



**Greenville Technical College Area Commission
MINUTES**

Wednesday, August 19, 2026
Barton Campus, Student Success Center 102, Community Room
506 S Pleasantburg Drive
Greenville, SC, 29607

Members Present

Ray Lattimore, Chair
Meghan Barp
Paul Batson
Tom Britt
Jo Hackl
Hunter Howard
Dean Jones (via Zoom)
Dr. Burke Royster
Coleman Shouse
David Stafford
Keith Smith

Members Absent

Ray Martin

Staff Present

George Abraham
Chuck Baker
Eric Bedingfield
Gina Blohm (Foundation)
Kelvin Byrd
Julie Eddy
Kerwin Graham
Artie Hammond
Dr. Candice Lewis
Becky Mann
President Larry Miller
Steve Miller

Guests: Chad Cousins, Keith Munson

Executive Assistants: Dakota Bailey, Kristi Blehar, Jennifer Little, Suzanne Nugent, Mary Ann Perez, Kelly Radecki, Kendrick Young

Remote Guests: Will Hunt, Sandi Smith

Call to Order

Chair Ray Lattimore called the meeting to order at 12:14 p.m. and welcomed board members, staff, attendees joining via Zoom, and guests. He confirmed that the press had been notified in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and that the meeting agenda had been publicly posted on the Greenville Technical College (GTC) website. A quorum of board members was present.

Approval of June 17, 2026, Minutes

Ms. Jo Hackl noted that technical corrections had been made to the minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Hackl and seconded by Ms. Meghan Barp. The motion carried unanimously.

2027 Area Commission Calendar Approval

The Commission approved the 2027 meeting calendar, which includes meetings at various GTC campuses. Executive assistants will distribute calendar invitations and provide location reminders. Upon a motion by Mr. David Stafford, seconded by Mr. Keith Smith, the calendar was approved unanimously.

Committee Name Changes and Assignments Update

President Larry Miller presented committee name and structure changes, including cabinet liaisons, executive assistant assignments, and the closure of the Bylaws Committee, with its responsibilities transferred to the Executive Committee. A recommendation was made to

establish a People and Culture Committee, with President Miller suggesting Commissioner Stafford serve as chair and Meghan Barp and Dean Jones serve as members.

President's Report

President Miller highlighted enrollment growth, dual enrollment leadership, veteran services recognition, strong graduate outcomes, and progress on the Center for Welding and Automation Excellence. He also reported that Convocation was well attended and successfully held in a cost-effective hybrid format, five weeks earlier than last year and prior to the start of classes.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Steve Miller presented the financial report, highlighting the college's strong financial position and favorable year-to-date results. He also reviewed key budget trends and financial outlooks.

Mr. Miller noted that the Anthology project was closed and written off, while the college remains financially strong and is proceeding with a cloud-based solution.

Audit Committee Report

Mr. Artie Hammond reported that the Audit Committee approved the Quality Assurance and Improvement Program (QAIP) and reviewed Internal Audit results, which identified operational observations but no material financial aid compliance findings.

Mr. George Abraham provided updates on cybersecurity, technology infrastructure, business continuity planning, the IT roadmap, and progress toward a cloud-based ERP solution. He also reported that GTC volunteered to participate in the first cohort of a Department of Information Security assessment offered by the System Office, which evaluated five selected systems.

Building and Grounds Committee Report

Ms. Julie Eddy provided an update on the Campus Master Plan, including ongoing stakeholder engagement and development of a draft plan expected in early 2027. She also reviewed priorities in the Capital Project Improvement Plan, including facility improvements, infrastructure needs, and future workforce development projects.

Greenville Tech Foundation Report

Ms. Gina Blohm reported strong fundraising progress, highlighted several significant gifts and new endowed scholarships, and noted that more than 600 students have received over \$785,000 in scholarship support.

South Carolina Association of Technical College Commissioners (SCATCC) Update

Mr. Coleman Shouse reported that the SCATCC is adapting to recent system changes and will continue its work this fall, including support for the upcoming ACCT Conference in Chicago.

Commission for Higher Education (CHE) Update

Mr. Paul Batson reported that CHE is reviewing scholarship funding formulas to better align with student demand, expanding academic program reviews across the state, and reexamining the distribution of need-based grant funding.

Adjournment

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Lattimore adjourned the meeting at 1:38 p.m.