



## Greenville Technical College Board

### MINUTES

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Center for Manufacturing Innovation, Multipurpose Room

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#### Members Present

Paul Batson  
Jo Hackl  
Hunter Howard  
Dean Jones (virtual)  
Ray Lattimore, Chair  
Ray Martin  
Dr. Burke Royster  
Coleman Shouse  
Keith Smith  
Kenneth Southerlin  
Dave Stafford

#### Members Absent

Tom Britt

#### Staff Present

Jacqui DiMaggio  
Julie Eddy  
Susan Jones  
Dr. Matteel Knowles  
Becky Mann  
Dr. Keith Miller, President  
Dr. Larry Miller  
Lauren Simer  
Wendy Walden  
Judy Wilson  
Ann Wright

#### Guests

Jim Lovinggood, Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative  
David Sudduth, GT Foundation Board Chair  
Donna Southerlin  
Kenneth Southerlin, Jr.  
Krystal White

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Chair Lattimore called the meeting to order at 12:21 p.m. and welcomed board members, staff, and visitors. Chair Lattimore announced that the press had been notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. Chair Lattimore acknowledged that the agenda was posted on the GTC website, and a quorum of board members was present.

Chair Lattimore welcomed Mr. David Sudduth, the new GT Foundation Board Chair.

President Miller introduced a special guest, Mr. Jim Lovinggood, CEO of Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative. Mr. Lovinggood presented a check in the amount of \$50,000 for the naming of a computer classroom at the new Prisma Health Center for Health & Life Sciences building in honor of Mr. Southerlin for his 16 years of service on the Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative board. Mr. Southerlin received a standing ovation.

## **Approval of the Minutes**

Ms. Hackl made a motion to approve the February 15, 2023, minutes. Mr. Howard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **Finance Report**

Mr. Southerlin asked Ms. DiMaggio to provide the financial update. The report is available on BoardEffect.

## **Audit Committee**

Mr. Howard indicated that the audit committee met and made the decision to change external auditors. The State Auditor's Office allowed the college to talk with Mauldin & Jenkins. They are an experienced firm with higher education expertise and represent seven of the sixteen technical colleges in the State System from regional offices in Atlanta and Columbia. The committee agreed to engage the services of Mauldin & Jenkins for this fiscal year and review before committing further.

## **President's Report**

At the request of Mr. Martin, President Miller asked Dr. Knowles and Ms. Simer to provide brief comments on the Marketing, Recruiting, and Enrollment Committee April 2023 report. The update is available on BoardEffect.

## **SCATCC Update**

Mr. Shouse indicated that the board met on March 1, 2023, and elected new officers for two-year terms commencing July 1, 2023. Ms. Keyatta Priester of Aiken Technical College was elected the new board chair.

## **CHE Update**

Mr. Batson reported that the state passed a mandate for CHE to find a way to make the transfer of community and technical college students to four-year institutions statewide and seamless.

## **Old and New Business**

At the request of Chair Lattimore, President Miller provided the below updates.

- The Buck Mickel building is now vacant, and a purchase contract has been signed. The prospective owner is completing phase two (due diligence) this month. The Buck Mickel name will be relocated to another location.
- Renovations to the Administration Building are moving forward. There are some delays with state approvals.
- Steel is going up on the Prisma Health Center for Health & Life Sciences building. The project is running on schedule.
- Construction on the northside parking lot on Pleasantburg Drive is progressing, although delays are due to the volume of rock in the area.
- With the help of Dr. Royster and Greenville County Schools, the Child Development Center will relocate to Greenville Child Development Center this summer to allow for renovations. The project is expected to take six to eight months.
- Spring Commencement is Friday, May 5, at the Greenville Convention Center with two ceremonies. President Miller thanked board members for their RSVP and to those who volunteered to provide the Invocation and Benediction for each ceremony. Over 350 students have applied to participate in Commencement.

Chair Lattimore congratulated Ms. Hackl, Mr. Batson, and Mr. Smith on their reappointments to the Area Commission board.

There being no old or new business, Chair Lattimore adjourned the meeting at 12:56 p.m.