Whereas**, Laura Boalch has tirelessly advocated for the betterment of Georgia's technical colleges, making her an invaluable asset to our state. She has played a pivotal role in shaping policies and programs that have bolstered our technical colleges and empowered the next generation of skilled professionals. She has also served on several boards and teams such as Governor Kemp's Transition Team, Governor Barnes' Education Reform Committee, appointed by Governor Deal to the Board of Governors of the George L. Smith II World Congress Center Authority, and appointed by Governor Kemp to the Georgia Driver's Education Commission; and,

**Whereas**, Laura Boalch has helped shape thousands of lives by championing the TCSG Mobile Welding Labs, which have allowed the TCSG Colleges to have an immediate resource to respond to growing demands. The shared mobile welding labs have allowed TCSG to be more nimble and responsive in meeting community needs. The Mobile Welding Labs have allowed students a pathway to long-term careers that otherwise might not have had access to skills and industry-recognized certifications; and,

**Whereas**, Laura Boalch has faithfully and effectively fulfilled the considerable duties in her numerous leadership roles at TCSG and has demonstrated extraordinary commitment and dedication to the good fortune of Georgians who have received a credential or training through one of Georgia's technical colleges; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia commend Laura Boalch for her faithful service to the State of Georgia and her outstanding achievements in advancing technical education and workforce development through the Technical College System of Georgia.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be presented to Laura Boalch upon her retirement with sincere appreciation and recognition of her commitment and devotion to the State of Georgia and for her distinguished service to the Technical College System of Georgia.

*Adopted this 1st day of June 2023*

Trey Sheppard  
Chair

Gregory Dozier  
Commissioner

STATE BOARD OF THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GEORGIA