

Athens Technical College
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Athens, Georgia
April 15, 2019
9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Barbara Cabaniss
Mr. Terry Chandler
Mrs. Rebecca Dally
Mr. Scott Hardigree
Mr. Steve Hollis
Mayor Fred Perriman
Dr. Mixon Robinson
Judge Lawton Stephens
Dr. Reginald Woods

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Robert Motley
Mr. Jimmy Parker

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chair Barbara Cabaniss called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. welcoming everyone to the April board meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

James Price, Vice President of Career Academies, introduced Skills USA students who won medals at the recent competition in Atlanta. There were twenty-four students who participated. They received eleven medals including a gold medal.

Al McCall, Vice President of Economic Development, presented a PowerPoint presentation on Economic Development. He invited some of his team to join him for the presentation. Joining him was Drew Palmer, Executive Director of Economic Development; Kelsie Walker, Director of Manufacturing Development; and John Usry, Director of Business Industry & Leadership Development.

Economic Development is responsible for training existing workforce, supporting manufacturers, industries and companies, and assisting the state in landing industry prospects in our eleven county service area. Economic Development basically serves as a small business within the college.

Through Economic Development we provide the Georgia Driver's Education Program for students to learn how to drive. We also provide the Georgia Employee Registration Exam which is a pest control exam for people who want to get certified in pest control. We're the only entity that does GDOT escort driver re-certification in the State of Georgia. This re-certification is for pilot cars that lead large items being transported, such as mobile homes.

Some other programs taught by Economic Development is ManufactuREADY, which is a six-week program to train people who are unemployed in order to help them find jobs. They are able to obtain five certifications under this program, which include OSHA 10, Forklift, CPR/First Aid/AED, Lean Six Sigma, and Georgia Best. The forestry forum is a program to train forestry employees. It will occur on November 13th and 14th in White Plains, Georgia. The Simulated Work Environment (SWE) is a program to help train people on how to work as a team on an assembly line.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Cabaniss called for approval of the March minutes. Steve Hollis made a motion to approve the minutes and Scott Hardigree seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The minutes were approved.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Thomas presented the Financial Report as of March 31, 2019.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Dr. Keli Fewox presented an update on Academic Affairs. Dental Hygiene students just obtained a 100% pass rate on their boards.

Dr. Fewox went over the Rick Perkins budget and information. Perkins monies are federal funds that is used for certain employee positions and purchase of equipment at the college. The Perkins plan is written every year by the college and is brought before the board for review. The new Perkins V contains a needs assessment to see what businesses and communities in our area need. It will take approximately nine months to complete.

This year we were given \$961,741 in Perkins funds. The funds will be used for three programs at the college including Precision Machining, Criminal Justice, and Commercial Truck Driving.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Jennifer Benson gave the board an update on Student Affairs. Graduation will be April 30th at 10:00 am at the Classic Center. Commissioner Arthur will be our guest speaker. There will be reserved seating available for board members.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Al McCall gave the board an update on Economic Development. Manufacturer of the Year Awards will be on Thursday in Atlanta. There are three categories that businesses can compete in, small, medium, and large categories. We have nominated several companies.

ManufactuREADY is currently being taught in Athens. Greene County class graduated last Friday.

They are partnering with Adult Education to offer Welding to inmates at Whitworth Women's Facility. They also want to offer the program in Wilkes County.

He was happy to announce at a recent Elbert County Chamber of Commerce meeting that the Chamber is going to be offering a scholarship to a student who attends a technical college.

ADULT EDUCATION

Stephanie Benson provided an update on Adult Education. Their out of school youth grant was accepted.

Graduation is April 30th at 2:00 pm. Mark Pulliam, who is a graduate of the Criminal Justice Program, will be the guest speaker. There will be eight \$1,000 scholarships given out at graduation.

CAREER ACADEMIES

James Price gave board members an update on Career Academies. Athens Community Career Academy will host the Academy Awards on May 7th at 5:30 pm.

The Olli Group was back on campus on March 29th. There were sixteen participants from the University of Georgia. While on campus the group took a tour.

He has some apprenticeships that are being finalized.

College Update

Antoine Boynton gave the board members an update on the Athens Tech Foundation. Taste of Athens was held yesterday at the Terrapin Brewery. They raised approximately \$30,000.

Scholarship reviews are taking place right now. He thanked the reviewers for their time in doing this. There will be thirty scholarships awarded to students.

Donor Breakfast will be June 27th at 9:00 am in the atrium of Building F.

OWL Awards will be September 12th at the Classic Center.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Daniel presented the President's Report. Taste of Athens event was very good. The Athens Tech Foundation has seen great progress over the past year. She thanked Antoine Boynton and Mary Rountree for all of their hard work.

Dr. Daniel passed out Less Rants and More Raves of Elberton, Georgia, in which two students were discussing Athens Technical College.

She and the vice presidents will be leaving today to attend the Leadership Summit/GOAL/Rick Perkins event in Atlanta. Governor Kemp will be speaking at the event. He will also be speaking at the Manufacturing Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday.

She reminded board members, who have not done so, to please fill out the President's Evaluation.

Dr. Daniel passed out a board evaluation for board members to fill out. This evaluation is required by SACSCOC.

Dr. Daniel also asked board members to look over the ethical acknowledgment and policy and to please sign the acknowledgment.

Graduation will be on April 30th. She invited board members to attend both ceremonies. There will be reserved seating for the board members.

We have two board members who are retiring off the board, Dr. Mixon Robinson and Scott Hardigree. Chair Cabaniss will be discussing with the board at the end of the meeting about electing them emeritus members.

Dr. Daniel presented Dr. Mixon Robinson and Scott Hardigree with gifts and resolutions to be made part of the board minutes. Dr. Robinson and Mr. Hardigree spoke to the board.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Chair Cabaniss asked board members if they had anything to report. Board members did not have anything to report. Chair Cabaniss asked Rebecca Dally and Dr. Reginald Woods to serve on the committee to discuss electing Dr. Mixon Robinson and Scott Hardigree emeritus board members.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Chair Cabaniss adjourned the meeting with appropriate motion and second at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Andrea Daniel, President
Rebecca Allen
Executive Assistant
April 15, 2019

Next scheduled Board Meeting: August 20, 2019

** Denotes action items that require a vote for approval by the local board.*