

Athens Technical College
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2026
9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Phil Bettendorf
Mr. Tom Denny
Judge Cheveda McCamy
Ms. Jean Mullis
Mr. Mike Sale
Ms. Ruth Tellano-Daniel
Dr. Reginald Woods

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Kyle Brown
Mr. Tony Ferguson

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chair Dr. Reginald Woods called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. welcoming everyone to the April board meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Hayden Kelley, Donna Kent and Dr. Nicole Parker presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society – Chapter Report”. Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society is an international honor society for two-year colleges. The Athens Technical College local chapter is called Alpha Tau Zeta which was chartered in 1991. Membership in PTK has grown from 30 students in 2023 to 113 students in 2026.

PTK participates in two yearly service projects, Honors in Action Project and College Project. The annual Honors in Action Project is a research-driven action-oriented community service project. In 2023, PTK’s Honors in Action Project was published in the 2024 Civic Scholar Undergraduate Research Journal, which was the first time a local chapter in Georgia was featured in the journal.

The College Project is an annual collaboration service project between the college administration and the chapter. The 2024 College Project was published in the 2025 Change Makers Undergraduate Journal, a first-ever for the chapter and Georgia Region.

PTK has won numerous awards including Distinguished College Project, Distinguished Honors in Action Project, Most Distinguished Chapter in Georgia and the Beta Alpha Continued Excellence Award. There were five Alpha Tau Zeta chapter students selected for the All-Georgia Academic Team. Tina Wheeler, an Alpha Tau Zeta chapter student, scored as the top student in Georgia for the 2026 New Century Workforce Pathway Scholarship.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Woods called for approval of the March 2026 minutes. Tom Denny made a motion to approve the minutes and Judge Cheveda McCamy seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The minutes were approved.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Kathryn Thomas presented the Budget Amendments. There is one budget amendment this month which is for employee supplements. Ms. Thomas asked for approval of the budget amendments. Phil Bettendorf made a motion to approve and Tom Denny seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The budget amendments were approved.

Ms. Kathryn Thomas presented the Financial Report as of March 31, 2026.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS/INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Dr. Kristen Douglas provided an update for Academic Affairs and Institutional Effectiveness. She has several program requests for the board's approval.

The first is a new program request for an Associate of Science Degree in Psychology. This degree was originally institutionally developed by Central Georgia Technical College and is proposed to be adopted by Athens Technical College. This degree will provide students a solid foundation of knowledge regarding the science of human thought, behavior and emotion, both individual and collective.

Dr. Douglas asked the board for approval of the Associate of Science Degree in Psychology. Judge Cheveda McCamy made a motion to approve and Phil Bettendorf seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The Associate of Science Degree in Psychology was approved.

The next is a new program and new course request for an institutionally developed Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC) for Applied Behavior Technician. This is an institutionally developed program because it does not exist in TCSG. It would be part of our Early Childhood Care and Education Program. This technician is a paraprofessional who works one-on-one with clients, typically children or adults with autism to implement Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services. This TCC would prepare students to work as Registered Behavior Technicians and prepare them for certification. The TCC would include the institutionally developed course Applied Behavior Analysis which would provide students with the competency development in teaching skill acquisition, behavior reduction, and data collection and basic assessment.

Dr. Douglas asked the board for approval of the Institutional Developed TCC for Applied Behavior Technician which includes the course Applied Behavior Analysis. Mike Sale made a motion to approve and Ruth Tellano-Daniel seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The Institutional Developed TCC for Applied Behavior Technician which includes the course Applied Behavior Analysis was approved.

The next item is a course called Introduction to Digital Marketing in the Marketing Management Program. This course introduces students to the principals, practices, strategy, and implementation of fundamental concepts and real-world applications. Students will gain the skills needed to navigate the ever-evolving online landscape across digital marketing channels.

Dr. Douglas asked the board for approval of the Introduction to Digital Marketing course. Mike Sale made a motion to approve and Tom Denny seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The Introduction to Digital Marketing course was approved.

Recently we had an articulation agreement signing ceremony with Brenau University for the Nursing and Health Information Management Technology programs. Last week TCSG had an articulation agreement signing ceremony with Western Governor's University for the Nursing, Cyber Security, Marketing, Accounting and Business Management programs.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Lenzy Reid gave the board an update on Student Affairs. He attended the TCSG Leadership Summit/GOAL/Rick Perkins Conference last week in Atlanta. Our GOAL and Rick Perkins finalists done very well in the competition but did not win. However, it was a good experience for both of them.

Graduation is May 5th at 10:00 am in the Akins Arena. Dr. Alvetta Thomas will be the keynote speaker for the ceremony. We have over 400 students participating in the ceremony. Of the 400 we have 74 students who are graduating with a 4.0 GPA.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Al McCall provided an update on Economic Development. He thanked Chair Woods for his service on the board.

They recently provided OSHA 10 training for Family Connections in Taliaferro County. This is the first time they have provided training in that county in five years.

They provided forklift training to high school seniors at Walton County High School.

There will be an OSHA 30 open enrollment class. This will be a four-day course.

Driver's education class started last week.

They are working on AI courses to offer.

Elbert County 5th graders toured the Elbert County Campus recently.

In looking at Economic Development numbers, as of the 3rd quarter their numbers are looking good. The industries served is up 14% and revenue is up 7%. Companies served is down a little bit but is still doing good.

ADULT EDUCATION

Dr. Fabersha Flynt gave the board an update on Adult Education. Graduation is May 5th at 2:00 pm in the Akins Arena. They have 85 students participating in the ceremony.

COLLEGE UPDATES

Antoine Boynton gave the board an update on Public Relations and the Athens Tech Foundation. They are moving forward to refresh the college website. Kaptive will be handling the new website which will launch July 1st.

He will soon begin shooting "Our Vision" videos which will highlight programs at the college. These videos will appear on our website as well as on YouTube.

He thanked everyone who donated, sponsored, or supported the Athens Tech Foundation Illuminate Gala. They raised over \$175,000 which included a donation from Rivian for a \$75,000 truck.

He is happy to announce that the Foundation awarded 100% of their scholarship funds to students recently. There was a total of \$17,500 awarded to students.

They are working on an endowment agreement with the Eve Carson family.

An offered has been made to the candidate for the Institutional Advancement Specialist position. They are waiting to hear back from her.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Andrea Daniel presented the President's Report. She thanked the board members for their dedication to the board and to the college. She also thanked PTK for presenting to the board today.

The draft budget includes a small capital outlay project for the CDL range in Elberton. It is a \$2.4 million project. She asked board members to please thank Rob Leverett, Houston Gaines, Tom McCall, Senator Hickman, and Matt Hatchett if you see them out in the community. They were all instrumental in getting this project in the budget. The Governor still has to approve.

The Dual Achievement Program has been approved. She thanked Commissioner Dozier for all of his support of her work in getting the Dual Achievement Program in the budget.

She is pleased with our budget. She has spent a lot of time working on the budget. Again, it is waiting to be signed by the Governor.

She invited the board members to both graduation ceremonies on May 5th.

She also invited the board members to the Walton Groundbreaking Ceremony on May 22nd.

Dr. Daniel recognized Chair Woods for his service on the board. He is retiring from the board and today will be his last meeting. She presented him with a resolution and Athens Technical College gifts. A photo was taken of the presentation.

Chair Woods thanked the board for their support. He has enjoyed serving on the board and working with such a great institution.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Chair Woods thanked the board members for attending the meeting. He is always excited to see all the great things happening at the college. He has enjoyed serving with everyone on the board.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Dr. Andrea Daniel, President
Rebecca Allen
Executive Assistant
April 28, 2026

Next scheduled Board Meeting: August 18, 2026

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