

**Athens Technical College**  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Athens, Georgia  
February 20, 2018  
10:30 A.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Rusty Adams  
Mrs. Barbara Cabaniss  
Mr. Terry Chandler  
Mrs. Rebecca Dally  
Mr. Scott Hardigree  
Mr. Steve Hollis  
Mr. Robert Motley  
Dr. Reginald Woods

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mr. Jimmy Parker  
Dr. Mixon Robinson  
Mr. Lawton Stephens

**SPECIAL GUESTS**

Judge Patricia Barron, Local Board Member Emeritus  
Chief John Gaissert, Athens Technical College Police Department  
Sergeant David Larkins, Athens Technical College Police Department  
Ms. Trevyanka Forbes, 2018 Athens Technical College EAGLE Winner

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

Chair Rusty Adams called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. welcoming everyone to the February board meeting.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Judge Patricia Barron, Local Board Member Emeritus, swore in new board member, Dr. Reginald Woods. Dr. Woods and Judge Barron signed a copy of the oath of office.

Dr. Daniel recognized Chief John Gaissert and Sergeant David Larkins of the Athens Technical College Police Department for their hard work and dedication to the college. Dr. Daniel presented Sergeant Larkins with a certificate of appreciation for his investigative work on an issue that he was able to get resolved.

Ms. Marchelle Sandoval, Transition Specialist for Adult Education, introduced the 2018 Athens Technical College EAGLE winner, Ms. Trevyanka Forbes. Ms. Forbes gave the board members her EAGLE speech in which she spoke about her education and experience at Athens Technical College.

Ms. Kathryn Thomas presented a PowerPoint presentation on Facilities Renovations and Improvements. Athens Technical College receives major repair and renovation (MR&R) bond funds for different project allocations. Some of the allocations that we have recently received includes high priority roof funds, welding lab renovation funds, World Class Labs funds, and

funds for CDL driving range improvements. Some projects that were completed in 2017 include replacing the hot water system in Building H; replacing a broiler in Building F; roof repairs for Building D; new carpet and paint for Building F; and the library project.

The auditorium project began in 2016 and was completed in January, 2018. The library project, which included all new furniture and new carpet, was completed in 2017.

Some projects that will take place in FY 2018 include new paint and carpet installed in Building B, paint for Building R, and repairs to a building on the Elbert County Campus that was damaged by water from a roof leak. Another project coming up soon will be a parking lot renovation to Buildings M, N, and O.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Adams called for approval of the January minutes. Rebecca Dally made a motion to approve the minutes and Steve Hollis seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The minutes were approved.

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Ms. Thomas presented the Budget Amendments. There is one budget amendment for the parking lot renovation at Buildings M, N, and O. Ms. Thomas asked the board for approval of the Budget Amendments. Steve Hollis made a motion to approve and Barbara Cabaniss seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The Budget Amendments were approved.

Ms. Thomas presented the Financial Report as of January 31, 2018.

### **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Mr. James Price presented an update on Academic Affairs. He and Dr. Daniel are leaving this afternoon for an Achieving the Dream conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Athens Technical College was named a leader college by Achieving the Dream. We are one out of seven leader colleges in the nation.

He met with the Athens Community Career Academy recently and they want to add some new pathways. They have reduced Early College Essentials by 50%.

He also met with the Broad River Career Academy recently and they will be offering the Agriculture Program in the Fall as a new pathway.

Things are going good with the Greene County Career Academy and Hart College and Career Academy.

## **STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Ms. Jennifer Benson gave the board an update on Student Affairs. She introduced Ms. Keli Fewox, who is the new Dean for Institutional Effectiveness and Student Support Services.

Graduation will be May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Classic Center. Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black will be the guest speaker.

They will soon be providing college wide training for mental health, suicide prevention, and CPR and first aid.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Dr. Ilka McConnell gave the board an update on Economic Development. They are now offering continuing education classes at the Hart College and Career Academy.

There will be a ManufactuREADY graduation in Athens on Friday with ten graduates. Two graduates already have jobs and four graduates have job offers.

Walton County ManufactuREADY class will start on Monday.

There will be a welding continuing education class in Athens coming in March.

## **ADULT EDUCATION**

Ms. Stephanie Benson gave the board an Adult Education update. The Appalachia Regional grant has been extended through June.

They are going to have classes beginning in March for Juvenile Justice.

She and Dr. Daniel, along with Jonathan Swinsburg, will be attending a meeting at the Capitol in March.

## **COLLEGE UPDATE**

Dr. Daniel provided the board with an update on the Athens Tech Foundation. Mr. Antoine Boynton is attending a peer group meeting in Macon and cannot be here for the meeting.

The Athens Technical College Alumni Association held the Frosty Owl 5K on January 20, 2018 and it was a great success with over 203 participants. They raised \$2,500 for scholarships.

The Athens Tech Foundation is currently working on two new scholarships to be available in the Fall of 2018. These scholarships will help cover tuition, fees, and books.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Daniel presented the President's Report. Dr. Daniel passed out a TCDA newsletter to the board members.

Dr. Daniel passed out newspaper articles about Athens Technical College that were in the Walton Tribune. She thanked Ms. Rebecca Dally for sending those articles to her.

She is excited that the college has been named a leader college by Achieving the Dream.

Dr. Daniel passed out an invitation to the board members for the unveiling of Dr. Tydings' portrait on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

The biotech lab on the Elbert County Campus will be open Summer Semester.

She thanked Ms. Kathryn Thomas for her facilities presentation today.

Dr. Daniel informed board members that Chair Rusty Adams will be stepping down from the board in April. Mrs. Barbara Cabaniss has graciously agreed to Chair the board beginning in August. She will be officially nominated at the March board meeting.

## **BOARD ACTIVITIES**

Chair Adams asked board members to share activities they have been involved in lately or any upcoming activities. Ms. Rebecca Dally spoke about the new liaison that Walton County Development Authority has hired to help with the communication gap between employers, high schools and Athens Technical College.

Mr. Steve Hollis attended a Manufacturer Roundtable meeting this morning with Dr. Ilka McConnell. They are working on a meeting with superintendents, board members, and employers from five counties. They are also hoping to help with the communication gap with Athens Technical College.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, Chair Adams adjourned the meeting with appropriate motion and second at 12:00 p.m.

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Dr. Andrea Daniel, President  
Rebecca Allen  
Executive Assistant  
February 20, 2018

*Next scheduled Board Meeting: March 20, 2018*

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