

**State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education**

**Council of Technical College Presidents' Meeting Minutes**

*System Office*

*Board Room*

11:00 A.M.

August 8, 2024

**PRESENT:**

Hope Rivers, Chair, PTC  
Forest Mahan, ATC  
Kevin Pollock, CCTC  
Willie L. Todd, Jr., DTC, *via Zoom*  
Marilyn Fore, HGTC  
Jermaine Ford, FDTC  
Greg Little, MTC  
Kyle Wagner, NETC  
Walt Tobin, OCTC  
Michael Mikota, SCC  
Rich Gough, TCL  
Galen DeHay, TCTC, *via Zoom*  
Vicky Wood, TTC, *via Zoom*  
Patty Lee, WTC  
Stacey Moore, YTC

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Tim Hardee, System President  
Randy Johnson, Vice President of Finance  
Kandy Peacock, Vice President of Human Resources  
Warren Ganjehsani, Chief Legal Counsel  
Rosline Sumpster, Vice President of Academics, Student Affairs & Research  
Kelly Steinhilper, Vice President of Communications  
Amanda Richardson, Vice President of Apprenticeship Carolina  
Brad Neese, Vice President of ReadySC  
AJ Newton, Vice President of Governmental Affairs  
Khushru Tata, Vice President for Information Technology Services

**ABSENT:**

Keith Miller, GTC

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**GUESTS:**

Ashley Jaillette, Executive Director, SC Association for Technical College Commissioners  
Billy Routh, SC Association for Technical College Commissioners  
Larry Miller, VP of Learning and Workforce Development, Greenville Technical College, *via Zoom*  
Jacqui DiMaggio, VP of Finance, Greenville Technical College, *via Zoom*  
Danny Dorsel, President, SC Governor's School for Science and Math  
Beth Dinndorf, Executive Director, SC Governor's School for Science and Math  
Randy LaCross, Sr VP for Outreach & Global Innovations, SC Governor's School for Science and Math

**CALL TO ORDER – PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL** – Hope Rivers, Chair

Chairperson Rivers called the Presidents' Council meeting to order and welcomed guests.

**SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS** – Danny Dorsel, President

Mr. Danny Dorsel provided the Council with a brief overview of the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics (SCGSSM) summer camp program. He informed the group that the summer camp program immerses rising 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in a collaborative environment where the students work in the STEM fields and hands-on learning with peers, scientists, and engineers. Mr. Dorsel thanked the technical colleges who participated in hosting camps in 2024. He looks forward to continuing to partner with the Technical College System and hopes to expand the camps to all 16 college campuses.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Hope Rivers, Chairperson

Chairperson Rivers entertained a motion to approve the Presidents' Council meeting minutes from August 8, 2024. Dr. Moore moved that the minutes be approved. Dr. Ford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

A. Legislative Committee Report- Galen DeHay, Chair

Dr. DeHay provided an update from the Legislative Committee, noting that they have met twice since the last President's Council meeting. The first meeting prioritized policy work, resulting in weighted policy evaluation criteria. They then clustered policies into short-term (for the 2025 legislative session) and long-term categories.

The short-term priorities include:

- Changes to SC Wins
- Capital project policies
- Procurement policies

Long-term areas identified for further work include:

- Transfer to four-year colleges
- Community college baccalaureate
- Dual enrollment policy
- Technical college funding model

The committee made three motions for consideration:

Dr. DeHay presented the three motions for approval from the committee. The motions were as follows:

1. To further develop the short-term policy groupings.
2. To create four ad hoc committees to explore the long-term policy areas
  - transfer to four-year colleges and universities
  - Community College baccalaureate

- State-wide Dual Enrollment
  - Technical College funding
3. To procure a consultant to help strategize and implement these priorities.

All motions were approved unanimously, with Dr. Rivers emphasizing the need for focused action and collaboration among the council members. The committee will continue working on these strategies and share further updates. She also thanked Dr. DeHay for all his work with the Legislative Committee.

*Legislative Update-* Dr. DeHay turned the floor over to AJ Newton to give the Legislative update. Mr. Newton informed the Council that the BEA met last month and reported that FY 23-24 revenues were \$355M above the forecast, growing at 4.7% compared to the 2% estimate. After final accounting adjustments, FY 24 finishes with a budgetary excess balance of \$331.6 M, which will be transferred to the Contingency Reserve Fund. Mr. Newton also informed the Council that the Agency Head Salary Commission met last month, and all higher education requests were sent to a subcommittee. The subcommittee should meet in the coming weeks. Members of the subcommittee are Senator Kent Williams, Representative David Weeks, and former Senator Greg Ryberg. Mr. Newton also discussed the FY 24-25 budget request presentation will be submitted to the Executive Office in the next few weeks. He also provided an update on Proviso 117.187. This requires a justification form to be completed when requesting an increase in base funding. It is a detailed explanation of why we need additional funding, a thorough analysis of cost-saving measures taken since FY19, a list of programs reduced or eliminated since FY19, and provides each college's unobligated fund balance. He also noted that Ad Hoc Committees have begun meeting at the state house. The Senate is meeting on SC Energy Future and the Joint Committee on Insurance.

He also provided the council with an update on the upcoming meetings:

- September 19- BEA Meeting
- October 8- JBRC
- October 14- BEA quarterly Review and Regional Advisory Meeting
- Mid-October- Governor Budget Hearing

Mr. Newton noted that he would schedule a meeting with various College lobbyist virtually starting in November and would continue to meet throughout the session.

B. Chief Academic Officers- Walt Tobin, Chair

Dr. Tobin updated the Council on the Chief Academic Officers (CAO) Peer Group. The CAOs are having their retreat in Greenville next week. He noted that he has charged the chair of the peer group to pick a topic or concept and develop a set of best practices that can be

shared among the 16 colleges. He encouraged the peer group to harness the power of the System and help identify ways in which the System can get better.

Dr. Rivers asked that all Committee Liaisons do the same with their respective peer groups.

#### Procedure for Approval

##### *SBTCE Procedure 3-1-301.1: Instructional Program Evaluation Timetable and Procedure*

Dr. Rosline Sumpter presented the SBTCE procedure 3-1-301.1 Instructional Program Evaluation Timetable and Procedure. She reviewed the key points of the revision as listed in the agenda package. Dr. Fore made a motion to approve the procedure as presented. Dr. Ford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### C. Chief Business Officers- Kyle Wagner, Chair

##### Public Information Officers Update- Kelly Steinhilper

Ms. Steinhilper updated the council regarding the Public Information Officers group. The PIOs discussed how to better promote the work of the Technical College System. They explored strategies like writing op-eds and enhancing positive messaging through local media. Instead of having council members write the op-eds, they suggested collaborating with community partners to highlight their colleges. A committee led by Russell Martin from Piedmont Tech was formed, which included members from MTC, HGTC, and TCL. Ms. Steinhilper will continue to update the council on the actions of the group moving forward.

#### Policy/Procedure for Approval

##### *SCTCE Policy 7-0-100: Annual General Appropriation Act*

##### *SCTCE Policy 7-1-201.2: State Funds Allocation Formula for Program Operations*

Mr. Randy Johnson presented that the Chief Business Officers (CBO) peer group has reviewed the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education (SBTCE) finance policies and procedures to determine whether revisions are needed. As a result, the peer group has approved the suggested revisions below, which are now being presented for Presidents' Council consideration and approval.

#### **Policy 7-0-100**

- On page 2 of 2, item (8) was revised to reflect the appropriate name of the responsible organization. Specifically, it was changed from the Budget and Control Board to the Department of Administration's Division of State Human Resources.
- On page 2 of 2, item (9) was revised to reflect the appropriate name of the responsible organization. Specifically, it was changed from Budget and Control Board to State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

#### **Procedure 7-1-201.2**

- On page 4 of 9, regarding the average rate used for determining instruction costs, the language was revised to reflect the current practice of obtaining the latest information available from the Southern Regional Educational Board (SREB) and adjusting by HEPI. This change was necessary because up-to-date information from the SREB has been unavailable in recent years.

The committee recommended the approval of the policies as presented. Dr. Mikota seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

- D. Chief Continuing Education Officers- Forest Mahan, Chair  
*Continuing Education Reporting System Discussion Next Steps*
- Dr. Mahan announced that the next group discussion would focus on Continuing Education (CE) as a follow-up to the Retreat regarding reporting. Mark D'Amico will present to the CCO Peer Group on September 25. They requested that each council member provide a survey of potential participants from their campuses, beyond just CE officers, to include individuals from IT, institutional effectiveness, and business offices.
- The aim is to form a committee that represents large, medium, and small colleges to study the feasibility of a common reporting system. A survey will be sent out to collect the names of participants, with a limit of four from each college. The survey needs to be completed by next Thursday. The meeting on the 25th will be held virtually at 10 AM. Brad confirmed these details, emphasizing the importance of diverse representation on the committee.

### **PERFORMANCE FUNDING-**

Mr. Randy Johnson reviewed the administrative and fiduciary accountability performance measures with the Council.

To receive funding, the College must meet criterion number one, as well as at least four of the other five criteria (two through six)

1. Audited financial statements for the most recent fiscal year were issued with an unqualified audit opinion and were submitted to the Comptroller General's Office (CGO) by October 1<sup>st</sup> in accordance with Proviso 117.55 of the Appropriations Act. This October 1<sup>st</sup> submission is to include all templates required by the CGO.
2. The College complied with all Transparency Reporting in accordance with State requirements (measured by ensuring check registers and p-card transactions are posted timely as required by the Comptroller General's Office and State Law).
3. As of fiscal year-end, the College maintained the minimum 30-day operating expenditure requirement in accordance with SBTCE Policy 7-2-102.
4. Perkins Local Application Deadline- The College must submit its application on or before the deadline.
5. Program Evaluation Deadline- For the most recent period, the College locked its data on or before the deadline and submitted general technology and probation reports on or before the deadline. (Note: This process generates the graduate placement rate, which is a performance funding indicator.)
6. The College must submit timely, accurate, and complete data warehouse information (i.e., CERS/EDSS)
  - a. Timeliness will be measured in accordance with due dates established in Procedure 3-3-101.1. Reports will only be considered timely if they are at Level 3 signoff status by the applicable due date for the reporting period.

- b. Disbursement submissions for reimbursable aid programs (e.g., LTAP) will be considered inaccurate/incomplete if adjustments reported in the subsequent semester total 20% or greater than the total amount initially reported.

If a college does not meet one of the criteria (#2 through #6), they will still receive funding for that year, as they will have met four out of five requirements.

Dr. Pollock moved to approve the administrative and fiduciary accountability performance criterion as presented. Dr. Mahan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Dr. Sumpter presented the Performance Indicators Overview. The benchmarks for the performance funding indicators will be reviewed every two years or at the call of the Presidents' Council. Dr. Pollock moved to approve the benchmarks for the performance funding indicators be reviewed every two years or at the call of the Presidents' Council. Dr. Tobin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Dr. Sumpter presented the four benchmarks; she noted that each benchmark is a threshold benchmark and that each benchmark included a secondary improvement benchmark. Dr. Tobin made a motion to approve the performance indicators, including a threshold benchmark and an improvement benchmark. Dr. Mahan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Dr. Sumpter presented the four performance indicators: Licensure Exam Pass Rate, Graduate Placement Rate, Fall-to-Spring Persistence Rate, and Student Success Rate.

*Licensure Exam Pass Rate:* Dr. Sumpter reviewed the current performance indicators (2014) and the proposed changes. The proposed benchmark is 80% or a 2.0 percentage point increase from the previous year. Dr. Fore made a motion to approve the licensure exam pass rate indicator definition and benchmark as presented. Dr. Ford seconded the motion. The motion passed. Drs. Lee, Wagner, Little, and Rivers opposed, and Dr. Moore abstained.

*Graduate Placement Rate:* Dr. Sumpter reviewed the current performance indicators (2014) and the proposed changes. The proposed benchmark changes 90% or 1.0 percentage point increase from the previous year. Dr. Fore made a motion to approve the Graduate Placement Rate indicator and benchmark but move the benchmark to 85% instead of 90%. Dr. DeHay seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Drs. Ford and Wagner opposed.

*Fall-to-Spring Persistence Rate:* Dr. Sumpter reviewed the current performance indicators (2014) and the proposed changes. The proposed changes were to the numerator definition: Students from the denominator who graduate in the Fall or are still enrolled at the end of the Spring term. The denominator definition: All credential-seeking students enrolled at the end of the Fall term (first-time freshman, first-time transfers, continuing, and readmit). The benchmark is 71% or 1.0 percentage point increase from the previous year. After a lengthy discussion with the Council, Dr. Lee made a motion to approve the Fall-to-Spring persistence rate indicator definition and benchmark as presented but include the dual enrollment credential seeking to the denominator. Dr. Little seconded the motion. The motion was not approved. Dr.

DeHay moved to approve the fall-to-spring persistence rate indicator definition and benchmark as presented. Dr. Tobin seconded the motion. The motion passed, Drs. Lee and Little opposed. *Student Success Rate*: Dr. Sumpter reviewed the current performance indicators (2014) and the proposed changes. The proposed changes were to the numerator Students from the denominator who graduated, transferred, or are still enrolled at the end of four years. The changes to the denominator were the fall cohort of first-time (full and part-time) credential-seeking students (first-time freshmen and first-time transfer). The benchmark changes were 55% CHE Success rate or a 0.5 percentage point increase from the previous year. Dr. Moore made a motion that all colleges receive funding for the student success rate indicator for the 2025-26 fiscal year and the remainder of the 2024-25 fiscal year be used to review or develop a new indicator. Dr. Tobin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Johnson confirmed to the Council that the CBO peer group reviewed and voted on the proposed allocation model in a 14 to 2 vote. Dr. Rivers called for a motion to approve the Performance Funding Allocation model. Dr. Mikota moved, and Dr. DeHay seconded the motion. The motion passed, Drs. Moore, Gough, Lee, Todd, Wagner, Tobin, and Little opposed.

#### **SC ASSOCIATION OF TECHNICAL COLLEGE COMMISSIONERS** –Ashley Jaillette

Ms. Ashley Jaillette provided a brief update. The SCATCC board met on September 4, 2024. The board has received presentations from individual colleges, starting with Denmark Tech and York Technical College, who discussed their new food pantry. Future presentations are scheduled for Williamsburg and Central Carolina. The board also reviewed the audit process, noting that their auditing firm had ended their relationship due to cost issues. They are considering moving to an "agreed-upon procedures" review instead of an annual audit. Ms. Jaillette also announced that a meet and greet is scheduled for October 24 in Seattle, with over 40 participants from South Carolina already confirmed. Plans are underway for a "day of learning" in early November. She also announced that she would travel to Orangeburg for board training and offered to assist other colleges with specific training needs. Mr. Billy Routh provided an update to the council. He discussed the upcoming election on November 5, where all members of the General Assembly are on the ballot. He noted that many will not face opposition, and there will be several new members in the next session. He also encouraged checking sample ballots ahead of the election to be informed about various candidates and issues on the ballot, including local measures and candidates for President.

#### **CHAIRPERSONS' REPORT**- Hope Rivers, Chair

Chairperson Rivers provided updates on recent and upcoming meetings. She reminded the Council that on October 16, 2024, the Council of Presidents will meet in Columbia. Later that evening, the President's Council will have dinner at the Blue Marlin; on October 17<sup>th</sup>, the Presidents' Council meeting will be held at Florence-Darlington Technical College, and after the meeting, the College Presidents will join the South Carolina Hospital Association to meet with Hospital Executives from around the State. Dr. Rivers also provided the council with an overview of the Washington Night event that was hosted by the State Chamber of Commerce.

**SYSTEM PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Tim Hardee, System President

Dr. Hardee provided an update to the Council on recent and upcoming events.

*October 17 Meeting:* Dr. Hardee emphasized the importance of attending the joint meeting with the South Carolina Hospital Association to discuss partnerships that benefit both technical colleges and hospitals.

*Nursing Program Insights:* Shared draft data from the Department of Employment and Workforce showing that 87.2% of nursing graduates from South Carolina's technical colleges are employed one year after graduation, with two-thirds still employed after 15 years. He also noted that these outcomes are better than those from four-year nursing programs.

Dr. Hardee also highlighted successful programs from different colleges, such as a partnership with Duke Energy to provide boots for lineman students and high success rates in CDL licensing and machine technology programs. He also acknowledged Dr. DeHay and Dr. Rivers participation in the Greenville Ten at the Top event. He also encouraged that colleges share best practices and learn from each other.

**OTHER BUSINESS-**

No other matters were discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT** –

There being no other matters for consideration or discussion, Chairperson Rivers called for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Mikota moved, and Dr. Mahan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

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Hope Rivers, Chair

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