# STATE BOARD GENERAL SESSION

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| Trey Sheppard, *Chair* | Buzz Law |
| Artesius Miller, *Vice Chair* | Lee Chapman |
| Eddie Ausband | Carvel Lewis |
| Ben Bryant | Mike Long |
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| Corey Ferguson | Tim Perryman |
| Randall Fox | Shirley Smith |
| Joseph Hsiao | John Thomas |
| Anne Kaiser | Daren C. Wayne |
| Doug Lambert | Tim Williams |

## Approved Minutes

**Thursday, August 3, 2023**
10:25-11:21 a.m.
West Georgia Technical College
Room 212 A&B
500 Technology Pkwy
Carrolton, GA

Absent: Artesius Miller, Eddie Ausband, Calder Clay, Jay Cunningham, Tim Perryman,

## I.    WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER                    Chairman Trey Sheppard

Mr. Trey Sheppard, Chairman of the Technical College System of Georgia State Board, called the August 3, 2023 State Board Meeting of the Technical College System of Georgia to order at 10:25 a.m. at the date and location stated above. He welcomed the new Board Members. Mr. Corey Ferguson, Mr. Doug Lambert, Mr. John Thomas were appointed by Governor Kemp earlier this month. Chairman Sheppard congratulated Mr. Jay Cunningham, Mr. Randall Fox, Mr. Buzz Law, Mr. Joseph Hsiao, Mr. Chunk Newman, Ms. Shirley Smith, and Mr. Daren Wayne for being reappointed by Governor Kemp on July 1, 2023 for a 5-year term.

Commissioner Gregory Dozier swore in Mr. Corey Ferguson as a new Board Member and Mr. Randall Fox, Mr. Buzz Law, Mr. Joseph Hsiao, Mr. Chunk Newman, Ms. Shirley Smith, and Mr. Daren Wayne as reappointed Board Members. Commissioner Dozier administered the oath and the Board members signed their oaths of office.

Chairman Sheppard congratulated them and thanked them for their service. Dr. Julie Post, President of West Georgia Technical College, gave a presentation during the Committee of the Whole on West Georgia Technical College.

## II.   CHAIR'S COMMENTS                              Chairman Trey Sheppard

Chairman Sheppard called for a motion to approved the Minutes from the June 1,2023 Board Meeting

### I.      Approval of the Minutes

**MOTION**: Mr. Corey Ferguson made the Motion to approve the June 1, 2023 minutes. Mr. Doug Lambert seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously. The June 1, 2023 Minutes were approved.

III.   **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**                    **Commissioner Gregory Dozier**

Commissioner Gregory Dozier opened the Board Meeting with a warm welcome. He expressed gratitude to Dr. Post for her talk during the Committee of the Whole and commended the West Georgia Technical College team for hosting this month's State Board Meeting.

TCSG has been conducting Healthcare round tables throughout the state. He appreciated Dr. Ray Perren and Mrs. Tammy Bryant for their hospitality during these sessions. The primary objective is to ensure that TCSG aligns with the healthcare sector's needs. Additionally, TCSG is orchestrating round tables focused on Aviation, EV, and transportation logistics.

Being a member of the Senate Study Committee on Workforce, Commissioner Dozier mentioned the two meetings held this summer. Moreover, TCSG is engaging with other study committees this season. The TCSG Presidents Council convened last month in Brasstown.

Coastal Pines Technical College recently formalized an MOU with Hyundai, marking Hyundai's third MOU with TCSG. The other partners are Savannah Technical College and Southeastern Technical College. An upcoming MOU will be signed with Ogeechee Technical College. Commissioner Dozier had the privilege to be part of the Coastal Pines Technical College MOU ceremony. Collaborations with Quick Start ensure that our colleges are effectively serving our community partners and industries.

Last month, the Governor's Honors Program had Commissioner Dozier as a guest speaker. He was inspired by the enthusiasm and interest the students showed in our colleges. He expressed his gratitude to the Governor's Honors Program for the invitation.

A significant event last month was the groundbreaking of Forrester Pontoon in Georgetown, Georgia, attended by Commissioner Dozier, Governor Kemp, Mr. Carvel Lewis, President Martha Ann Todd, and President Emmitt Griswold. Commissioner Dozier acknowledged Mr. Lewis's invitation and emphasized the transformative impact this venture would bring to the community.

Regarding the annual evaluations, Commissioner Dozier announced the completion of all reviews for the 22 TCSG Presidents. These reviews offered insights into each College's

future goals, their enrollment strategies, and their dedication to fulfilling Georgia's industry demands.

In another update, Commissioner Dozier discussed the TCSG Strategic Plan [Attachment A], detailing the year's modifications. This plan awaits the Board's approval after its draft submission to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

Mrs. Misti Martin, head of the Cherokee Office of Economic Development, was introduced next. She enlightened the Board on "Be Pro Be Proud Georgia," an initiative redefining perceptions of technical careers. By leveraging virtual and augmented reality, it introduces students to technical vocations. Those intrigued can then connect with relevant employers and training entities.

Both Commissioner Dozier and Chairman Sheppard extended their thanks to Mrs. Martin for her presentation.

This concluded the Commissioner's report.

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

- **Academic Affairs**                                                                 **Fran Miller**

    I.    **Academic Standards and Programs**

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

    **MOTION**: Mr. Fran Millar 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. Daren Wayne seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval Unanimously.

    **DISCUSSION**:

    **Albany Technical College** - TCC program in Java Programming Fundamentals (JPF1), 11 Credit Hours, effective August 2023.

    Demand for employees in the Computer Programming arena is expected to see significant growth from 2016 to 2026, faster than the average for all other occupations. Employment continues to increase because computer systems are continuously developed with improved technology and because many

occupational arenas are utilizing information technology systems, according to the BLS. The implementation of this program will allow those employers the opportunity to seek those candidates with a demonstrated ability to learn new technologies, which is best evidenced by formal education. The program will follow all state standards and meet State Board and general program standard requirements. Enrollment of at least 30 students is projected by the end of the third year of existence.

Enrollment Projections:
Day Students Year 1: 20  Year 2: 25  Year 3: 30
Evening Students Year 1: 10  Year 2: 15  Year 3: 20

**Atlanta Technical College** - Diploma program in Practical Nursing (PN12), 57 Credit Hours, effective January 2024.

Atlanta Technical College currently has a Nurse Aide program and a Registered Nurse program, but no Licensed Practical Nursing program. The number of jobs for Practical Nurses in Fulton and Clayton counties is projected to increase by 6.6% over the next 10 years. In the state of Georgia overall, the number of new jobs is projected to increase by 9%.

Enrollment Projections:
Day Students Year 1: 80  Year 2: 80  Year 3: 80
Evening Students Year 1: 0  Year 2: 0  Year 3: 0

**Coastal Pines Technical College** - TCC program in Electric Vehicle Professional (EVP1), 8 Credit Hours, effective August 2023.

Hyundai Motor Group Metaplant America (HMGMA) contacted Coastal Pines Technical College requesting a partnership through a memorandum of understanding to provide training for Electric Vehicle Professional TCC. The HMG Metaplant is being constructed in our neighboring service delivery area and plans employ more than 8,000 Georgians. The addition of this certificate will support Governor Kemp's initiative to make Georgia the Electric Vehicle Capitol of the country. The program is also being offered by Savannah Technical College and Southeastern Technical College upon request of HMGMA. The program will follow the state standardized curriculum developed by Savannah Technical College and general program standard requirements for technical certificates of credit. The first-year costs of $13,020, funded through tuition, include salary, benefits, supplies, and equipment to provide the program to 15 students.  This will advance to $17,530 in

the second year, funded through tuition, including salary, benefits, supplies, and equipment to provide the program to 35 students.

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

**Columbus Technical College** - TCC program in Electric Vehicle Professional (EVP1), 8 Credit Hours, effective August 2023.

The EVP1 TCC is a shorter program than the currently offered HVR1 TCC. This TCC will provide a faster employee pipeline for local employers and will provide the fundamentals of training needed for students to secure entry-level employment while they pursue additional training. The program can be offered for no additional cost and previous graduates will need to return for only 1 course to enhance their work credentials.

Enrollment Projections:
Day Students Year 1: 15  Year 2: 25  Year 3: 40
Evening Students Year 1: 10  Year 2: 20  Year 3: 30

**Columbus Technical College** - TCC program in Robotic Technician (RT41), 20 Credit Hours, effective May 2023.

Columbus Technical College currently provides quality training in the industrial systems and mechatronics workforce, and there has been recent inquiries regarding robotic technicians. Through conversations and meetings with advisory committee members and a push for a more advanced student with automation knowledge and skills in robotic programing, these graduates will be needed by manufacturing companies within the city of Columbus and surrounding areas. There are no other colleges in Columbus Technical College's service area or adjacent to the college's service area that offer the Robotics Technician TCC. The four-year institution in Columbus Tech's service area, Columbus State University, does offer a Bachelor of Science Degree in Robotics Engineering. This Robotics Technician TCC, coupled with the Industrial Systems AAS, could possibly become a feeder to the Columbus State Robotics Engineering program. This program will follow the state standard. The college plans to hire an adjunct faculty member to have as an instructor for this technical certificate. The budget can support additional supplies if needed. The first year cost of the program is estimated at $75,400.00. This cost covers equipment, supplies, and instructor cost. The number of

students expected in the first year is 5-8 students. The college projects 8-10 students in the third year.

Enrollment Projections:
Day Students Year 1: 5  Year 2: 8  Year 3: 10
Evening Students Year 1: 5  Year 2: 7  Year 3: 9

**Oconee Fall Line Technical College** - TCC program in Mammography (MA11), 12 Credit Hours, effective January 2024.

A mammography program at OFTC will provide additional opportunities that will benefit the college students, the surrounding communities, and the economic development of the college service area. Typically, mammography technologists begin as Radiologic Technologists and specialize later in their career. The OFTC Radiologic Technology program advisory board and the OFTC clinical sites support the addition of this program. No colleges within OFTC's service area have a mammography program. OFTC will partner with Southeastern Technical College who will teach the program via eCampus. The program follows the state standards. Since Southeastern Tech will be the host campus, no expenses are expected from OFTC. However, any funding required will be taken from tuition and fees. The college is planning the enrollment the first year to be 5 students.

Enrollment Projections:
Day Students Year 1: 5  Year 2: 10  Year 3: 10
Evening Students Year 1: 0  Year 2: 0  Year 3: 0

**Ogeechee Technical College** - TCC program in Freight Brokerage (FB11), 16 Credit Hours, effective August 2023.

Ogeechee Technical College is requesting the certificate program Freight Brokerage (FB11). The Freight Brokerage certificate will allow current and new logistics program students to be awarded a certificate and graduate. The growing demand for globalized logistics and supply chain management services has driven the freight brokerage industry forward in recent years. Ogeechee Technical College can help the industry with the demand for employment today. As a stand-alone program, the certificate will provide occupational courses that address supply chain management, logistics, procurement, accounting, transportation, and database management skills to enhance freight brokerage opportunities.

Enrollment Projections:
Day Students Year 1: 5  Year 2: 10  Year 3: 15

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

**Ogeechee Technical College** - TCC program in Hybrid/Electric Vehicle Repair Technician (HVR1), 19 Credit Hours, effective August 2023.

Ogeechee Technical College is requesting the certificate program Hybrid/Electric Vehicle Repair Technician (HVR1). Ogeechee currently offers the Automotive Technology Diploma and Technical Certificate of Credit Programs. The demand for auto technicians with hybrid and electric vehicle systems knowledge is growing. Most automakers have plans to change their fleet makeup in coming years to all or very high percentages of these types of vehicles. As such, the need for aftermarket service and repair for these vehicles will increase as more vehicles are put on the road and standard OEM warranties begin to run out. The State of Georgia has been selected by two large companies to manufacture HV batteries and other HV components for these types of vehicles. General repair knowledge in this manufacturing area can be beneficial for employment at these types of production facilities.

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

**Southeastern Technical College** - TCC program in Electric Vehicle Professional (EVP1), 8 Credit Hours, effective August 2023.

A new electric vehicle plant is being built less than an hour from Southeastern Technical College's (STC) main campus and is expected to open next June. Hyundai management has met with STC to ask us to teach the Electric Vehicle Professional TCC to potential plant employees. According to Hyundai, they are planning on hiring at least 5000 people by next summer and are asking several technical colleges to teach this TCC to increase their recruitment pool. Additionally, Governor Kemp has made a commitment to make Georgia an electric vehicle friendly state over the next ten years. Hyundai and STC are planning on a Memorandum of Understanding signing ceremony in July 2023. This eight-semester hour TCC was institutionally developed by Savannah Tech and will be adopted by Southeastern Tech and other sister colleges. Savannah Technical College is currently the only college offering it. The costs to start this program will be $88,000 the first year with $50,000 of the total set aside from obsolete equipment funds to purchase an electric vehicle. The other costs will include adjunct and supply expenses to be paid from tuition and fees. STC expects to offer this class every

semester and projects at least 30 students will enroll the first year increasing to 60 by the third year.

Enrollment Projections:
Day Students Year 1: 30  Year 2: 45  Year 3: 60
Evening Students Year 1: 0  Year 2: 0  Year 3: 0

**Wiregrass Georgia Technical College** - Diploma program in Hotel/Restaurant/Tourism Management (HM12), 44 Credit Hours, effective January 2024.

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College (WGTC) is seeking approval of the Hotel/Restaurant/Tourism diploma program. Local hotel/tourism companies have requested the program to provide training to grow the travel industry workforce as well as to provide training for current employees who are seeking upward mobility in the field. With more than 65 hotels, multiple event venues, a conference center, and many restaurants, the local area is a becoming a hub for tourism. The addition of this program will give participating students the skill set needed to serve in the tourism industry in different capacities. No other colleges in the WGTC service area or adjacent areas offer this program. The diploma is a state standard program, and implementation of the program will adhere to all guidelines as set forth by the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia. Implementation of this program is anticipated to be spring semester; therefore, the first year's projected cost of $55,000.00 is for half of a budget year. The first full year of the program has a projected cost of $81,000.00. This will be allocated to salary/fringe benefits, supplies, and equipment and will be funded by tuition and fees. The first year's enrollment is estimated to be 20 students, growing to 30 students in year three.

Enrollment Projections:
Day Students Year 1: 20  Year 2: 25  Year 3: 30
Evening Students Year 1: 0  Year 2: 0  Year 3: 0

**Wiregrass Georgia Technical College** - Degree program in Hotel/Restaurant/Tourism Management (HM13), 60 Credit Hours, effective January 2024.

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College (WGTC) is seeking approval of the Hotel/Restaurant/Tourism Associate of Applied Science degree. Local hotel/tourism companies have requested the program to provide training to grow the travel industry workforce as well as to provide training for current employees who are seeking upward mobility in the field. With more than 65 hotels, multiple event

venues, a conference center, and many restaurants, the local area is a becoming a hub for tourism. The addition of this program will give participating students the skill set needed to serve in the tourism industry in different capacities. No other colleges in the WGTC service area or adjacent areas offer this program. The degree is a state standard program, and implementation of the program will adhere to all guidelines as set forth by the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia. Implementation of this program is anticipated to be spring semester; therefore, the first year's projected cost of $55,000.00 is for half of a budget year. The first full year of the program has a projected cost of $81,000.00. This will be allocated to salary/fringe benefits, supplies, and equipment and will be funded by tuition and fees. The first year's enrollment is estimated to be 20 students, growing to 30 students in year three.

Enrollment Projections:
Day Students Year 1: 20  Year 2: 25  Year 3: 30
Evening Students Year 1: 0  Year 2: 0  Year 3: 00

## II.  Program Terminations August 2023

**MOTION:** Mr. Fran Millar made the Motion to approve the program termination requests for August 2023. Mr. Ben Bryant seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval Unanimously.

## Termination of Degrees, Diplomas, and TCCs

### Albany Technical College
TCC program in Commercial Wiring (CW31), effective August 2023.
Diploma program in NCCER Plumbing and Pipefitting Technology (PT32), effective August 2023.
Diploma program in Electrical Construction Technology (EC12), effective August 2023.
TCC program in Industrial Operations Technician (IP21), effective August 2023.

### Atlanta Technical College
Diploma program in Dental Assisting (DA12), effective August 2023.

### Lanier Technical College
TCC program in Mechatronics Systems Technician (MB71), effective May 2024.
Degree program in Wireless Engineering Technology (WE13), effective May 2024.
Diploma program in Business Technology (BA22), effective May 2024.
TCC program in Wireless Networking Technician (WN11), effective January 2024.

TCC program in Mechatronics Technician (MT21), effective January 2024.
Degree program in Business Technology (BA23), effective May 2024.
TCC program in Microsoft Office Applications Professional (MF41), effective May 2024.
TCC program in Advanced Manufacturing Technician I (AM41), effective August 2023.

III. **Approval for Program Standards and Revisions August 2023**

**MOTION:** Mr. Fran Millar made the Motion to approve program standards and revisions for the August 2023. Mr. Daren Wayne seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval Unanimously.

| Major Code | Program Name | Program Development | Award Level | Credit Hours |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| AM51 | Apartment Maintenance Technician | Atlanta | TCC | 16 |
| AR41 | Appliance Repair Technician | Columbus | TCC | 8 |
| BM81 | Basic Manufacturing Electrical | Columbus | TCC | 8 |
| BM91 | Basic Manufacturing Fluid Power | Columbus | TCC | 6 |
| BA91 | Basic Manufacturing Industrial PLCs | Columbus | TCC | 6 |
| CD91 | Construction Career Launch | Columbus | TCC | 7 |
| GCT2 | General Construction Technology | Wiregrass Georgia | Diploma | 41 |
| NAF5 | Nurse Aide Fast Track | Standard | TCC | 3 |
| RW41 | Residential/Industrial Wiring | Central Georgia | TCC | 14 |

IV. **Dual Achievement Program Changes**

**MOTION**: Mr. Fran Millar made the Motion to approve the updates and changes to the Dual Achievement Program list approved at the July 2023 Presidents' Council Meeting. Mr. Mike Long 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 with the committee an update on the TCSG Adult Education goals for FY23 and FY24. The local program providers have done a fantastic job by increasing enrollment and helping more individuals earn their High School Equivalency. Dr. Good shared information about various external research initiatives that are occurring to better inform policy and practice in Adult Education.

I.      **Approve Policy 5.2.4 on the table**

**MOTION:** Ms. Shirley Smith made the Motion to approve Policy 5.2.4 Underage Youth Application & Enrollment in GED/HiSET. Mr. Mike Long seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval Unanimously.

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

**TCSG**

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| **Revised:** | August 3, 2023; April 23, 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 programs.

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.

The Committee heard from Deputy Commissioner Karen Kirchler. She reported the TCSG Office of Work for Development and the State Workforce Development Board members participated in the inaugural USDOL Job Quality Academy. The program aims to enhance state and local workforce development systems by increasing job seeking access to Good Job pathways, and improving resources provided to businesses to successfully employ and retain skilled workers.

The TCSG Office of Workforce Development is launching the Untapped Workforce Initiative webinar series. Funded through the QUEST DWG grant, these webinars will focus on reengaging, retaining, and serving veterans, individuals with disabilities, parents, English language learners and more.

The HDCI Registered Apprenticeship program's first annual report has been released. In its first year, the HDCI program created 127 apprenticeships in 21 occupations and awarded $1,017,500 to 41 employers.

That concluded the Committee report.

- **External Affairs and Economic Development**                    **Chunk Newman**

    Mr. Chunk Newman gave the Committee report. Deputy Commissioner Scott McMurray updated the Committee on several Georgia Quick Start events. During FY23, Georgia Quick Start presented to 87 prospective companies with the potential to create 45,501 new jobs in Georgia. Over the course of the previous fiscal year, the operating regions planned and developed training programs for 28 companies across the state and conducted over 160,000 trainee hours for nearly 63,000 trainees. There were 3 announcements with over 1,700 new jobs.

The TCSG Communication Office reported that they have launched a digital marketing campaign promoting Aviation Technology last month. The 2023 Succeed Sooner campaign closed in July after delivering 6,208 completed applications to the 22 colleges combined. TCSG is leading the efforts to host the 2023 Governor's Workforce Summit on October 5th and 6th.

Chief of Staff Mark Peevy reported that the TCSG night at the Braves was a huge success and that Commissioner Dozier did a great job throwing out the first pitch. TCSG is in the midst of planning of both Agency Legislation submission and FY 25 Budget development.

Mr. Corey Thompson gave the Committee a Stewardship and Development update.

Mr. Matt Dollar reported on the Economic Development revenue trends for the last four fiscal years. There is a positive trend that TCSG is seeing in both continuing education and customized training. TCSG secured a new software system for all of the colleges' Economic Development divisions.

That concluded the Committee report.

- **Facilities and Real Estate**                                                                    **Ben Bryant**

    Mr. Ben Bryant gave the Committee report. He thanked Mr. Brendan Bowen, Executive Director for Facilities Management, and his team for their hard work. Several of our colleges have projects going and all of them are on time at the moment.

    **I.**     **Actions for Ratifications**

    **MOTION:** Mr. Ben Bryant made the Motion to ratify the real estate contracts and sublease agreements executed by the Commissioner between June 1, 2023 and August 3, 2023 for the technical colleges listed below at a cost not to exceed the amount stated. Mr. Chunk Newman seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

    **A.**     **Real**                                          **Estate**                                          **Transactions**

    **DISCUSSION**:  The State Board granted the Commissioner the authority to make all decisions, purchases and enter into necessary contracts between the June 1, 2023 and August 3, 2023 State Board meetings.  The following designated rental agreements were entered into by the Commissioner for

the technical colleges listed below at a cost not to exceed the amount stated and are to be ratified at the August 3, 2023 State Board meeting.

| College | Master Landlord | Rent Amount |
|---|---|---|
| Workforce Devt    Lease #7393 | GA Department of Labor | $418,038.44 |
| Lease #6553 | | $316,792.10 |
| Lease #7596 | | $163,257.78 |
| Lease #7395 | | $266,868.31 |
| Lease #9274 | | $397,055.39 |
| Lease #6563 | | $175,295.62 |
| Lease #7778 | | $79,857.48 |
| Lease #7268 | | $64,530.94 |
| Lease #8745 | | $29,811.32 |
| Lease #6582 | | $262,363.26 |
| Lease #6584 | | $138,255.01 |
| Lease #9279 | | $44,477.98 |
| Lease #9280 | | $43,703.91 |
| Lease #9332 | | $62,544.12 |
| Lease #9281 | | $110,229.68 |
| Lease #9282 | | $63,251.92 |
| Lease #9283 | | $64,400.05 |
| Lease #9284 | | $55,446.59 |
| Lease #9285 | | $72,398.35 |
| Lease #9286 | | $49,629.17 |
| Lease #9287 | | $83,694.77 |
| Lease #9333 | | $1,850.97 |
| Lease #9288 | | $100,696.81 |
| Lease #9289 | | $58,504.76 |
| Lease #9291 | | $66,753.03 |
| Lease #9292 | | $107,250.32 |

## II.    Construction Contracts

**MOTION**: Mr. Ben Bryant mad the Motion to ratify the construction contracts and sublease agreements executed by the Commissioner between June 1, 2023 and August 3, 2023 for the Technical Colleges listed below at a cost not to exceed the amount stated. Mr. Fran Millar seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

**DISCUSSION**:  The State Board granted the Commissioner the authority to make all decisions, purchases and enter into necessary contracts between the June 1, 2023 and August 3, 2023, State Board meetings.  The following designated construction contracts were entered into by the Commissioner for the technical colleges listed

below at a cost not to exceed the amount stated and are to be ratified at the August 3, 2023 State Board meeting.

| College | Vendor | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| Quick Start | Ketom Construction Company | $152,706.00 |
| Albany Tech | Safe Air Heating & Cooling | $268,388.00 |
| Athens Tech | Bray Siteworks, LLC | $1,249,300.00 |
| Chattahoochee Tech | Crabapple Roofing Contractors | $1,511,921.00 |
| Georgia Northwestern | Northwestern Georgia Paving | $1,170,679.99 |
| Augusta Tech | Sommers Construction, LLC | $248,000.00 |
| Augusta Tech | Sommers Construction, LLC | $189,900.00 |
| Georgia Piedmont Tech | JOC Construction, LLC | $425,000.00 |

That completed the Committee report.

- **Governance, Compliance and Audit**　　　　　　**Buzz Law**

I.　　**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. Mike Long seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval Unanimously.

That completed the Committee report.
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**Operations, Finance, and Planning**　　　　　　**Carvel Lewis**

Mr. Carvel Lewis gave the Committee report. He thanked Commissioner Dozier and Mr. Mark Peevy for coming to the Groundbreaking in Georgetown last month.

I.　　**Approval of TCSG Strategic Plan for FY2023 – FY2026 Update**

**MOTION**:  Mr. Tim Williams made the Motion for the State Board to approve the TCSG FY2023 – FY2026 Strategic Plan update as provided in the material in the State Board Book. Mr. Fran Millar seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

**DISCUSSION**: To ensure accountability that our strategic plan supports the Governor's Vision and Strategic Goals for Georgia and to be in line with the dates OPB provide; the TCSG strategic plan for FY2022 – FY2025 has been updated with the enclosed supplement to support current and new initiatives for FY2023- FY2026.

II.　　**New Expenditure Item for August**

**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 college listed below at a cost not to exceed the amounts stated. Ms. Shirley Smith seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

1. **Albany Technical College** – Purchase of NetApp Storage System (hardware/software) from CDW-G; cost $153,858.00. ***Local funds are available for this expenditure.***

   *DISCUSSION:* The college's current IT storage system is at end of life and maxed out of available storage space resulting in an inability to get parts of technical support. This storage system hosts the Banner student system and is needed to provide additional storage space. The new system will also provide the necessary encryption which is now required by TCSG.

## III. <u>Expenditures/Contract Requests Needing Ratification</u>

**MOTION:** Mr. Carvel Lewis made the Motion for the State Board to ratify all decisions, purchases, and contracts made by the Commissioner for requests submitted by the system office and technical colleges between the June and August 2023 State Board meetings. Authority was granted to the Commissioner at the June meeting for approval of such requests at a cost not to exceed the amounts stated by each technical college/system office. Mr. Buzz Law seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

1. **TCSG/IT/Econ Dev** – Request to purchase Destiny One by Open Presence, a Modern Campus Company, for growth/support of economic development initiatives; cost $475,000.00. ***State funds are available for this expenditure.***

   *DISCUSSION:* Destiny One is a highly specialized cloud-based software-as-a-service (SaaS) solution designed explicitly for continuing education, economic development, and workforce development programs. This application will be used by all 22 TCSG colleges and the system office which offers a tailored approach that meets the specific requirements of our colleges' economic development initiatives. Destiny One offers a unique cloud-based solution designed specifically for non-credit programs, providing comprehensive features and functionalities that meet our institutions' customized training and economic development/workforce training needs.

2. **TCSG/GVTC –** Request to pay Respondus for FY2024 system-wide licensing and unlimited use of Respondus 4.0 used by faculty/staff. Includes unlimited system-

wide use of Lockdown Browser, StudyMate Campus, and Respondus Monitor; cost $145,920.00. **State funds are available for this expenditure.**

*DISCUSSION:* This expenditure is to pay Respondus for system-wide licensing and unlimited use of Respondus 4.0 for faculty/staff. It includes unlimited system-wide use of Lockdown Browser, StudyMate Campus, and Respondus Monitor. Respondus Inc. is the sole distributor in North America of these products used by TCSG. It allows for creating/managing exams that can be printed or published directly to Blackboard (Bb) LMS. It develops assessment application and learning activities/objects. It allows import exams from Word, including images/equations/tables, and accesses thousands of ready-to-use test banks from dozens of leading publishers. Easy for faculty/students to create self-assessments from within Bb. The custom browser locks down the testing environment with Bb LMS blocking students from copying, printing or accessing other applications or visiting other websites during online exams. Monitor provides an automated process recording students' activities and produces flagged events for instructor review.

3.  **TCSG/IT –** Authorization to pay CDW-G for the renewal of NetApp maintenance & support for FY2024 for the technical colleges & system office; cost $282,798.00. **State funds are available for this expenditure.**

    *DISCUSSION:* This expenditure is to renew NetApp maintenance & support for FY2024. NetApp is utilized by the technical colleges & system office as a shared data storage solution for all critical data used by the system.
    NetApp is the leading provider of storage technology and has been in use by our system for over 6 years. We have consolidated the contract across the system to secure deeper discounts and a higher level of service as a large customer.

4.  **TCSG/IT –** Request to pay CDW-G for Cisco Smartnet maintenance fees for FY2024; cost $1,382,558.00. **State funds are available for this expenditure.**

    *DISCUSSION:* This expenditure is to pay Smartnet maintenance fees to CDW-G for maintenance on all Cisco equipment used by the technical colleges and system office. This equipment is the backbone of all the agency's networks. By consolidating these expenses, we achieve better pricing and a higher level of support from Cisco.

5.  **TCSG/IT –** Request to purchase technology integration cloud solution (AWS) from Carahsoft; cost $200,000.00. **State funds are available for this expenditure.**

**DISCUSSION**:  This expenditure is to continue technology integration services from Amazon Web Services (AWS).  These services are being procured through Carahsoft, a state contract holder for professional services.  The services will be utilized to provide an online cloud platform that provides scalable/cost-effective cloud computing solutions. AWS is the cloud platform that offers several on-demand operations like computer power, database storage, and content delivery for TCSG's team to rapidly identify, build, and deploy software and integration solutions.

6.    **TCSG/IT** – Authorization to pay Ellucian for annual Banner, DegreeWorks, and Financial Aid software maintenance fees for FY2024; cost $798,511.00.  ***State funds are available for this expenditure.***

**DISCUSSION**:  This expenditure is to pay maintenance fees to Ellucian for the Banner Student, Mobile, Intelligent Learning Platform (ILP), DegreeWorks, and Financial Aid software at each of the technical colleges and for development servers at the system office.  Banner is the Student Information System used by the technical colleges; Mobile, ILP, DegreeWorks, and the Financial Aid module are integrated with Banner.  Ellucian software maintenance is required for upgrades and technical support.

7.    **TCSG/IT** – Request to pay Oracle for annual Oracle software maintenance fees; cost not to exceed $815,000.000.  ***State funds are available for this expenditure.***

***DISCUSSION***:  This expenditure is to pay licensing, maintenance, and support fees to Oracle for the database software at each of the technical colleges and system office for FY2024.  Oracle database software is required to support our student information system (Banner & DegreeWorks). The system office uses Oracle as the database software for the data warehouse and reporting systems (KMS, GALIS, TEAMS).

8.    **TCSG/IT** – Request to pay SHI for the annual Microsoft software licensing and maintenance fees for FY2024; cost $1,371,646.00.  ***State funds are available for this expenditure.***

***DISCUSSION***:   This expenditure is to pay yearly software licensing and maintenance fees for the Microsoft Enterprise Licensing Agreement (ELA).  Microsoft software is used in all the technical colleges by faculty, staff, and students as well as by Quick Start and TCSG system office staff.  The ELA grants licensing and/or upgrades for all applicable Microsoft software and cloud services, such as Office 365, used throughout the system.

9. **TCSG/IT** – Authorization to pay SSD Technology Partners for Axiom Elite, an integration tool to enable GSFC sourced applications to seamlessly integrate with college admissions applications. This purchase adds additional licensing to the data integration tool and will be used by all technical colleges/system office; cost $197,800.00. ***State funds are available for this expenditure.***

   ***DISCUSSION***: This expenditure will optimize data integrations for collecting data from electronic files such as applications, verify the data, preform matching algorithms to prevent duplicate records, and then upload data into systems such as Banner. Axiom provides capabilities to prevent duplicate records with robust matching algorithms allowing for insertion or update of records as needed. Integrates with our existing database products, maintains compatibility and functionality, and provides two-way communication between databases on premise or in the cloud. This will enhance real-time integrations avoiding duplicate record keeping and integrates seamlessly with our CRM and other e-Campus solutions. This license will provide the ability to seamlessly move data back and forth between systems and is key to the success of admissions initiatives.

**10-14.** **Athens Technical College**; **total expenditures $2,002,535.00** –

   **10)** Request to enter into a HVAC preventive maintenance contract with Maxair Mechanical for 3 campus locations; cost $135,795.00. ***State funds are available for this expenditure.***

   ***DISCUSSION***: ATC is seeking to enter into a contract for HVAC preventive maintenance services at the Athens, Elbert, and Walton campus locations. This contract for campus HVAC systems is for a predetermined number of preventative maintenance hours at each campus monthly, and it establishes the hourly rate and materials mark-up percentage for any necessary repairs.

   **11)** Two new Freightliner trucks from Peach State Freightliner for CDL Program at 2 campus locations; cost $332,070.00. ***Local funds are available for this expenditure.***

   ***DISCUSSION***: Two new Freightliner trucks are needed for the CDL fleet at the Elbert & Walton campus locations for exclusive program needs. In the last year the college has added 3 new full-time positions to meet the critical demand for CDL drivers in the state. The 2 new vehicles will have automatic transmission, which is essential for training students in today's market. The program currently uses 6 trucks for all of the classes: 5 Class A license tractors and 1 Class B license straight truck.

**12)** Cisco UCS replacement from CDW-G for all campus locations; cost $127,805.00. *Local and obsolete equipment bond funds are available for this expenditure.*

*DISCUSSION:* This purchase is for replacement of the current UCS with a new Cisco UCS server unit, racks, and components for the system. The current UCS is 10 years old and is reaching end of life in FY2024. The current UCS does not support the more modern versions of the virtualization environment that are required for newer versions of Banner. This equipment houses virtualized servers, including Banner, authentication services for all campus resources (e-mail, Blackboard, BannerWeb, etc.) as well as other servers critical for the college's network operation.

**13-14)** Multiple Industrial Systems and Mechatronics Trainers for new Industrial Technology Building on Athens Campus. New building will house Industrial Systems, Mechatronics, A/C Technology, and Economic Development. The building is expected to reach material completion in September 2023 with classes beginning in January 2024; total cost $1,406,864.00. *FF&E bond funds are available for this expenditure.*

**13.** Multiple Amatrol Trainers from Technical Training Aids for Industrial Systems and Mechatronics programs; cost $778,627.00.

**14.** Multiple Festo Trainers from Southern Education Consulting & Training for Industrial Systems and Mechatronics programs; cost $628,237.00.

**15-16.** **Atlanta Technical College**; total expenditures $682,547.00 –

**15)** Equipment/supplies from CDW-G to establish Wi-Fi Hot Spot stations; cost $235,547.00. *Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.*

*DISCUSSION:* The purpose of this purchase is to support the initiative of hosting the grant, "Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program". The grant award will provide the resources to extend ATC faculty's technical resources outside of the classroom by adding rugged external access points and further enhancing students' quality of education.

**16)** Renewal of annual contract with Intercontinental Commercial Services for FY2024 to outsource janitorial services to all campus locations; cost $447,000.00. *Local funds are available for this expenditure.*

*DISCUSSION*: ATC is seeking to renew their contract with Intercontinental Commercial Services to provide janitorial services for all campus locations from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024. Outsourcing janitorial services saves the college a considerable amount of money when

compared to filling these positions with full-time benefited employees. This is the first renewal of four optional one-year renewals.

17. **Augusta Technical College** – Multiple Aircraft trainers from Aero Train for Aviation programs at Thomson Campus; cost $142,200.00. ***Local funds are available for this expenditure.***

    *DISCUSSION*:  Multiple Aircraft trainers are needed for the Aviation Program at the Thomson Campus. These trainers will bring simplicity and modernization to the student.  With live running components, it aids in visualization and trouble shooting skills that are standard for today's aviation requirements.  In addition, the US Congress has changed the way an aviation school is to operate in its curriculum, and ATC must purchase the equipment needed to meet these new requirements. The new equipment will aid the college in meeting the FAA new compliance standards while also operating under the new guidelines.  New equipment includes Aircraft Landing Gear Trainers and various Aircraft Engines Trainers.

18-19. **Central Georgia Technical College**; **total expenditures $658,252.00** – *Federal grant funds are available for these expenditures.*

    **18)** Fanuc Robotics Trainers from Technical Training Aids for Robotics Lab at VECTR Center; cost $158,510.00.

    *DISCUSSION*:  This equipment is needed for training purposes in the college's Robotic Lab in the VECTR Center.  Technical Training Aids is the only authorized vendor that sells Fanuc robotics equipment and certification training in Georgia. Feedback from local manufacturers is that Fanuc Certification training is an important need as Fanuc robots are the brand predominantly used in the local service area.  Fanuc is the required manufacturer for Robotics training equipment and certifications.

    **19)** Multiple Mechatronics Learning Systems from Technical Training Aids for new AI Enhanced Robotics Manufacturing Studio at VECTR Center; cost $499,742.00.

    *DISCUSSION*:  Multiple Mechatronics Learning Systems from Technical Training Aids are needed for the new AI Enhanced Robotics Manufacturing Studio at the VECTR Center.  Feedback from local manufacturers is that Amatrol equipment is preferable because of the investment made in online e-learning curriculum at the state level.  Technical Training Aids is the only authorized vendor for Amatrol

equipment in Georgia, and Amatrol is the only manufacturer of these trainers.

**20-23.** **Chattahoochee Technical College**; **total expenditures $1,428,652.00** –

**20)** 394 Precision Laptops and 4 XPS Laptops from Dell Technologies for all campus locations; cost $761,776.00. ***Local funds are available for this expenditure.***

*DISCUSSION*: 394 Precision Laptops are needed to replace/upgrade laptops used by faculty/staff in offices/departments at all campus locations. This is an equipment refresh for equipment that is out of warranty and reaching end of life. The 4 XPS laptops will be used by 1 CAD instructor and 3 network administrators in TAS at CTC.

**21)** Electric Vehicle Trainers and High Voltage Systems Trainers from AVI for new electric vehicle course/ EV automotive training; cost $166,289.00. ***Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.***

*DISCUSSION*: Electric Vehicle Trainers are needed to give students hands-on training in the new electric vehicle course. High Voltage systems trainers are needed for teaching high voltage EV automotive industry service and repair. These trainers will help students learn with the most up to date equipment available for the EV automotive industry.

**22)** Renewal of Internet and Intercampus connectivity from Comcast of Georgia for all campus locations; cost $197,640.00. ***Local funds are available for this expenditure.***

*DISCUSSION*: The present requisition is for 12 months of internet access via Comcast Service Provider and is essential to maintain this service. The service covers WAN access for all 8 sites, as well as facilitates internet connectivity from the Marietta campus. This is a managed service and comes with support for outages. This is the 2nd year of a renewable agency contract.

**23)** Contract renewal with Russell Landscape for lawn/grounds maintenance for FY2024 for eight campus locations; cost $302,947.00. ***Local funds are available for this expenditure.***

*DISCUSSION*: CTC has determined that it is in the best interest of the college to contract with Russell Landscape to provide routine grounds maintenance at all 8 campus locations. Having one company provide service to all campuses will assist in providing a similar visual experience at all locations. The college does not have sufficient internal staff to

maintain campus grounds so it is crucial to utilize the services of an outside supplier in order for the college to maintain a clean, neat, appealing appearance for all of its grounds areas. This is the 2nd year of an optional 4-year renewable contract.

**24-27.   Georgia Northwestern Technical College; total expenditures $620,790.00** –

**24)** Purchase of a 5-axis HAAS CNC lathe from Phillips Corp. for Precision Manufacturing lab on Floyd County Campus; cost $144,985.00.  ***Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.***

*Discussion:*  GNTC currently has four HAAS CNC machines in the Floyd County Campus Precision Manufacturing lab and is seeking to add a 5-axis machine of the same brand to expand student learning.  There is a similar CNC machine on the Whitfield Murray Campus, and this will help to provide consistent curriculum to students across the campuses.

**25)** Four new Kingston lathes from Kingston Machine Tool Manufacturing for Precision Manufacturing lab on Floyd County Campus; cost $127,000.00.  ***Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.***

*Discussion:*  GNTC currently has 10 Kingston lathes in the Floyd County Campus Precision Manufacturing lab.  The lathes vary in age with the oldest over 20 years old.  Four new lathes are needed to replace the oldest machines which have significant wear/tear.

**26)** New exterior signage from APCO USA for Floyd County Campus and Aviation Training Center; cost $176,605.00.  ***Local funds are available for this expenditure.***

*DISCUSSION:*  GNTC current exterior signage is aged/faded.  In addition, the signage has become inaccurate as offices have moved and buildings have been modified.  The college has undertaken a multi-year task to update signage across all locations beginning with the Floyd County Campus and Aviation Training Center.  The exterior signs use APCO's AluTek modular sign system, and other vendors are unable to match these panels.  The AluTek system is essential for future GNTC signage needs in order to achieve/maintain a consistent signage design and look on all campuses.

**27)** Renewal of Internet service and WAN connection from Parker Systems, Inc. between all campus locations; cost $172,200.00.  ***State funds are available for this expenditure.***

*DISCUSSION*: GNTC would like to enter into Year 2 with a renewal of Parker Fibernet internet/WAN campus connection services for FY2024. This service is connected through the Walker County campus and includes a wide area network between all 6 campuses plus the aviation training facility and Cedartown training center. Parker System has provided internet/WAN service meeting or exceeding expectations to GNTC for over 10 years.

**28-30.** **Georgia Piedmont Technical College**; **total expenditures $890,362.00** – *State funds are available for these expenditures.*

*DISCUSSION*: GPTC is in the process of completing multiple renovation projects to upgrade the exterior/interior of the college to enhance the learning environment for students, faculty, and staff. This purchase is for furniture to replace dilapidated furniture for classrooms, labs, student networking space, and office space at the Clarkston and Newton Campus locations.

   **28)** Furniture from Kruger International; cost $267,567.00
   **29)** Furniture from Kimball; cost $308,357.00.
   **30)** Furniture from National Furniture; cost $314,438.00.

**31.** **Lanier Technical College** – Forsyth Disaster Recovery/backup and Hall County production storage upgrade; cost $223,540.00. ***Local funds are available for this expenditure.***

*DISCUSSION*: The college is requesting to purchase a replacement enterprise grade storage system for its main IT systems. This project replaces the existing production storage system at the Hall Campus and relocates the older storage system to the Forsyth Campus to be used for disaster recovery. This storage system houses the majority of the data for the college. As part of this project, the existing storage will be relocated to the Forsyth Campus to be stored for the disaster recovery system, replacing the system currently that is at end of life. The disaster recovery system servers are also in need of replacement and are included in this project.

**32-33.** **Oconee Fall Line Technical College; total expenditures $275,288.00** – *Local funds are available for these expenditures.*

   **32)** Renewal of lawn/grounds maintenance contract from T-Lake Environmental Designs for FY2024 at multiple campus locations; cost $138,329.00.

   *DISCUSSION*: T-Lake Environmental Designs maintains the lawns on the Dublin, Sandersville, and McRae campus locations. This service was

awarded in FY22 and was approved with modifications to the contract for FY23. OTC does not have sufficient internal staff to maintain campus grounds so it is crucial to utilize the services of an outside supplier in order for the college to maintain a clean, neat, appealing appearance for all of its grounds areas. This is the third of four one-year renewable options on this contract.

33) Upgrading blades and fabric interconnects for network, as well as 3 Apple iMac desktop computers from CDW-G; cost $136,959.00.

*DISCUSSION*: Replacing blades for the network that are end of life in FY24. Current blades are end of life in Feb. 2024 and current interconnects are end of life May 2024. Replacing 3 Apple iMac desktop computers used by IT Department. Current iMacs are older and need upgrading.

34. **Ogeechee Technical College** – Renewal of lawn/grounds maintenance contract with Lanier Lawn Care/the Grounds men for FY2024 for all campus locations; cost $146,700.00. ***State funds are available for this expenditure.***

*DISCUSSION:* OTC is seeking to renew their agency contract with Lanier Lawn Care/the Grounds men for lawn/grounds maintenance for all site locations. OTC does not have sufficient internal staff to maintain campus grounds so it is crucial to utilize the services of an outside supplier in order for the college to maintain a clean, neat, appealing appearance for all of its grounds areas. This is the first of four one-year renewable options on this contract.

**35-37. Savannah Technical College; total expenditures $673,918.00** –

35) Renewal of agency contract with Southern Pride Lawn Care for landscaping/lawn care maintenance services for FY2024 for all campus locations; cost $150,415.00. ***State funds are available for this expenditure.***

*DISCUSSION:* The College is seeking to renew their agency contract with Southern Pride Lawn Care for lawn/grounds maintenance service for FY2024 for all campus locations including Savanah, Liberty, Crossroads, & Effingham. STC does not have sufficient internal staff to maintain campus grounds so it is crucial to utilize the services of an outside supplier in order for the college to maintain a clean, neat, appealing appearance for all of its grounds areas. This is the third of four one-year renewable options on this contract.

**36)** Temporary custodial staff services with Focus of Georgia Inc. for FY2024 for 4 campus locations; cost $350,646.00.  ***State funds are available for this expenditure.***

*DISCUSSION*:  STC is seeking to utilize temporary staffing services thru a DOAS statewide contract to supplement their custodial maintenance staff at four campus locations (Savannah, Crossroads, Effingham, & Liberty). This will provide additional resources/support for existing custodial and maintenance staff at all campus locations.  The cost of utilizing the statewide contract for staffing will save the college from paying salaries/benefits to new hires.

**37)** Aviation Training Equipment from Avotek for Aviation Maintenance Program; cost $172,857.00.  ***Bond funds are available for this expenditure.***

*DISCUSSION*:  Aviation training equipment is needed for the Aviation Maintenance Program at the Crossroads Campus to meet the new Part 137 standards and to enhance the learning outcomes of the Aviation Maintenance students, so they are prepared to enter the workforce. This equipment will allow students to have more hands on training. New equipment includes Infrared/carbon monoxide/smoke fire detection trainer, ARINC 429 Analyzer, Teledyne Continental Runnable Engine Test Stand, and PT6A Runnable Turbo-Prop Engine.

**38-39.**         **South Georgia Technical College; total expenditures $400,744.00** –

**38)** New camera system with installation from Technology Integration Group for 2 campus locations; cost $208,744.00.  ***Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.***

*DISCUSSION*:  SGTC is requesting the purchase and installation of a new camera system for the Americus and Cordele campus locations. Installing outside cameras on the Americus Campus will fully cover all parking/driving areas.  In Cordele, the installation will be for inside and outside.  The purchase of this camera system will allow for all cameras to be on one camera system instead of different systems and will provide critical protection.  This system will help the school protect/safeguard faculty, staff, students with a sense of safety and security.

**39)** 4 new 53' Trailers from NACARATO Truck Center for CDL Program on 2 campus locations; cost $192,000.00.  ***Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.***

*DISCUSSION*:  Four new 53' Swing Door Air Ride Strick Trailers are needed for the Commercial Truck Driving Program on the Americus and Cordele

Campus locations. The Dry Van Trailers are one of the most popular in the truck industry. With these trailers, instructors will be able to teach students through the truck driving curriculum for the knowledge and skills required to operate/maneuver the trailers and will set the path for students on the road for career success.

**40-42. Southeastern Technical College; total expenditures $550,620.00** –

**40)** Replacement and upgrade of existing auditorium seating by Irwin Seating at two performance venues on Vidalia Campus; cost $283,307.00. ***MRR bond funds are available for this expenditure.***

*DISCUSSION*: Replacement and upgrade of seating is needed to replace seating that is 30 years old at the Toombs and Tattnall Auditoriums on the Vidalia Campus. Not only does the existing seating not meet current ADA codes but it cannot be repaired as parts cannot be obtained due to age. The new seating will bring the auditoriums up to code and will allow them to be used at full capacity. The auditoriums are not only used by all programs to hold large classes, but also rented out by the community, providing income to the college.

**41)** Upgrade to Webex Calling VoIP phone system, hardware & software, from Byteworks, LLC; cost $129,394.00. ***State funds are available for this expenditure.***

*DISCUSSION*: STC currently relies on an aging VoIP phone system that is no longer covered by a service contract. The current system is over 10 years old and is inherently vulnerable to hardware failures. By eliminating the risks associated with an outdated/unsupported phone system, the college ensures uninterrupted phone service campus-wide and unlocks a range of advanced features and capabilities. The enhanced reliability, advanced functionality, and professional support provided by Webex Calling will empower faculty, staff, and students to communicate more effectively, collaborate seamlessly, and achieve higher levels of productively. Webex Calling integrates voice, video, messaging, and conferencing capabilities into a single platform and users can access their phone systems from anywhere, using various devices such as smartphones, tablets, or laptops.

**42)** 150 Lenovo Computers from CDW-G for classrooms at two campus locations; cost $137,919.00. ***Obsolete equipment bond funds are available for this expenditure.***

**DISCUSSION**: 150 all-in-one computers are needed to replace equipment that is 10+ years old in classrooms at the Vidalia and Swainsboro campus locations. The all-in-one computers will reduce clutter and cables in classrooms, providing an organized learning environment while simplifying maintenance tasks.

**43-45. Southern Crescent Technical College; total expenditures $523,647.00** –

**43)** Amatrol Learning Systems from Technical Training Aids for Industrial Systems Technology Program; cost $138,000.00. ***Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.***

**DISCUSSION***: Amatrol Learning Systems are needed for the Industrial Systems Technology Program at the Henry County Center in McDonough. This equipment integrates with the online curriculum and virtual trainers for students to practice and learn in the lab setting. Amatrol exclusively makes these training systems to match the college's program standard curriculum, and student curriculum/instructor's guides can be used in either a self-paced or lecture-lab environment. This training equipment will provide more students with access to new state-of-the-art equipment that provides hands on skills which integrate into an online format needed in the Industrial Systems, Mechatronics, and Automated Manufacturing fields.

**44)** GES Learning Trainers/equipment from Georgia Educational Solutions for Diesel Technology Program at 2 site locations; cost $126,000.00. ***Tuition and federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.***

**DISCUSSION**: GES Learning trainers/equipment are needed for the Diesel Technology Program at the Flint River Campus and Butts County Center. SCTC has been utilizing equipment provided by Georgia Educational Systems in the Henry County Center Automotive lab and have witnessed its instrumental role in the success of students. The equipment offered by GES not only meets the Diesel Technology specific program requirements but also ensures consistency across different locations thereby enhancing student learning experience and significantly improving the chance of success. By continuing the partnership with GES, we can ensure that students receive the highest level of instruction and training available.

**45)** Culinary equipment from Boelter-Citisco LLC for renovated Culinary Arts Program lab/classroom; cost $259,647.00. ***Local funds are available for this expenditure.***

**DISCUSSION**:  The purchase of new equipment will enable the Culinary Arts instructors to teach the cooking techniques and competencies as per KMS/ACF standards.  The new kitchen lab meets/exceeds industry standards and will provide culinary students with the hands-on experience/skills needed to be successful in the industry.  The layout of the kitchen promotes better ServSafe standards as there is now refrigerated units on the cooking line and under-counter reach-in coolers in student area workstations.  The renovated space will allow for a second kitchen lab which will greatly improve the instructional quality of the culinary program, allowing students more contact hours for food preparation.  The additional equipment in the second lab will bring more flexibility in the availability of course schedules and times for the students.  New equipment also includes a deck oven with steam cycle and a dishwashing station.

**46-49.    West Georgia Technical College**; **total expenditures $1,546,301.00** –

**46)** Renewal of annual contract with American Facility Services for janitorial services for FY2024 for all campus/site locations; cost $721,720.00.  *Local funds are available for this expenditure.*

**DISCUSSION**:  WGTC moved to a janitorial contractor over 10 years ago and currently has no staff to provide janitorial services.  Use of this contract will provide cost savings to the college when compared to hiring new staff and purchasing equipment.  This service will result in a cleaner, more professional appearance and will provide a better work environment while also providing increased protection against COVID. This is the second renewal of four optional one-year renewals.

**47)** Two new Freightliner Cascadia Sleeper cabs from Peach State Truck Centers for CDL Program at 2 campus locations; cost $330,440.00. *Obsolete equipment bond funds are available for this expenditure.*

**DISCUSSION**:  Two new Freightliner trucks are needed for the CDL fleet at the Lagrange and Carroll Campus locations to replace a late 1990 and early 2000 model trucks which are now considered obsolete.   To continue to offer the most current training, it is imperative to continually refresh the CDL fleet to offer familiarity with new makes/models of trucks that students will encounter in the field.  Current fleet vehicles are 5 years old, with most vehicles older than that.

**48)** Dell computer equipment including 140 laptops and 120 docking stations from CDW-G for multiple campus locations; cost $211,834.00. *Local funds are available for this expenditure.*

*DISCUSSION:* This purchase is intended for faculty/staff replacement computer equipment and will be used to swap obsolete/broken laptops, and to migrate the remainder of WGTC's faculty/staff to mobile workstations. The docking stations will be connected to existing monitors and peripherals in the office, which is a cost savings for the college. Getting the college's workforce mobile-ready enhances disaster preparedness and will also enable better employee collaboration thru flexible working accommodations.

**49)** Cisco Webex video conferencing equipment and installation from Byteworks for 5 classrooms on multiple campuses; cost $282,307.00. *Local funds are available for this expenditure.*

*DISCUSSION:* This purchase is for the acquisition/installation of 5 classrooms worth of Cisco Webex equipment, all interconnecting cables/adaptors, speakers, and microphones. Each classroom is comprised of two 75" front-mounted monitors, a quad camera codec, and a touch-screen room. The Cisco Webex systems will be used to enhance traditional learning by offering streaming video access for remote students. This equipment offers a true-to-life video experience which enables students to engage in lessons in real-time from geographically separate locations. This equipment can be utilized for didactic or demonstrative instruction for programmatic classes and can provide recording for online classes or flipped learning models. As other colleges adopt this equipment, it could also be used to further enhance e-Campus courses as well.

**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.

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

**Naming Request for the Augusta Technical College Academic School to be renamed the T.R. Reddy School of Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology**

**Motion (Approval of naming)**

**MOTION:** Mr. Buzz Law made the Motion to rename the Augusta Technical College Academic School to the T.R. Reddy School of Advanced Manufacturing

and Engineering Technology. Mr. Carvel Lewis seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

**DISCUSSION:** Augusta Technical College Facility, Staff, Students, and Foundation Board support the renaming of the Academic School and future advanced manufacturing building in Columbia County to be named the ***T.R. Reddy School of Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology***. This will be named after the local philanthropist Mr. T.R. Reddy. Mr. Reddy recently donated $1 million in support of the College's advanced manufacturing and engineering technology initiatives. His donation will support student scholarships, academic programming, and capital/technology enhancement for the area.

## V.  Executive Session

Not needed

## VII.  OTHER BUSINESS                                              Chairman Trey Sheppard

The next TCSG State Board meeting will be **Thursday, September 7, 2023** at TCSG System Office.

Wednesday, October 4* North Georgia Technical College
Tuesday, October 24* [Nov. Mtg.] Hyatt Regency | Savannah to coincide with TCSG Leadership Conf.
Thursday, December 7 TCSG System Office

The Board will be honoring our former Board members with resolutions at the end of the year. Please share with Collier Collier any information you would like included.

Chairman Sheppard thanked Dr. Julia Post, President of West Georgia Technical College and her team for hosting the State Board this month. Chairman Sheppard asked everyone to please tour the Be Pro Be Proud trailer.

Mr. Chunk Newman let the Board know that Mr. Sparky Reeves passed away last night.

Mr. Carvel Lewis closed the meeting with a prayer.

## VIII  ADJOURN                                                    Chairman Trey Sheppard

### I.  Adjournment

**MOTION:** Mr. Buzz Law made the Motion to adjourn the August 3, 2023 State Board Meeting of the Technical College System of Georgia at 11:21 am. Mr.

Mike Long seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

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

ATTACHMENT A

## Update to TCSG FY22-FY25 Strategic Plan
### August 1, 2023

In FY22, The Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) developed an FY 2022 – FY2025 Strategic Plan as a guidebook for the 22 colleges, college boards, business partners, and Georgia citizens to use for closing the skills gap in Georgia. After a one-year review of the Strategic Plan, TCSG leadership developed new initiatives to support some of the existing goals and updated language to reflect the full scope of TCSG activities. These are the updates to the FY2022- FY 2025 strategic plan for the FY2023 - FY2026 timeframe.

**TCSG has updated its mission and vision statements as follows:**

*New: Agency Mission: To recruit and grow a globally competitive workforce through education, training, and career services for Georgia's citizens, employers, and communities.

*New: Agency Vision: The Technical College System of Georgia will enhance the economic opportunity and prosperity of Georgia's citizens, employers, and communities.

### 1 Increase enrollment globally and in strategic areas

*New – TCSG will repackage and rebrand some existing programs with a focus on the Electric Vehicle (EV) industry. As Georgia continues to grow as the U.S. hub for the electric vehicle market, TCSG is developing programs and curriculum that support jobs in three primary areas: manufacturing, infrastructure, and maintenance of EV.

*New – TCSG will continue to roll out the Dual Achievement program in the five academy service areas. This program offers qualified students who have withdrawn from high school an opportunity to earn a high school diploma while earning two technical certificates of credit, diploma, or associate degree in a specific career pathway.

### 3 Create more partnerships with business and industry

*New – TCSG will integrate and deploy a new labor exchange system for the State of Georgia in September, 2023. This new website will connect employers with Georgians seeking employment.

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 **4** Improve retention and graduation rates

*New – TCSG will integrate the standards in the Georgia Law Enforcement Program standards into the operations of the college police departments. This will provide high quality customer service and safety to all students, employees, and visitors at TCSG colleges.

*New – TCSG will engage in master planning at each college, enhancing the quality of education and the relevance of our programs in our college communities by promoting a safe, modern, and vibrant college experience.

 **5** Prepare for the future by increasing innovation and research while supporting existing and new industries with cutting edge growth and opportunities

*New – Goal #5 (rephrase) - Prepare for the future by increasing innovation and research while supporting existing and new industries with cutting edge growth and opportunities.

*New – TCSG's Office of Economic Development will develop a training program for college VP of Economic Development to create a standard base of knowledge.

*New – TCSG will work with state agencies to create and deliver professional development training opportunities for State of Georgia employees.