



Education and Training Review Committee Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2026 @ 3:30 p.m.
Zoom

Members Present

Meghan Barp
Ray Martin
Dr. Burke Royster, Chair

Members Absent

Ray Lattimore
Keith Smith

Staff Present

Chuck Baker
Dr. Candic Lewis
Dr. Larry Miller, President

Call to Order and Welcome

Dr. Burke Royster called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m. and welcomed members of the board and staff. Dr. Royster announced that, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the press had been notified of the meeting, but no press members were in attendance. Dr. Royster acknowledged that the agenda had been posted on the GTC website and that a quorum of committee was present.

Approval of November 19, 2025, Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2025, was made by Mr. Ray Martin and seconded by Ms. Meghan Barp, carried unanimously.

Proposed New Degree and Certificate Programs – Proposed to Begin Fall 2026

- **New Embedded Certificate, Construction Surveying and Estimating:** Dr. Candice Lewis presented a proposed new embedded certificate for committee approval: Construction Surveying and Estimating, CAS.CET6. The certificate is embedded within the Construction Engineering Technology associate degree. Two-semester program providing hands-on skills in construction surveying and estimating. Starting salaries around \$20/hour with potential to reach \$78,000-\$80,000 within 5 years

A motion to approve the certificate as presented was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Ms. Barp. The motion passed unanimously.

- **New Degree Concentration, Computer Technology-AI for Data Systems:** Dr. Candice Lewis presented a proposed new degree concentration for committee approval: Computer Technology-AI for Data Systems, AAS.CPT.ADS. There are two embedded certificates: AI for Data Systems and AI Foundations. The certificates are stackable.

A motion to approve the degree concentration as presented was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Ms. Barp. The motion passed unanimously.

- **New Embedded Certificate, CPT-AI for Data Systems:** Dr. Candice Lewis presented a proposed new embedded certificate for committee approval: CPT-AI for Data Systems, CAS.ADSY7. The certificate is embedded in the Computer Technology-AI for Data Systems associate degree. Teaches the basics of AI tools applied to data systems to improve use and efficiency. A needs assessment was completed, along with hosting of local industry leaders, as part of developing a curriculum (DACUM). The DACUM resulted in an embedded certificate designed to meet employers' AI skills needs in the workplace. This includes programming and system knowledge to apply AI tools to existing systems. The starting salaries for individuals with this training are good.

A motion to approve the certificate as presented was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Ms. Barp. The motion passed unanimously.

- **New Embedded Certificate, AI Foundations:** Dr. Candice Lewis presented a proposed new embedded certificate for committee approval: AI Foundations, CAS.AIF6. The certificate is embedded in the Computer Technology-AI for Data Systems associate degree. The certificate is meant for a general overview of AI tools. Designed for students considering AI or those needing retooling at the employer's request. Also, it can be completed by students outside the CPT program. Employers need employees to be comfortable using AI in the workplace.

A motion to approve the certificate as presented was made by Mr. Martin and seconded by Ms. Barp. The motion passed unanimously.

- **New Degree Concentration, Computer Technology-AI for Cybersecurity Systems:** Dr. Candice Lewis presented a proposed new degree concentration for committee approval: Computer Technology-AI for Cybersecurity Systems, AAS.CPT.ACY. The embedded certificate is AI for Cybersecurity Systems.

A motion to approve the degree concentration as presented was made by Ms. Barp and seconded by Mr. Martin. The motion passed unanimously.

- **New Embedded Certificate, AI for Cybersecurity Systems:** Dr. Candice Lewis presented a proposed new embedded certificate for committee approval: AI for Cybersecurity Systems, CAS.ACYB7. The certificate is embedded in the Computer Technology-AI for Cybersecurity Systems associate degree. AI tools enhance efficiency in monitoring security without replacing human oversight. Cybersecurity concentration already exists; a new embedded certificate adds an AI cybersecurity component. In an additional concentration area. President Miller stated that the governor's report identified South Carolina as 22 percentage points short in the cyber workforce compared to other states, and our labor shed has 4,500 projected openings over the next decade. The Cybersecurity program is one of the top 5 or 6 largest-enrolled programs at Greenville Technical College. This sets Greenville Technical College up for the upcoming Center for Applied AI and Cyber Resiliency building.

A motion to approve the certificate as presented was made by Ms. Barp and seconded by Mr. Martin. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Royster will have Mr. Martin deliver the report on his behalf at the Area Commission meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

Old and New Business

There being no new business to discuss, Dr. Royster adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.