

State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education

Board Room
111 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, SC 29210

Meeting Minutes

10:00 A.M.

November 16, 2021

PRESENT:

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Tim Hardee, System President
Amy Firestone, Vice President of Apprenticeship Carolina
Warren Ganjehsani, Chief Legal Counsel
Randall Johnson, Vice President for Finance
Rosline Sumpter, Vice President for Academic Affairs
Kelly Steinhilper, Vice President for Communications
Khushru Tata, Vice President for Information Technology

ABSENT:

Warren L. Helm
Robert E. Barnett
Daniel Young

STAFF ABSENT:

Joren Bartlett
Brad Neese
Kandy Peacock

GUESTS:

Dr. Galen DeHay, President, Tri-County Technical College
Ashley Jaillette, Executive Director, SC Association of Technical College Commissioners
AJ Newton, Budget Analyst, SC House of Representatives
Jake Scoggins, Senior Budget Analyst, SC Senate Finance Committee
Richard Davis, Workforce Development Manager, SC Commission on Higher Education
Regine Rucker, SC Commission on Higher Education, *via conf. call*
Dan Cooper, Chief of Staff, Tri-County Technical College
Dr. Christopher Greggs, Associate Vice President for HR Programs, System Office

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; Dr. Christopher Greggs, Associate Vice President of HR Programs, Ashley Jaillette, Executive Director, SC Association of Technical College Commissioners, AJ Newton, Budget Analyst, SC House of Representatives; Jake Scoggins, Senior Budget Analyst, SC Senate Finance Committee; Richard Davis, Workforce Development Manager, SC Commission on Higher Education; Regine Rucker, SC Commission on Higher Education, and Dan Cooper, Chief of Staff, Tri-County Technical College.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORTS:

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

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

Mr. Odom 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 one E-Zone retraining programs for ratification.

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

B. Fiscal, Audit and Personnel Committee – Anthony Barker, Chair

Staff Approvals for July through September 2021 – Mr. Barker noted the staff approval list included in the agenda package which contained three staff approvals: two Horry-Georgetown Technical College (HGTC) capital projects and one Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College (OCTC) capital project. Details of all projects were provided in the agenda packet. Mr. Randall Johnson provided details and updates to each project. Mr. Schrum motioned to approve the capital projects two for HGTC and one capital project for OCTC. Mr. Odom seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

State Board Financial Summary – Month Ending September 30, 2021- Mr. Schrum stated that financially the first three months of FY 2021-2022 were as to be expected.

Finance Update - Mr. Barker noted the financial statements included in the agenda package. Mr. Johnson presented a financial update for the College by the groups. Mr. Johnson gave a presentation detailing the Analysis of Unrestricted Net Position by College. He reviewed the net positions of all sixteen colleges as of June 30, 2021. Mr. Odom inquired if Denmark Technical College was showing reasonable improvement in financial management and categorization of events. Mr. Johnson stated they are moving

forward and with enrollment improving and help from the Federal stimulus monies the College is showing financial improvement.

Discussion of Workforce Scholarships for the Future Program- Dr. Hardee presented the Board with information regarding the Workforce Scholarship for the Future Program. Dr. Hardee outlined the \$12M GEER Funds that were awarded to the System for short-term training programs for workforce development. Dr. Hardee presented the Governor with the success of the short-term training program that was funded with the GEER funds with hopes of an expansion of the program to include more than just short-term training programs. Since this was a successful program, the Governor's Office appropriated \$17M dollars to programs for workforce development and into jobs where there are currently shortages. The Governor is putting a request in his budget for a \$124M to be allocated to this program for the next two years. This program will start Spring Semester – January 2022. These funds can be applied to tuition and required program fees.

Mr. Odom commended Mr. Homan, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Hardee, and Staff on the positive turn in Denmark's financial health.

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

Mr. Homan reported there were one academic program proposal 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:

- Horry-Georgetown Technical College – Associate in Applied Science, Medical Laboratory Technology.

Mr. Homan made a motion to approve the HGTC Associate in Applied Science, Medical Laboratory Technology program and was seconded by Mr. Odom. 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 –Dr. Tim Hardee on behalf of Joren Bartlett, Vice President of Governmental Relations

Legislative Report- Dr. Hardee reported that the office is preparing for the upcoming start of the Legislative session starting in January. He shared the most recent BEA estimates \$2.2B of one-time funds being available and \$900M in recurring funds being available to the Legislature to appropriate. Dr. Hardee updated the Board on the budget request that includes one-time funds for building improvements and equipment replacement. He asked the Board to save the date of March 23, 2022 for the Legislative Day the State House and the State Board meeting will be held on the same day.

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

Ms. Jaillette stated that Billy Routh sends his regards since he was not able to attend the meeting due to him traveling back to Columbia after attending the Senate Republican Caucus Retreat. SCATCC Board will meet on December 1st, 2021 at the System Office. She asked the Board to save the date of February 2, 2021 for the Commissioners Academy at the Palmetto Club with a Legislative Reception to follow that evening.

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

Dr. DeHay reported that the Presidents' Council met last week at the SC Manufacturing Conference where the system was one of the sponsors of this conference. At the meeting, guidelines for the Workforce Scholarship for the Future were discussed. The Council created a work team committee for the Trade Adjustment Grant. He informed the Board that he reached out to the director of the Commission of Higher Education regarding each college compliance with the Reach Act that was adopted into law last year. He gave the Board an update to the discussion of vaccination requirements.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Chairman Askins entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the State Board meeting on September 28, 2021. Mr. Schrum motioned and was seconded by Mr. Burns. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES FOR REVIEW

Chairman Askins stated that minutes of the September 9, 2021 Presidents' Council meeting were included with the agenda materials distributed prior to the meeting for review. He encouraged the Board members to review the minutes if they were not already doing so.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS-CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Askins entertained a motion for State Board approval of the Committee of the Whole recommendations. Mr. Homan moved and was seconded by Mr. Darby 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 Ratification
- Board Ratification for E-Zone Retraining Program
- Horry-Georgetown Technical College Capital Project
- Horry-Georgetown Technical College Capital Projects
- Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College Capital Project
- State Board Meeting Minutes for September 28, 2021

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Tim Hardee, System President

Dr. Hardee acknowledge Dr. Amy Firestone and informed the Board that she is being recognized as a Women of Influence by the Columbia Regional Business Journal. He also informed the Board of his attendance of the Grand Opening of the Culinary Institute of the South at the Technical College of the Lowcountry on Thursday, November 18th. He provided the Board with a list of speaking engagements and meetings he has attended since the last State Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Warren Ganjehsani, Chief Legal Counsel

Mr. Askins entertained a motion to move into Executive Session. Mr. Smith moved, and Mr. Homan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. They entered Executive Session and Mr. Warren Ganjehsani was asked to stay.

Section 30-4-70(a) 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: . . . (2) 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."

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Askins entertained a motion to exit Executive Session and verified no action were taken during the Executive Session. Mr. Smith moved, and Mr. Homan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Committee returned to Open Session. Mr. Askins reported that no action was taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.



State Board Meeting
January 25, 2022

Minutes for Review
State Board Meeting
November 16, 2021

Tim Hardee, Executive Director