

State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education

Board Room
111 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, SC 29210

Meeting Minutes

10:00 A.M.

March 23, 2022

PRESENT:

Gregory B. Askins, Chair
Gwendolyn A. Bright
Grantland Burns
Warren Darby, Jr., via conf. call
Philip G. Homan
Ralph A. Odom, Jr.
Roger P. Schrum
Orville S. Smith, III
Karen Woodward
William Floyd
Carolyn Swinton, 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 of Finance
Rosline Sumpter, Vice President of Academic Affairs
Brad Neese, Vice President of Economic Development
Kandy Peacock, Vice President of Human Resources
Khushru Tata, Vice President of Information Technology
Kelly Steinhilper, Vice President of Communications
Joren Bartlett, Vice President of Governmental Relations

ABSENT:

Daniel Young
Anthony Gavin Barker

STAFF ABSENT:

GUESTS:

Dr. Galen DeHay, President, Tri-County Technical College
Ashley Jaillette, Executive Director, SC Association of Technical College Commissioners
Mr. Richard Davis, Workforce Development Manager, SC Commission on Higher Education
Ms. Gwendolyn Bright
Mr. Montez Martin
Mr. Robbie Barnett

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; Ashley Jaillette, Executive Director, SC Association of Technical College Commissioners; Mr. Richard Davis, Workforce Development Manager, Commission on Higher Education; Ms. Gwendolyn Bright; Mr. Montez Martin; and Mr. Robbie Barnett

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORTS:

- A. **Executive Committee-** Mr. Askins called for a motion to approve a resolution for each of the four former Board Members. Mr. Odom moved, and Mr. Homan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- B. **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 and Denmark Technical College Land Acquisition for Ratification. Mr. Burns moved, and Mr. Odom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. They entered Executive Session and Mr. Brad Neese, Mr. Randy Johnson, and Mr. Warren Ganjehsani 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 the open session. Mr. Burns reported that no action was taken during Executive Session.

Mr. Askins called Mr. Montez Martin, Mr. Robbie Barnett, and Ms. Gwendolyn Bright forward and presented each with a resolution for their service to the South Carolina Technical College System.

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

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

Mr. Burns entertained a motion to approve the two readySC™ capital projects over \$200,000 that were discussed during the Executive Session, and the two Project Budgets for Ratification and the one E-Zone Retraining Program for Ratification. Mr. Floyd moved, and Mr. Homan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal, Audit and Personnel Committee – Anthony Barker, Chair

Due to the absence of Mr. Barker, Mr. Askins asked Mr. Randy Johnson to provide the report to the board.

Aiken Technical College Capital Project for Approval – HVAC Replacement -

Aiken Technical College's current HVAC systems are 20+ years old. The College requests approval to replace twenty-two units with State Appropriated funds provided pursuant to Proviso 118.18 (Fiscal Year 2021-2022).

Central Carolina Technical College Project for Approval – Roof Replacement – Building 500- The College requests approval to replace the roof on building five hundred. The roof has surpassed its useful life and has an expired warranty.

Central Carolina Technical College Project for Approval – Roof Replacement – F.E.

DuBose- The College requests approval for roof replacement on the original section of the F.E. Dubose Campus, which was installed in 1973 and has begun to leak.

Horry-Georgetown Technical College Project for Approval – Conway Campus

Resurfacing- This project is to resurface the asphalt entrances, exits, roadways and parking on its Conway Campus. The scope of work is to re-asphalt 7.5 acres that includes milling 1.5 inches of the existing asphalt surface, repaving those surfaces, and striping the required surfaces. The existing driveway, entrance, and parking surfaces range from 10-20 years old and need repair/replacement.

Midlands Technical College Project for Approval – Parking Lot and Road Repairs- The proposed project is to repair existing parking lots and roads to the Airport Campus. The project includes four parking lots and one section of Kentucky Avenue. The areas identified have been investigated by a civil engineer to determine the asphalt conditions and prioritize the areas of repair.

Midlands Technical College Project for Approval – General Alterations- This deferred maintenance project is for general alterations and interior renovation projects at four campuses as detailed below:

Beltline Student Center Restroom Upgrades: \$350,000

Airport Academic Center Restroom Upgrades: \$460,000

Harbison Irmo Hall Interior Renovations: \$350,000

Airport Saluda Hall Renovation \$325,000

Multiple Campuses-Flooring Upgrades: \$200,000

Spartanburg Community College Capital Projects for Approval – Energy Consumption Reduction- This project is to replace Chiller #1, a 350-ton York low pressure chiller using R123 refrigerant and the corresponding cooling tower. Replacement chiller to be a 450-ton magnetic bearing chiller. Connect compressor after-coolers to building chilled water system. Weather seals the exterior duct work for RTAH1 on the Hull building. Replace roof top package unit from E43 due to its inability to turn down capacity low enough for the normal heat load of the space. Reuse the unit removed for Culinary Arts Kitchen. Replacement unit to be a direct outside air system. Replace 20+ year old Package unit that conditions the culinary arts kitchen. Unit replacement will be the unit that is removed from the E43 lab. Replace chilled / hot water air handler that serves E57 offices. Demolition of abandoned cooling tower and chiller. Replace aging closed loop cooling tower for water source heat pump system at Evans downtown campus. Replace current warehouse boiler with a series of boilers to create redundancy and match current load conditions. Replace Chilled / Hot water air handler that serves common hall area in spark center with a DX air handler.

Technical College of the Lowcountry Capital Project for Approval – Interior Renovations- The college seeks to increase the budget for this project due to increased costs, construction delays, and unforeseen events. The project started just before COVID-19 shutdowns. Since that time, prices have risen substantially.

Florence-Darlington Technical College Lease for Approval- The College requests State Board approval to lease a building (109 S. Main St.) from the City of Mullins for

instructional purposes over a ten-year period at a nominal charge (\$1 annually). If approved, this would be a lease renewal for a building the College has been using for years. The building is currently used for dual-enrollment and Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) instruction. The College's average maintenance cost over the most recent five-year period was approximately \$55,000 annually.

Greenville Technical College Proposed Sale of Land for Approval- The property is 0.23 acres located near the corner of 229 S. Pleasantburg Drive and LeGrand Boulevard, Greenville, SC 29607. This property was purchased from Greenville Improvements, LLC on August 3, 1999, and was declared as excess by the Greenville Technical College Area Commission on November 17, 2021.

Denmark Technical College Land Acquisition for Ratification-

Staff Approvals for January 1, 2022 through March 11, 2022- Mr. Johnson noted the staff approval list included in the agenda package which contained eleven staff approvals: two Aiken Technical College (ATC), one Horry-Georgetown Technical College (HGTC), one Tri-County Technical College (TCTC), four Spartanburg Community College (SCC), two Greenville Technical College (GTC) and one Midlands Technical College (MTC) . Details of all projects were provided in the agenda packet. Mr. Schrum motioned to approve the capital projects presented to the Board. Mr. Burns seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

State Board Financial Summary – Month Ending February 28, 2022- Mr. Johnson noted the list that was included in the agenda package and stated that there were no specific items needing attention. There were no questions.

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

Mr. Homan reported there were three 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:

- Piedmont Technical College – Associate in Applied Science, major in Surgical Technology
- Spartanburg Community College – Associate in Applied Science, major in Diesel Technology
- Spartanburg Community College – Diploma in Applied Science, major in Nursing (PN)

Mr. Homan called for a motion to approve the three academic program proposals: Piedmont Technical College – Associate in Applied Science, major in Surgical Technology; Spartanburg Community College – Associate in Applied Science, major in Diesel Technology; Spartanburg Community College – Diploma in Applied Science, major in Nursing (PN) Mr. Odom moved and was seconded by Dr. Woodward. The affirmative motion passed unanimously to approve the three 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

Ms. Joren Bartlett reported that House passed their budget a few weeks ago. In the House budget the System would receive \$167.9M for Maintenance, Repair, and Replacement. They also funded Lottery Tuition Assistance at \$51.1M, South Carolina Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship (SCWINS) \$17M, Equipment funding \$20.8M, \$78M in Workforce Scholarship and Grants. ReadySC received \$2M and a 3 percent pay raise and a \$1,500 bonus for employees.

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

Ms. Jaillette informed the group of the 2023 date of the Commissioner's Academy, February 1, 2023. The day will consist of New Trustee Orientation, a Legislative Luncheon, the awards presentation will be held after the luncheon and then the Commissioner's Academy. The board met March 1st at the system office. The board retreat will be held May 13th-15th. She informed the group that Mr. Billy Routh was unable to attend the meeting today due to his work at the State House. She stated he is continuing to meet with members of the legislative body to work on getting reoccurring dollars added to the budget.

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

Dr. DeHay reported that Presidents' Council and the Legislative committee has been quite busy over the past few weeks. Dr. DeHay also advised the group about the partnership with the EMS Association and the start of the pilot program with the EMS regional offices. Based on the success of this pilot program this will hopefully be a program that can be applied system wide. Dr. DeHay thanked Mr. Brad Neese and his staff for their help with the EMS pilot. An Ad Hoc Committee has been formed to address the Latino Initiative. This group will meet and collect ideas and to formulate a framework or plan to bring

back to the entire Presidents' Council. The Presidents' Council retreat is scheduled for June 9th and 10th. The retreat will be a two-day planning retreat for the upcoming year.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Chairman Askins entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the State Board meeting on January 25, 2022. Mr. Schrum motioned and was seconded by Mr. Homan. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES FOR REVIEW

Chairman Askins stated that minutes of the January 13th and February 17th, 2022 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. Odom moved and was seconded by Mr. Burns for adoption of all Committee of the Whole Recommendations. The motion carried and the following recommendations were adopted without discussion:

- Project Budget for State Board Approval
- Project Budgets for State Board Ratification
- Board Ratifications for E-Zone Retraining Projects
- Aiken Technical College Capital Project for Approval – HVAC Replacement
- Central Carolina Technical College Project for Approval – Roof Replacement–Building 500
- Central Carolina Technical College Project for Approval – Roof Replacement– F.E. DuBose
- Horry-Georgetown Technical College Project for Approval – Conway Campus Resurfacing
- Midlands Technical College Project for Approval – Parking Lot and Road Repairs
- Midlands Technical College Project for Approval – General Alterations
- Spartanburg Community College Capital Projects for Approval – Energy Consumption Reduction
- Technical College of the Lowcountry Capital Project for Approval – Interior Renovations
- Florence-Darlington Technical College Lease for Approval
- Greenville Technical College Proposed Sale of Land for Approval
- Denmark Technical College Land Acquisition for Ratification
- State Board Meeting Minutes for January 25, 2022
- Piedmont Technical College – Associate in Applied Science, major in Surgical Technology
- Spartanburg Community College – Associate in Applied Science, major in Diesel Technology
- Spartanburg Community College – Diploma in Applied Science, major in Nursing (PN)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Tim Hardee, System President

SC Technical College Week- Dr. Hardee informed the group that this week was declared by the Governor as South Carolina Technical College Week. Ms. Kelly Steinhilper and her team have worked on several events to commemorate this week here at the System Office but also at the colleges. This is the fourth year that the System has collaborated with the Governor's office to send out a letter to all High School Seniors in South Carolina. This letter is sent out to the 45,000 high school graduates, congratulates them, and informs them regarding the availability of the low-cost Technical College education.

Senate Finance Committee Presentation- Dr. Hardee informed the board of his presentation of System request. He felt the presentation went well and they have been made aware of the Systems needs. *SCWINS Bill-* Dr. Hardee informed the group that there has been a conversation regarding merging the different workforce development scholarships into one funding source with the least restrictive requirements. In 2019 SCWINS was provided to the System as a proviso. SCWINS moved through the House but died in the Senate due to the language regarding the free and reduced lunch qualifications. The new SCWINS bill has passed through the House, and the Senate subcommittee and next week it will move to the full Senate Education Committee. This bill would add the SCWINS and Workforce Scholarship Grants funding together, would allow the funding to operate on one set of rules versus the two different sets of rules, and removes the requirement of credit requirement so it can be used on short-term training programs as well.

Spring Enrollment- Dr. Hardee reported to the Board that spring enrollment is up 5% over the entire system.

Dr. Hardee also provided the board with a list speaking engagements and meetings he has attended since the last State Board meeting.

OTHER MATTERS

Chairman Askins shared that he and Dr. Hardee discussed the FY 2022-2023 State Board meeting schedule. A copy of the scheduled can be found in the agenda package.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairman Askins stated that the bylaws require a nominating committee be selected so that officers for the new fiscal year can be elected at the last meeting of the fiscal year. He appointed Nick Odom, Phil Homan, and Grant Burns as members of the nominating committee. He noted that nominations may also be presented at the May meeting. Mr. Askins also appointed the new members of the board to fill the committee's assignments vacated by the outgoing board members. Mr. Floyd was appointed to the Fiscal, Audit and Personnel Committee, Ms. Swinton was appointed to the Instruction and Student Services Committee, and Mr. Smith was appointed to the SC Association of Technical College Commissioners' Board of Directors as the State Board Representative.

ADJOURN STATE BOARD

With no other matters to discuss, Chairman Askins adjourned the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education meeting.

CALL TO ORDER – FOUNDATION MEETING

Chairman Askins turned the floor over to Mr. Burns. Mr. Burns updated the Board on the current balance in the Foundation account and stated there was no active Foundation business.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other matters to discuss, Mr. Askins entertained a motion to adjourn Mr. Smith moved, and Mr. Homan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

05/24/2022

Date Approved by the State Board

Gregory B. Askins, Chairman

Tim Hardee, Executive Director