

Athens Technical College
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Elberton, Georgia
April 28, 2015
10:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Barbara Cabaniss
Mr. Terry Chandler
Mr. Ed Geddings
Mr. Scott Hardigree
Dr. Mixon Robinson
Mr. Lawton Stephens

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Rusty Adams
Ms. Rebecca Dally
Mr. Todd Henry
Mr. Steve Hollis
Mr. Robert Motley
Mr. Jimmy Parker

GUESTS

Mr. Andreas Lehnhofer, General Manager & CEO, Haering Precision USA LP
Mr. Chris Kubos, Executive Vice President, Elberton Granite Association
Ms. Beth Eavenson, Executive Director, Development Authority of Elbert County, Elberton & Bowman

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Dr. Mixon Robinson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. welcoming everyone to the April board meeting at the new Economic Development Training Center on the Elbert County Campus.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Andrea Daniel presented a PowerPoint presentation about the Economic Development Training Center. Economic Development focuses on continuous improvement which aligns people, values and purpose. It includes workforce development, economic development, research, planning, services and communication, and resource development.

Contract training has increased in the past few years. In 2012, 296 people were trained and so far in 2015, 1,597 people have been trained. Contract training hours has also increased from 4,005 in 2012 to 18,987 so far in 2015. Training takes place in a variety of sectors including manufacturing and industrial, agriculture, government, business, and medial.

Economic Development Services also provides computer training and continuing education training. Seventy-one computer classes have been provided to twenty companies for a total of 427 trained. In 2015 there have been 400 people trained with 2,173 training hours in continuing education.

Retraining tax credit is also provided to companies. Retraining tax credits enable Georgia businesses to offset investment in employees. Companies receive up to \$500 credit per full-time employee, per training program. The annual maximum is \$1,250 per employee. They

have provided twenty-five programs to seventeen companies for a total of \$559,347.27 tax credits received.

She has been working with Haering, a German manufacturing company that is opening a location in Hart County. Students are being hired by Haering to go to Germany for three years to receive training and then come back to work at their Hart County plant.

Mr. Glenn Henry, Dean of Life Sciences Division, presented a PowerPoint presentation about the new Bryan Segars Public Training Facility on the Elbert County Campus. Brian Segars graduated from the EMT and Paramedic programs and went on to become an instructor for over ten years for our Emergency Medical Technician and Advanced Emergency Medical Technician courses on our Elbert County Campus. He was also a full time EMT for Elbert County. Mr. Segars was killed in a tragic accident at his home last year.

We want to turn the 400 Building on the Elbert County Campus, which is currently empty, into the Bryan Segars Public Training Facility. The building is already set up for programs so no renovation would be necessary. Previously it housed the bookstore and shipping and receiving which have since moved to other buildings.

We would like to start several programs in the 400 Building including EMT, Fire Science, Criminal Justice, and a new program, Forensic Science. The building would serve as a good training facility as well as a place to hold continuing education courses.

We are looking at starting a campaign to raise funds to outfit the building with equipment necessary to open these programs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Robinson called for approval of the March minutes. Terry Chandler made a motion to approve the minutes and Barbara Cabaniss seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADULT EDUCATION

Ms. Stephanie Benson gave the board an update on Adult Education. She is happy to announce that we have met our enrollment benchmark. We are still continuing our work. We have a goal to increase enrollment by 20% from last year. We have an overall budget increase for Adult Education for next year's budget.

GED Graduation is May 4th at 2:00 pm at the Classic Center. The keynote speaker is Bob Mackey, Director of the Boys and Girls Club of North Central Georgia.

Ms. Benson passed out a packet of information about Adult Education.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT/CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER

Dr. Dan Smith presented the FY 2016 Perkins Budget for approval. This is federal funding we receive for instructors and equipment for certain programs. We currently have four programs receiving Perkins funding. Our total budget for FY 2016 is \$780,143.

Dr. Smith asked the board for approval of the FY 2016 Perkins Budget. Lawton Stephens made a motion to approve and Barbara Cabaniss seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The FY 2016 Perkins Budget was approved.

Dr. Smith presented two degrees and several Technical Certificates of Credit (TCCs) for approval. The first degree, Forensic Cybersecurity, has three TCCs embedded in it which include Cyber Crime Specialist I TCC, Information Security Specialist TCC, and Internet Cybersecurity TCC. Cybersecurity is among one of the fields highlighted by Governor Nathan Deal in his December 2014 High Demand Career Initiative Report. Computer forensics is a fairly new field but one that is becoming in high demand.

The second degree, Database Administrator, also has three TCCs embedded in it. They include Microsoft SQL Database Administrator TCC, Oracle Database Administrator TCC and Big Data Database Technician TCC. Database administration is also among the fields highlighted by Governor Deal in his High Demand Career Initiative Report. Companies in Georgia have expressed the need to increase their information technology talent pool.

The last item for approval is the Domestic and Family Violence Specialist TCC. This is designed to prepare students to obtain positions in public and private social service agencies that work with Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment services. Verizon gave TCSG money to create this program.

Dr. Smith asked the board for approval of the above degrees and TCCs. Lawton Stephens made a motion to approve and Terry Chandler seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The above degrees and TCCs were approved.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Kathryn Thomas presented the Financial Report as of March 31, 2015. We are where we need to be at this time of the year.

OFF-CAMPUS OPERATIONS

Dr. Larry Siefferman asked Ms. Liz Dalton to give the board a Public Relations and Athens Tech Foundation update. The Third Annual Lu Owl will be on Friday, May 1, 2015 at the Old Cotton Press in Athens. The Dirks Howell Band will be playing.

The OWL Awards will be in November. A date will be announced later.

Ms. Dalton announced that she is getting married next weekend and will be moving to Kentucky at the end of June. She has enjoyed her time at Athens Technical College and working with the Athens Tech Foundation. She will miss everyone.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dr. Leslie Crickenberger gave a Student Affairs update. Graduation is on May 4th. Academic graduation will be at 10:00 am and the GED graduation is at 2:00 pm. She passed out tickets to the board members. Special seating is available for them. This year parking was not included in the graduation packet so we will have shuttles running from the college to the Classic Center every ten minutes.

We will be offering some classes that go along with the movie, monsters and magic theme to high school students at Elbert County High School this summer. We will be offering English and Psychology which will help students transition to college.

We will be hosting an open house tonight for Elbert County High School students.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Tydings presented Mr. Ed Geddings with a resolution and gift for his many years of service to the Athens Technical College Local Board of Directors. Mr. Geddings is retiring after serving nine years on the board. Mr. Geddings spoke to the board and thanked them for allowing him to serve.

BOARD ACTIVITIES

Chair Robinson asked board members to share activities they have been involved in lately or any upcoming activities. Board members did not have anything to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Chair Robinson adjourned the meeting with appropriate motion and second at 11:40 a.m.

Flora W. Tydings, President
Rebecca Allen
Executive Assistant
4/29/15

Next scheduled Board Meeting: August 25, 2015.

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