



Greenville Technical College Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Barton Campus, Student Success Center, Community Room

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Ray Martin

Staff Present

Eric Bedingfield
Kelvin Byrd
Jacqui DiMaggio
Julie Eddy
Artie Hammond
Susan Jones
Dr. Matteel Knowles
Lisa Mangione
Becky Mann
Dr. Keith Miller, President
Dr. Larry Miller
Lauren Simer
Wendy Walden
Ann Wright

Guests

Grant Burns, SC Tech Board (Zoom)
Ben Kochenower, Cline Brandt Kochenower & Co
Keith Munson, Board Attorney

Chair Lattimore called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m. and welcomed board members, staff, and guests. 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.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Howard made a motion to approve the August 17, 2022, minutes as amended. Mr. Batson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Finance Report

Ms. DiMaggio provided the August financial report.

Total revenues for August are approximately 2% above the year-to-date budget and approximately 20% above the prior year actual.

Student revenues are approximately 3.9% above the year-to-date budget and 13% above the prior year actual. There has been substantial growth in student revenue. Fall FTE is currently 10.8%; Summer enrollment for the trailing half was approximately 2.8%.

County revenues are below the budget and the prior year actual.

State appropriations are above the prior year actual and on target for the budget. The college budgets are according to State Tech appropriations.

Auxiliary services revenue is above the budget by approximately 5% and approximately 1% of the prior year actual. There were more late start classes in July, reflecting some Fall book sales. Increases have increased in the café revenue.

Other revenues are above the prior year actual and below the budget. The budget includes the revenue for leasing the former admissions and registration center to Greenville County, which will start in February.

Total expenses are approximately 4% above the budget and 3% above the prior year actual.

Instructional expenses are close to the budget and the prior year actual. Salary increases did not impact instructors until mid-August for two weeks.

Academic support is above the budget and the prior year actual. There was a significant increase in library sciences expenses for prepayment of online services, and several deans departments reached full staffing levels.

Student Support is below the budget and above the prior year actual. Increases were budgeted for recruiting and early college placement testing. These expenses should get closer to the budget in the coming months.

Operations and maintenance of plant are below the budget and the prior year actual. A few retirements have recently been filled near the end of the fiscal year.

Administrative and general expenses are below the budget and the prior year actual. There was a payment last year for Cornerstone in July 2021 and a decrease in compensated absences for employees that retired in July.

Technology expenses are significantly above the prior year actual and on target with the budget. The budget is higher because of the implementation of the new ERP system.

Remissions and exemptions are significantly higher than the budget and the prior year actual. The college is above the prior year because high school registrations are ahead of the previous year. Some of these expenses will be moved to lottery technology funds or the new grant for dual enrollment.

Auxiliary services expenses are below the budget and the prior year actual because of the impact of inclusive access.

Capital expenditures are below the budget and the prior year actual because college funding is being used only for items that cannot be paid with existing grants.

Audit Committee

Mr. Howard reported the committee met with the auditor, Mr. Kochenower, before the board meeting. Mr. Kochenower stated the auditor is issuing an unmodified opinion on the college's financial statements, an unmodified opinion on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards that exceeded \$48 million this year (up approximately \$18 million from the prior year), issuing an unmodified opinion

on compliance with the federal requirements for the federal money, and noted nothing rose to the level of significance with no findings. Mr. Kochenower and Mr. Howard acknowledged Ms. DiMaggio and her team received the Government Finance Officers Association certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting for the last 14 years. Mr. Howard, on behalf of the committee, recommended the adoption of the financial statements as distributed. The motion passed.

President's Report

Ms. Wright provided an update on the capital campaign. She thanked the Area Commission for achieving the 100% giving level with a total of \$170,757, comprised of scholarship funds, African American Male Scholars funds, student emergency needs, a naming opportunity, and the capital campaign designation. The campaign overall is at \$5,027,232 of the \$13 million goal.

President Miller presented the video clip at the Convocation of Lenore Pearlstein, congratulating the college on receiving the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) award. GTC is a six-time recipient of the annual HEED award—a national honor recognizing U.S. colleges and universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion—GTC is one of 103 institutions, one of only six community colleges, the only two-year college in South Carolina, and the only technical college in the country to be recognized. President Miller recognized Ms. Walden for her leadership in leading this institutional effort. A request was made for Ms. Walden to share the press release with the board when it becomes available so the achievement can be shared with their social network systems.

President Miller made the board aware that the college is comfortable recommending the continuance of zero tuition for Spring 2023. With recruiting activities starting in early October for Spring 2023, President Miller asked if the board could meet and take action in person or via Zoom on October 5, 2022, before the Center for Health and Life Sciences groundbreaking ceremony. There would be an agenda, and it would be posted on the college website.

Chair Lattimore congratulated President Miller and his team under the leadership of Ms. Walden on an excellent convocation. Chair Lattimore strongly encouraged all board members to attend to hear President Miller's state of the college address.

SCATCC Update

Mr. Shouse provided the SCATCC update. The board met in September and presented the State System legislative priorities for 2023/2024. The State System is asking for approximately \$23 million for recurring funding, Lottery Tuition Assistance is \$51 million, SC WINS scholarships and grants funding is \$95 million, equipment for high-demand job skills is \$20 million, and ReadySC project funding is \$2 million. SCATCC is reaching out to thank all legislators for last year and to remind them of the request for this year. Mr. Shouse encouraged board members to reach out to local legislators to support the request. SCATT is increasing its advocacy work with the legislators and hopes to increase support for the college and State Tech.

CHE Update

Mr. Batson provided the CHE update. The board met early September and approved seven capital projects and several academic programs.

State Tech Update

Mr. Burns provided the State Tech update. The State Tech board had a special meeting in early September to get the priorities passed through the board and ready to go to the legislature. The State

Tech board will meet the week of September 26, 2022. Mr. Burns chairs the Economic Development and Workforce Committee, and the ReadySC requests remain active. There are some big enterprise retraining projects to review and approve this fall.

New Business

President Miller introduced a new item to consider adding to the meeting agenda related to the naming of a college building. Attorney Munson advised the commission that the South Carolina public meeting laws require a finding of necessity and a vote of two-thirds of the commissioners attending and voting to allow the item to be added to the agenda and action taken thereon. President Miller reported that the exigent circumstance arose because the opportunity was very recently finalized and is set for an external public announcement at the groundbreaking ceremony before the commission's next scheduled meeting. After discussion, Ms. Hackl made a motion that the item be added to the agenda with the finding of the existing exigency. Dr. Royster seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the need, and the matter should be added to the agenda.

Mr. Shouse made a motion to accept the \$1.5 million naming opportunity of Prisma Health. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried.

President Miller asked Dr. Knowles to explain the sticker at each place setting. Dr. Knowles explained that the idea came from Ms. Hackl at one of the Marketing, Recruiting, and Enrollment meetings when she was visiting colleges with her son. There was a similar practice of indicating that the student had successfully completed the application process with a full commitment. The 100% Committed sticker has been implemented for college open house events to create positive conversations.

There being no other business, Chair Lattimore adjourned into the Enterprise Campus Authority Board meeting at 12:51 p.m.