

**Athens Technical College**  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
March 18, 2025  
9:00 A.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Philip Bettendorf  
Mr. Kyle Brown  
Mr. Tom Denny  
Mr. Tony Ferguson  
Judge Cheveda McCamy  
Mayor Fred Perriman  
Mr. Mike Sale  
Mrs. Ruth Tellano-Daniel  
Dr. Reginald Woods

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

Chair Fred Perriman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. welcoming everyone to the March board meeting.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Ms. Felicia Grier, Instructor for the Esthetician Program, presented a PowerPoint presentation. She has been a licensed Esthetician for thirteen years and has been an instructor at the college for over eight years. The Esthetician Program provides a variety of training for students including basic and advance skincare services, facial machines and devices, body treatments, hair removal and makeup artistry. Students can complete their Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC) in three to four semesters. Classes are offered on the Athens Campus.

The Esthetician Program has grown significantly over the last few years. There were nine students in 2017. The program now has fifty-eight students. At the growth rate of the program, she has projected there will be seventy-two students by 2026.

Students in the program get hands-on training in a professional spa-like environment and work on real clients under the supervision of an instructor. Students take on the roles of an esthetician, spa manager, receptionist and spa attendant. Students in the program had a 100% graduation rate in 2024 and a 98% licensure rate.

She is hoping to grow the program in the future by expanding the program to the Elbert and Walton County Campuses as well as providing advanced certifications and obtaining more industry partnerships. She thanked Teresa Bowles, our Cosmetology Program Chair, for all of her support of the Esthetician Program.

Ms. Grier passed out her business card and a brochure to board members. She invited them to book an appointment.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Perriman called for approval of the February 2025 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 are three budget amendment this month including a reduction in state vocational funds and a reduction in the Adult Education DECAL Grant for Early Childhood. There is also an additional fund for workforce training with the Department of Corrections. Ms. Thomas asked for approval of the budget amendments. Phil Bettendorf made a motion to approve and Tony Ferguson seconded the motion with the remainder of the board in agreement. The budget amendments were approved.

Kathryn Thomas presented the Financial Report as of February 28, 2025.

### **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS/INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS**

Dr. Kristen Douglas presented an update on Academic Affairs and Institutional Effectiveness. Institutional Effectiveness is working on developing the Perkins budget. This budget provides federal funds to help pay for faculty and expenses for equipment.

The State is combining the Georgia Virtual Technical Connection (GVTC) with e-Campus to create a new department called Georgia Online Learning and Development (GOLD).

She is excited to announce that three of our Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) students who were part of the All Georgia Academic Team won state scholarships and one of those students also won a national scholarship.

Institutional Effectiveness is working on updating the college catalog for FY2026. The updated catalog will include the new curriculum that has been approved through Probe responses.

The GOAL/Rick Perkins Regional Competition and Awards Luncheon is today at Lanier Technical College in Gainesville.

### **STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Lenzy Reid gave the board an update on Student Affairs. Overall enrollment for TCSG is up 8.7%. We are up 6% from last Spring. We had 3,878 students in Spring 2024 and we have 4,077 students for Spring 2025. Summer semester 2024 we had 1,859 students. We have already received 2,335 applications for Summer semester 2025. Of those applications, 1,219 have been submitted and 858 students have already registered.

They have been providing numerous campus tours for high school and middle school students.

The Athens Technical College Police Department is undergoing their certification process today. This has been a long process and we hope to become certified today.

Mr. Reid gave board members some dates to save for college events:

- March 27<sup>th</sup> – Spring Fling from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm on the Athens Campus.
- April 25<sup>th</sup> – Honor’s Day at 10:00 am in the auditorium.
- May 5<sup>th</sup> – Graduation at the Classic Center.

Dr. Daniel mentioned the keynote speakers for graduation would be Kessel Stelling at the academic graduation and Dexter Fisher at the GED graduation.

Mr. Reid showed a picture of a new owl that he has asked students to name. This owl is an ATC student and he loves clubs.

Ruth Tellano-Daniel mentioned that she saw Mr. Reid had been appointed to the Piedmont Athens Regional Hospital board. Mr. Reid confirmed that he had been appointed and was looking forward to serving.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Al McCall presented an update on Economic Development. They are still working with the City of Washington to provide weekly Microsoft Office training.

They are providing Serve Safe and OSHA 10 training to Whitworth Women’s Facility in Hartwell.

They have a new partnership with Kelly Products in Morgan County. They will be providing a twelve-hour emerging leadership training session for them.

The March driver’s education class is continuing.

They just finished CPR training for Caterpillar. There were twenty-nine employees who participated in the training.

He and John Usry are working with Terry College at UGA on a community impact project.

The next open enrollment forklift class will be April 15<sup>th</sup>.

They are working on a short-term training program for the Athens Chamber and Athens Boys and Girls Club.

They are doing forklift training for seniors at Walton County High School.

They are providing CPR training for Westlake Pipe in Greene County as well as some train the trainer for Nestle Purina.

Last week they hosted the Executive Leadership Board for Georgia Vocational Rehab Agency on the Elbert County Campus. They met on campus and was provided a tour of campus.

## **ADULT EDUCATION**

Dr. Fabersha Flynt presented an update on Adult Education. On March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> our EAGLE and Outstanding Adult Education Teacher of the Year winners were celebrated. Sharon Getts was our EAGLE winner and Dava Dobbs was our Outstanding Adult Education Teach of the Year.

She is happy to announce that she submitted the competitive grant on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. She thanked Dr. Douglas and the Institutional Effectiveness team for all of their help with the grant.

They currently have over 820 students enrolled in Adult Education which brings the overall total number of students to 1,173 which is a 21% increase.

Our testing center, for the last two months, has been recognized by the state as being number one in the state for reaching their goal of 100%.

## **COLLEGE UPDATES**

Antoine Boynton presented an update on Public Relations and the Athens Tech Foundation. The new owl that Mr. Reid mentioned was created by Satisfactory, Graphic Designer. They are looking at producing apparel items with the new owl.

Donna Kent one of our PTK students won the Coca Cola scholarship. He will be sending out a press release.

Dr. Daniel will be featured in the next Athens CEO recording in April.

The Athens Tech Foundation Illuminate Gala will take place on April 17<sup>th</sup>. The silent auction will open on April 7<sup>th</sup> for bidding. There will be fifty items to bid on. Commissioner Dozier and his wife along with TCSG Chief of Staff and his wife have confirmed their attendance at the gala.

The Institutional Advancement Director position has closed and he is going through applications. He hopes to have someone hired before the gala in April.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Andrea Daniel presented the President's Report. She is happy to announce that the \$5.85 million Walton renovation phase 2 funding has been secured and it is now in the Governor's budget. This \$16 million project will provide a new look to the Walton County Campus and will

include a new welding lab and restrooms. She thanked Houston Gaines who has been instrumental in helping to get this project and Bruce Williamson who also helped with the project.

We are proud of our SkillsUSA students who received eleven gold medals. One additional gold medal is being retallied which could bring out total to twelve gold medals.

She will be leaving for London this week with her family for a long-awaited vacation. Kathryn Thomas will be in charge while she is out of the country.

She thanked her Leadership Team and everyone at the college for working so diligently on their budgets this year. She is hoping to have a good budget beginning in the new fiscal year.

Our last board meeting will be in April before the long Summer break.

Dr. Daniel honored Mayor Fred Perriman who will be rolling off the board at the end of the fiscal year. She presented him with a resolution and ATC watch. Photos were taken of the presentation. Mayor Perriman thanked the board and everyone at the college. He has truly enjoyed serving on the board and working with everyone. The board thanked Mayor Perriman for his service on the board.

### **CLOSING COMMENTS**

Chair Perriman thanked all the board members for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the board meetings each month and thanked them for always arriving on time for the meetings.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, Chair Perriman adjourned the meeting with appropriate motion and second at 9:55 a.m.

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Dr. Andrea Daniel, President  
Rebecca Allen  
Executive Assistant  
March 18, 2025

*Next scheduled Board Meeting: April 15, 2025*

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