

State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education

Meeting Minutes

Board Room
111 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, SC 29210

10:00 A.M.

May 28, 2024

PRESENT:

Roger P. Schrum, Chair
Anthony Garvin Barker
Ralph A. Odom, Jr.
Orville S. Smith, III
Terry Hardesty
Carolyn Swinton
Warren Darby, Jr.
E. Grantland Burns
Ben Satcher
Kathy Richardson
Chris Huffman

STAFF PRESENT:

Tim Hardee, System President
Warren Ganjehsani, Chief Legal Counsel
Brad Neese, Vice President of Economic Development
Rosline Sumpter, Vice President for Academic Affairs
Khushru Tata, Vice President for Information Technology
Kelly Steinhilper, Vice President of Communications
Randall Johnson, Vice President of Finance
Mary Oakman, Vice President Comm. Engagement & Accessibility
Amanda Richardson, Vice President of Apprenticeship Carolina

ABSENT:

Gregory B. Askins

SYSTEM STAFF ABSENT:

AJ Newton
Kandy Peacock

GUESTS:

Trezure Mccottry, Associate Vice President, Human Resources Services, System Office
Dr. Eric Brown, Associate Vice President, Academic, Student Affairs, and Research, System Office
Leah Andrews, Creative Director, Communications, System Office
Ashley Jaillette, Executive Director, SC Association of Technical College Commissioners, *via Zoom*
Nia Simmons, Transfer and Articulation Manager, SC Commission on Higher Education
Maria Swygert, CTE Team Lead, SC Department of Education

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 – Roger Schrum, Chair

Chairman Schrum called the meeting to order and welcomed guests. He turned the floor over to Dr. Hardee. Dr. Hardee recognized several System Office employees. He recognized Ms. Leah Andrews with the Communications Division. She recently completed the Leadership Program through the

Academic, Student Affairs, and Research Division. He also announced that Dr. Rosline Sumpter was selected by The Aspen Institute College Excellence Program as one of the 39 innovative leaders from across the country who was selected for the 2024-25 Aspen Rising Presidential Fellowship. He noted she was the only person chosen from South Carolina. He looks forward to Dr. Sumpter representing the state and system office. Dr. Hardee also recognized Dr. Eric Brown on his retirement after 30 years of service. Dr. Hardee thanked Dr. Brown for his years of dedicated service to the system, especially to the thousands of students.

Mr. Schrum called the Committee of the Whole to order.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORTS:

A. NOMINATING COMMITTEE- Grant Burns, Chair

Mr. Grant Burns noted that he and the committee met on March 26th after the regular meeting of the State Board. The committee would like to put forward Mr. Roger Schrum for a second term as chair and Mr. Warren Darby as Vice-Chair. Mr. Burn moved, Mr. Smith seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Economic Development and Training Committee – Grant Burns, Chair

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

Project Budgets for State Board Approval: Mr. Burns entertained a motion to enter an Executive Session to discuss readySC™ projects over \$200,000 for approval. Mr. Burns moved, and Mr. Hardesty seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. They entered the Executive Session, and Mr. Brad Neese, Mr. Randy Johnson, and Mr. Warren Ganjehsani were asked to stay for the Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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:

Subsection (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.

Subsection (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. Schrum reported that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

Mr. Burns had to leave the meeting. Mr. Warren Darby, vice-chair of the Economic Development and Training Committee, entertained a motion to approve the six Project Budgets for Ratification. Mr. Barker moved, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hardesty made a motion to approve the one readySC™ capital project over \$200,000 discussed during the Executive Session, and Mr. Satcher moved, and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Fiscal, Audit, and Personnel Committee – Garvin Barker, Chair

Chairman Schrum gave the floor to Mr. Barker. Mr. Barker provided the following informational items to the board.

Staff Approvals for March 13-May 15, 2024 - Mr. Barker noted that the staff approval list included in the agenda package contained eighteen staff approvals. He stated that Mr. Johnson was available to answer any questions, but there were none.

State Board Financial Summary through the Month Ending April 30, 2024—Mr. Barker noted the summary in the agenda package and stated that it reflected activity through April 30, 2024.

Mr. Barker recommended that the report be accepted. Mr. Odom seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

INSTRUCTION AND STUDENT SERVICES COMMITTEE-Nick Odom, Chair

Chairman Schrum gave the floor to Mr. Odom. Mr. Odom noted that the Committee had one new program proposal for review and approval.

- Florence-Darlington Technical College- Associate in Applied Science, major in Mechatronics Technology

Mr. Odom provided a summary of the program proposal that was included in the agenda materials distributed prior to the meeting. Mr. Odom moved to approve the academic

program proposal for Florence-Darlington Technical College- Associate in Applied Science, Mechatronics Technology. Mr. Hardesty seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADJOURN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

CALL TO ORDER- STATE BOARD MEETING

Chairman Schrum called the State Board Meeting to Order.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE- Dr. Tim Hardee

Dr. Hardee informed the board that the Board of Economic Advisors met last Monday. The BEA increased the recurring dollars by \$142M and non-recurring dollars by \$467M. The Conference Committee is scheduled to meet after the June primaries. Dr. Hardee noted the differences between the Senate and House budget versions. The System request for the SCWINS legislative request appears to be safe. The recurring funds are vastly different between the two versions. The House budget is zero, and the Senate budget is \$10M. Dr. Hardee noted the final amount would fall somewhere between Zero and \$10M. Historically, the system has received \$3M - \$5M in recurring, with last year being the largest amount received at \$20M in recurring. Dr. Hardee stated he suspected to receive anywhere from \$5M to \$10M in recurring dollars. Dr. Hardee provided the board with the names of the Conference Committee members. Two other items of note were the apprenticeship tax credit, which was approved by both the House and Senate and is waiting on the Governor's signature. The E-Zone bill is headed to the Conference Committee to work out a few differences between the House and Senate's versions.

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

Ms. Jaillette announced the 2024 award winners.

- Commissioner Leadership Award - Helen Rosemond-Saunders, Tri-County Technical College
- Equity Award -Trident Technical College
- CEO Award -Dr. Hope Rivers, President, Piedmont Technical College
- Faculty Award -Dr. Brian Grabbatin, Midlands Technical College
- Professional Board Staff Award- Daniel Colligan, Midlands Technical College

The SCATTC board retreat will be held June 6 -8 in Greenville, SC. She provided an overview of the itinerary. The Board is planning to hold its quarterly meeting during the retreat. At this meeting, the budget will be approved, and the policies and procedures will be reviewed and renewed.

MINUTES FOR REVIEW

Chairman Schrum stated that minutes from March 15, 2024, and April 11, 2024, Presidents' Council meetings were included with the agenda materials distributed before the meeting for review. Mr. Schrum encouraged the Board members to read them.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Chairman Schrum entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the State Board meeting on March 26, 2024. Mr. Odom moved and was seconded by Mr. Hardesty. The motion was approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS-CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Schrum entertained a motion for State Board approval of the Committee of the Whole recommendations. Mr. Hardesty moved, and Mr. Satcher seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the following recommendations were adopted unanimously without discussion:

- A. Project Budget for State Board Approval
- B. Project Budgets for State Board Ratification
- C. Florence-Darlington Technical College– Associate in Applied Science, Mechatronics Technology
- D. State Board Meeting Minutes for March 26, 2024

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Tim Hardee, Executive Director

Dr. Hardee started his report by sharing a list of the events and meetings he has attended since the March meeting. He noted that he, Senator Nikki Setzler, and the incoming President of Midlands Technical College, Dr. Greg Little, would meet later today to closely examine the budget items that benefit the Technical College System. Dr. Hardee noted that although the legislators were always interested in what was happening statewide, they were also interested in what was happening at their local Technical College.

Dr. Hardee provided an overview of the upcoming Presidents' Council Retreat in Greenville on June 12-14. The new incoming presidents of Trident Technical College and Midlands Technical College were invited to participate in the Retreat. Both accepted the invitation and look forward to getting an early start on being part of the SC Technical College System.

Dr. Hardee announced that the System had approximately 17,000 graduates. He attended four graduation ceremonies.

On May 9th, 2024, Dr. Hardee moderated a panel with Drs. Rivers, Fore, DeHay, and Miller at the SC Economic Development Association's Conference. Dr. Hardee noted that Mr. Warren Darby was in attendance. Dr. Hardee noted that approximately 300 to 400 economic development officials heard about the SC Technical College System and how we partner.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Roger Schrum, Chairman

Mr. Schrum updated the Board on the upcoming Mini-Retreat, which will be held on July 22-23, 2024. On July 22, 2024, the Board will tour the SCOUT Motors offices in downtown Columbia; after the tour, the Board will have a reception. On the 23rd, speakers will be present in the morning session, and then the State Board meeting will be held after lunch. He asked the board for input regarding the July meeting. He also reminded the Board to look for an email from Ms. Kandy Peacock regarding the annual Agency Head Review/Evaluation for Dr. Hardee. Mr. Schrum noted that the November meeting had been moved up by one week due to many people's conflicts with the Thanksgiving holiday. The November meeting is now scheduled for November 19, 2024.

ADJOURN STATE BOARD

With no other matters to discuss, Chairman Schrum called for a motion to adjourn the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education meeting. Mr. Odom moved, and Mr. Barker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Date Approved by the State Board

Roger Schrum, Chairman

Tim Hardee, Executive Director