



State Board Meeting
November 16, 2021

Minutes for Review
State Board Meeting
September 28, 2021

State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education
Board Room
111 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, SC 29210

Meeting Minutes

10:00 A.M.

September 28, 2021

PRESENT:

Gregory B. Askins, Chair
Gwendolyn A. Bright
Grantland Burns
Warren Darby, Jr., *via conf. call*
Philip G. Homan
Ralph A. Odom, Jr., *via conf. call*
Roger P. Schrum
Orville S. Smith, III
Karen Woodward
Daniel Young

STAFF PRESENT:

Tim Hardee, System President
Amy Firestone, Vice President of Apprenticeship Carolina
Warren Ganjehsani, Chief Legal Counsel
Randall Johnson, Vice President for Finance
Brad Neese, Vice President of Economic Development
Kandy Peacock, Vice President for Human Resources
Rosline Sumpter, Vice President for Academic Affairs
Kelly Steinhilper, Vice President for Communications
Khushru Tata, Vice President for Information Technology
Joren Bartlett, Vice President of Governmental Affairs

ABSENT:

Warren L. Helm
Robert E. Barnett
Anthony Gavin Barker

STAFF ABSENT:

Karen Taylor

GUESTS:

Dr. Galen DeHay, President, Tri-County Technical College
Ashley Jaillette, Executive Director, SC Association of Technical College Commissioners

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA

The State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education complied with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act in notifying the media and posting the agenda for the State Board meeting.

CALL TO ORDER COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Gregory B. Askins, Chair

Chairman Askins called the meeting to order and welcomed guests: Dr. Galen DeHay, President, Tri-County Technical College; and Ashley Jaillette, Executive Director, SC Association of Technical College Commissioners

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORTS:

A. **Economic Development and Training Committee – Grantland Burns, Chair**

Project Budgets for State Board Approval: Mr. Burns entertained a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss readySC™ projects over \$200,000 for approval. Mr. Schrum seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. They entered Executive Session and Mr. Brad Neese was asked to stay.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Section 30-4-70(a)(2) of the S.C. Code of Laws provides that "A public body may hold a meeting closed to the public for one or more of the following reasons: Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim."

S.C. Code of Laws Section 30-4-70(a)(5) – "Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body..."

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Committee returned to open session. Mr. Burns reported that no action was taken during Executive Session. He entertained a motion to approve the readySC™ capital projects over \$200,000 that were discussed. Ms. Woodward motioned which was seconded by Mr. Darby, and the affirmative vote passed unanimously.

Project Budgets for Ratification- Mr. Burns reviewed the four readySC™ project budgets for ratification under \$200,000. There were no questions.

Ms. Bright motioned to approve the Project Budgets for Ratification. Mr. Homan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

E-Zone Retraining Program for Ratification- Mr. Burns presented the two E-Zone retraining programs for ratification.

Mr. Schrum motioned to approve the E-Zone Retraining Programs. Mr. Young seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. **Fiscal, Audit and Personnel Committee – Roger P. Schrum, Chair**

Staff Approvals for July through September 2021 – Mr. Schrum noted the staff approval list included in the agenda package which contained one staff approval. He stated that Mr. Johnson was available to answer any questions; there were none.

State Board Financial Summary – Month Ending August 31, 2021- Mr. Schrum noted the financial statements included in the agenda package. He stated that spending was relatively light since it is the first couple months of the new fiscal year. There were no questions.

Permanent Improvement Projects Maintenance, Renovations, and Replacement Appropriations- No action made, or items discussed.

Policies for approval- Mr. Schrum presented the State Board with the Human Resource policy changes that were approved by the HR Peer Group and endorsed by the Chief Business Officers and the Presidents' Council. The State Board was provided a summary of the revisions that were made. Most were non-substantive revisions. Mr. Schrum called for a motion to accept the proposed changes. Mr. Homan moved and was seconded by Mr. Smith. Mr. Schrum commended Ms. Peacock on all her hard work. Over the past year she has led several successful Presidential searches. He also thanked her and her team for all the HR support to multiple colleges. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Instruction and Student Services Committee – Philip G. Homan, Chair

Mr. Homan reported there were four academic program proposals for consideration by the Committee.

He provided a summary of the program proposals that were included with the agenda materials distributed prior to the meeting. The following academic programs were recommended for State Board approval:

- Aiken Technical College – Associate in Applied Science, major in Surgical Technology
- Technical College of the Lowcountry – Associate in Applied Science, major in Surgical Technology
- Tri-County Technical College – Associate in Applied Science, major in Engineering Systems Technology
- Tri-County Technical College – Associate in Applied Science, major in Welding

Mr. Homan entertained a motion for approval. Ms. Woodward motioned and was seconded by Mr. Smith. The affirmative motion passed unanimously to approve the four program proposals.

ADJOURN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Chairman Askins adjourned the Committee of the Whole and called the State Board to order.

CALL TO ORDER- STATE BOARD MEETING

Chairman Askins called the State Board Meeting to Order.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE –Joren Bartlett, Vice President of Governmental Relations

Legislative Report- Ms. Bartlett reported that both the House and the Senate have been working on plans for the 2.4T federal funds. The Senate is meeting today to discuss the Savannah River Site funds. The October 12th meeting for the Senate to discuss the American Rescue Funds distribution has been canceled. It appears that the meeting for these funds and the redistricting will not take place until January 2022. She is also following the 3.5T dollars for Biden's Build Back Better Plan. The Board of Economic Advisors (BEA) met last week, and they closed out the 2020-21 year with a billion-dollar surplus. Those funds have been carried over to the 2021-22 fiscal year. Only two months into the 2021-22 fiscal year the BEA projections show that they are currently ahead 214M dollars. Overall, the state is doing well with the recovery. The BEA will meet again on October 14th, 2021. She updated the Board that the 2022-23 budget requests have been submitted to Executive Budget Office and a meeting will be set later to review the budget requests.

SC ASSOCIATION OF TECHNICAL COLLEGE COMMISSIONERS' REPORT – Ashley Jaillette, Executive Director

Ms. Jaillette confirmed the database update has been completed as well as the audit. The audit results should be delivered to the Executive Committee at the December meeting. She also confirmed that the thank you notes to the legislators were sent out the first part of September. She reminded the Council of the ACCT Leadership Congress annual conference scheduled for October 13th-16th, 2021 in San Diego, CA. As of today, the meet and greet is still moving forward but due to the uncertainties of Covid, that could change. She reported the new committees have been formed and these committees are as follows: Education Advocacy, Finance, Communication and Awards, Human Resources and Nominating. The date has been set for the Spring Retreat, and details to follow later.

COUNCIL OF TECHNICAL COLLEGE PRESIDENTS' REPORT – Galen DeHay, Chair Presidents' Council

Dr. DeHay reported that he and Dr. Hardee attended the Commission on Higher Education (CHE) two-day retreat. There were numerous topics discussed at the retreat. They also recently met with Mr. Henry Lewis the Director of the South Carolina Emergency Medical Services Association to discuss a possible partnership in the training of the incoming Emergency Medical Technicians. The hope is the Technical College System acts as a premier partner in the effort to create a systematic approach to EMT

training across the System. He also informed the Board of an upcoming meeting with the Council of Presidents Commission of Higher Education. This Council is comprised of the presidents of the two-year, and four-year institutions and a representative from the independent colleges. The upcoming meeting will discuss the CHE's agenda and ways to increase need-based scholarships.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Chairman Askins entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the State Board meeting on July 27, 2021. Mr. Schrum motioned and was seconded by Mr. Homan. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES FOR REVIEW

Chairman Askins reported that minutes of the June 10, 2021, July 27, 2021, and August 12, 2021, Presidents' Council meetings were included with the agenda materials distributed prior to the meeting for review.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS-CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Askins entertained a motion for State Board approval of the Committee of the Whole recommendations. Mr. Smith moved and was seconded by Mr. Odom for adoption of all Committee of the Whole Recommendations. The motion carried and the following recommendations were adopted without discussion:

- Project Budgets for State Board Approval
- Project Budgets for State Board Ratification
- Board Ratification for E-Zone Retraining Program
- Policies for approval
- Academic Program Proposal, Aiken Technical College – Associate in Applied Science, major in Surgical Technology
- Academic Program Proposal, Technical College of the Lowcountry – Associate in Applied Science, major in Surgical Technology
- Academic Program Proposal, Tri-County Technical College – Associate in Applied Science, major in Engineering Systems Technology
- Academic Program Proposal, Tri-County Technical College – Associate in Applied Science, major in Welding
- State Board Meeting Minutes for July 27, 2021

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Tim Hardee, System President

Dr. Hardee introduced Allison Baker to the Board as the new Administrative Coordinator in the Executive Office.

Enrollment- Dr. Hardee provided an update on the overall enrollment system-wide, there are a few colleges that have had increases in enrollment while others have had a decrease, but the system-wide enrollment would be considered flat. This time last year the System was down around 6%. All colleges are focusing on retention of students through graduation.

GEER Funds- Dr. Hardee also provided the Board with an update to the GEER funds received for short-term retraining courses. Originally the system was provided \$8M in funds for this program. Mr. Randy Johnson along with the Continuing Education Deans have worked to put those funds to use. A request for additional funds was presented to the Governor's office. The Governor's office has agreed to an additional \$4M in GEER funds. Mr. Young asked if the Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) participated in the GEER program. Dr. Hardee confirmed DEW provided contact information for the over 130,000 unemployed citizens of South Carolina. Around 3,500 unemployed individuals are participating in the retraining programs throughout the System. South Carolina First Steps program is also partnering with the System to provide childcare to parents who are participating in the retraining programs.

JAG- The Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program will be transferred to the System in January 2022. The System will be taking over the administration of the program as well as gaining two employees who currently work with the JAG program.

Covid update- Dr. Hardee asked Ms. Kandy Peacock to provide the Board with the number of Covid cases system-wide since the beginning of the pandemic.

OTHER MATTERS –

ADJOURNMENT

With no other matters to discuss, Chairman Askins entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Young moved; Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The affirmative vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned.

11/16/21
Date Approved by the State Board


Gregory B. Askins, Chairman


Tim Hardee, Executive Director