BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Griffin Campus
January 21, 2026
8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Present:

Dr. Chon Hester	Lisa Johnson	Taylor Smith
Steve Ivory	Dan Owens	Stone Workman

Absent:

Erin Cook	Rebecca Hadley-Catter
George Crews	

Staff Members:

Brian Biggers	Dr. Chris Daniel	Dr. Alan Stanfield
Dr. Irvin Clark	Dr. Alvin Harmon	Dr. Tonya Whitlock
Stacy Acey	Steve Hendrix	Kim Santerre
Montrese Adger Fuller	Dr. Xenia Johns	
Richard Andrews	Michael Shiver	

Guest:

Honorable Kay Perdue, Probate Judge, Spalding County
Josh Thomas

A. CALL TO ORDER

Stone Workman called the meeting to order at 8:13 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

B. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Dr. Clark introduced The Honorable Kay Perdue along with Mr. Steve Ivory and Mr. Dan Owens, the two new Board member representing Fayette and Upson County, respectively. Judge Perdue administered the oath of office to the Board members and offered her congratulations. Dr. Clark thanked Judge Perdue for her support and the new Board members for agreeing to serve on the Board of Directors.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Workman requested the Board review the agenda and requested any changes or corrections. Hearing none and without objection, the agenda was approved as presented unanimously.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Workman brought forth the minutes of the December 11, 2025 meeting as presented in the Board materials and requested any changes or corrections. Hearing none, the Board unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

E. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

F. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

G. DIVISIONAL REPORTS

Divisional highlights were provided from Academic Affairs, Administrative Services, Adult Education, Economic Development, Enrollment Management, Executive Vice President, Institutional Advancement, and Institutional Effectiveness based on the following information included in the Board materials:

1. Academic Affairs

<u>Distance Education/eLearning</u>

- Answered 216 Student Helpdesk tickets.
- Answered 26 Faculty Helpdesk tickets.
- There are 626 courses in Blackboard for Spring 2026.
- There are 67,919 pieces of content in Blackboard for Spring 2026 courses.
- The Ally score for Spring 2026 is 92.7%.

<u>Tutoring Center</u>

- The Tutoring Center conducted 785 tutoring sessions with 102 students during the Fall 2025 semester.
- The pass rate for students who visited the Tutoring Center three or more times for tutoring in a core class was 91.7%.
- The overall pass rates were 88.2% in English, 100% in science, and 94.1% in math.
- SCTC students utilized Tutor.com for 146 sessions during the fall semester.

<u>Library Services</u>

- The Library recorded 4,887 total gate counts/visits across Griffin, Henry, and Flint River.
- The Library served 2,079 total visitors across all locations.
- Total computer usage was 1,028.
- Library staff supported 337 phone calls and 9 virtual chats.
- Staff provided 204 OKTA assistance interactions.
- Staff supported 569 student ID requests.
- Additional services included directional questions (132), reference questions (30), and computer assistance (233).
- Library instruction sessions totaled 11 across locations.
- Laptop loan activity included 12 laptops loaned and 112 laptop returns.
- Student printer-on-patrol activity included 9 loans and 16 returns.
- The College is nearing completion of a major library renovation project that will include new technology, updated furnishings, modernized study rooms, and a more inviting student-centered layout.

Program Updates and Highlights

Automated Manufacturing

- Eight students are enrolled in Automated Manufacturing certification programs and are all less than 50% complete.
- One student is in the Diploma program (PMA2) and three students are in the Degree program (PMA3), including one transfer student.
- Progression is limited by course availability in Machine Tool and other manufacturing coursework.
- Required courses will be offered as soon as additional instructional staff are hired.
- Equipment purchased for future classes is currently located at the Griffin campus and will be moved to the RAAME Center once the facility is complete.

Business Management

- Business Management currently has 270 students enrolled for the spring semester.
- Most classes have enrollment near or at capacity.
- Additional sections will be added in Mini-Mester 2, and enrollment is expected to exceed 300 for the semester.
- The spring MGMT consortium will be held in Macon on March 12.

Central Sterile Supply

- The first cohort will begin clinical rotations in Flexible Endoscope Reprocessing.
- This experience provides hands-on training in sterile processing and endoscope reprocessing, strengthening workplace readiness.

Civil Engineering Technology

- The program added an additional adjunct instructor, Mr. Benjamin Rivers, to expand instructional capacity.
- The additional capacity will support offering more courses each semester, improving student progression and time-to-completion.
- Enrollment continues to grow, with five new students entering the second semester and three students nearing completion.

Commercial Truck Driving (CDL)

- The CDL program experienced a strong Fall semester and continues to build momentum into Spring.
- Enrollment at the Griffin location continues to increase.
- Fayette County has begun sending employees for CDL training and sent enough students to fill an entire class.
- The program is positioned for continued growth in upcoming terms.

Cosmetology/Esthetics

- Cosmetology and Esthetics continue to experience enrollment growth across campuses and sites.
- Temporary lab space is being prepared at Flint River to accommodate Dual Enrollment growth, and a permanent solution is still needed.
- All program graduates who completed in December 2025 and have tested for licensure passed their state boards.
- The program is hiring additional adjunct instructors to support continued growth.

Criminal Justice

- Criminal Justice program enrollment continues to grow.
- A new adjunct instructor was hired to support the increasing number of online courses.
- Additional full-time and part-time faculty will be needed to sustain and expand enrollment.
- The program is collaborating with TCSG and Georgia Piedmont Technical College to develop a statewide course crosswalk to support expanded GA POST training and certification.

Culinary Arts

- Culinary Arts is strengthening its campus presence through expanded production-focused coursework.
- Production classes will provide scheduled opportunities for tastings and products for sale to support real-time training and public feedback.
- The new kitchen will operate this semester as a Molecular Gastronomy lab for Contemporary Cuisine.
- Continued growth will require additional staffing and streamlined processes aligned with industry expectations.

Early Childhood Care & Education

- Basic TCC enrollment increased during the prior semester.
- The program is completing the process for adding the Paraprofessional TCC and plans to offer it in the fall.
- Courses continue at GRCCA and on Saturdays at the Henry County Center site.
- A new adjunct instructor will support Saturday course offerings.

Fire Science

- Fire Science will continue partnering with local fire departments to expand participation in the online degree program.
- The program is supporting continued enrollment growth among Fayette County Fire and EMS and Butts County Fire and EMS personnel in EMT and AEMT TCC programs.

Forensic Science

- The program continues to experience steady growth and remains focused on workforce outcomes.
- A former student secured a Crime Scene Investigator position with Cobb County.
- Decomposition studies will be enhanced this semester through the use of deer heads to support more realistic forensic examination.

General Education / Arts & Sciences

- Arts & Sciences degree programs continue to grow as the College enters the Spring semester.
- During the semester break, at least twelve students submitted graduation applications from these degree programs.

Industrial Systems / Mechatronics

- The Fall 2025 semester concluded successfully with multiple degree and diploma graduates.
- Spring 2026 enrollment remains strong across Henry County Center, Butts County, Flint River, and Griffin.
- Instructional staffing is allocated and prepared for the start of classes on January 20, 2026.

Medical Assisting

- Medical Assisting continues to demonstrate strong student outcomes and workforce readiness.
- 100% of recent graduates passed the AMT National Registry examination on the first attempt.
- All graduates received job offers and are currently employed in the field.
- More than half of graduates were hired into specialty practice settings outside of their assigned clinical sites.
- The program achieved strong retention, with 86% of the fall cohort progressing into the second semester.
- The program will expand to include both fall and spring cohorts beginning in 2026.
- Program leadership continues to focus on accreditation compliance, documentation accuracy, recruitment and retention, and expanded clinical partnerships.

Nurse Aide

- Dual Enrollment Nurse Aide enrollment totals 213 students for Spring 2026.

- Enrollment includes 48 students at the Griffin Region College and Career Academy (GRCCA), 124 at the Fayette County Center, 11 at Flint River, 21 at Henry County Academy for Advanced Studies, and 9 at Jasper County High School.
- Two weekend Nurse Aide classes were implemented in Fall 2025 at Henry County Center and Griffin Campus.
- Of the 18 students enrolled in the weekend cohorts, 17 passed the Nurse Aide Certification Exam in December.

Paramedicine / EMR / EMT / AEMT

- Dual Enrollment high school programs remain strong and are on schedule to conclude in early May.
- Fayette is currently hosting two EMR programs serving 45 students total and one EMT program serving 13 students.
- Henry has 25 EMT students enrolled, and Lamar has 4 EMT students.
- The program launched its first evening EMR classes at the Butts County Center to expand EMSP enrollment opportunities
- Traditional programs currently include an 8-student Paramedic cohort, a 9-student AEMT cohort, and a 22-student EMT cohort.
- Program growth has increased demand for additional classroom and lab space.
- Planning is underway to expand evening and weekend offerings while maintaining required instructional standards.
- Additional full-time and part-time faculty may be needed to support lab ratios and competency checkoffs.

Phlebotomy

- Three recent graduates were placed in local hospital positions.
- Four students entered the Nursing program for the upcoming year.
- Employer feedback continues to reflect strong student preparation and readiness for rapid onboarding.

Surgical Technology

- The program will begin a new cohort of 15 students on January 20.
- The prior cohort achieved an 85% NBSTSA certification pass rate.
- Job placement is currently 92% and is expected to reach 100% by the end of January.

Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)

- The program is monitoring proposed FAA rules related to Beyond Visual Line of Sight operations that may require major program revisions.
- A modern fleet of aircraft has increased instructional capacity in aerial cinematography and social media content production.
- The program is building capacity for specialized modules in UAV maintenance and construction.
- Additional qualified instructors are needed to expand course offerings and support the development of evening scheduling options.

Welding

- Welding continues to grow and currently operates across seven locations.
- Two locations serve traditional students and five serve primarily Dual Enrollment.
- A second cohort was added at GRCCA and expansion planning is underway for Pike County High School.
- Weekend classes are now offered to expand access for students unable to attend weekday offerings.
- Hiring additional instructors remains a priority to meet demand and expand course availability.

- Enrollment decreased slightly from 251 (Fall 2025) to 236 (Spring 2026) due to hiring challenges.
- Spring 2026 enrollment remains significantly higher than Spring 2025 (180), representing a 31% year-over-year increase.

2. Administrative Services

- Following is the Southern Crescent Technical College Financial Statement of Funds Available and Expenditures Compared to Budget for the period of July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 (FY2026). A financial overview and brief explanation of this statement includes:
  - The final budget is $43,371,763.00.
  - FY2026 Current Year Revenue is $20,242,163.73. Revenue compared to budget is 46.67%.
  - Comparative data for FY2025 current year revenue is $18,546,162.77 as reported on December 31, 2024. The variance between FY2026 and FY2025 current year revenue is an increase of $1,696,000.96 in reported revenue for FY2026.
  - Actual Expenditures total is $17,004,542.09 comprised of 79.39% in personnel expenses and 20.61% in operating expenses. Expenditures compared to budget is 39.21%.
  - Comparative data for FY2025 actual expenses is $16,429,775.62 as reported on December 31, 2024. The variance between FY2026 and FY2025 actual expenses is an increase of $574,766.47 for FY2026.
  - This financial statement indicates the College's current year (CY) funds available for this report is $3,198,755.68.
  - Prior year reserves less prior year outstanding receivables total $3,442,028.92. Current year and prior year total funds available for the period July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 is $6,640,784.60.
  - Comparative data for FY2025 total funds available as reported on December 31, 2024 was $6,121,767.79, an increase of $519,016.81 in FY2026 reported total funds available.
- Southern Crescent Technical College is in a financial position to meet its outstanding obligations and is in good standing.

3. Adult Education

- FY2026 Goals and progress:
  - Enrollment –1,441; current number of NRS students – 882.
  - Measurable Skills Gain (MSG) Percentage – 50%; current MSG percentage is 34.47%.
  - Integrated Education and Training (IET) Participants – 55; current number of completions – 20. All 20 of the IET graduates from the first two quarters were credit based. There are 5 taking Early Childhood classes this spring and 4 enrolled in Certified Nurse Aid (CNA) Fast Track program. The first 6 in the Shielded Metal Arc Welding TTC begin this spring.
  - High School Equivalency (HSE) – 149; current number of HSEs earned – 57. The College surpassed a personal December goal by 2.
- SCTC has been selected by DECAL/TCSG to offer an apprenticeship to an Adult Education student in Early Childhood Education.
- Work continues with Georgia Radio Alliance and a marketing campaign for Adult Education and Career Plus classes has begun.

- The College has begun offering ESL morning classes at the Griffin location and hired an instructor to teach ESL classes at the Flint River Campus for the first time in approximately a decade. These classes will be on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.
- Southern Crescent Technical College Academy (Career Plus Students) – There were 4 SCTC Academy High School graduates this past fall and 4 more students are on track to graduate for the spring semester. The College is accredited by Cognia and is focused on building enrollment for this program.
- The College received a $3,000 donation for GED scholarships from Georgia Banking Company.
- The College has one of the highest enrollments in the state. Dr. Clark thanked Steve Hendrix and his division for their efforts.

4. **Economic Development**

Programs & Initiatives

Manufacturer Ready Training

- Eight cohorts have been developed, with the second cohort launching January 20.
- Fully funded by the Andersen Grant, the program prepares individuals for entry-level manufacturing roles such as machine operators.
- Instruction is led by a retired plant manager with 20+ years of industry experience.
- Recruitment is supported by Rockdale Stepping Up Initiative, SCTC Adult Education, and outreach to local schools.

First Responder Apprenticeship Program

- Developed in collaboration with Butts and Fayette Counties, with the Butts County first cohort finishing this semester and the Fayette County second cohort starting this semester.
- Supported by PSAP funding and jointly delivered by Academic Affairs and Economic Development.
- Includes Related Technical Instruction (RTI) and Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) credit leading to a Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC) or an associate degree.

Pre-Assessment Strategy

- Free electrical and welding pre-assessments are available across the College's eight-county service area.
- These assessments identify workforce training needs and build pipelines into apprenticeship partnerships.

VEX Robotics Clubs

- Three high school clubs have launched at the Butts, Henry, and Spalding locations, along with one middle school program in Butts County.
- Teams competed on January 17 (Middle School) and got to the finals in this first year. Teams have been registered for competitions on January 24 (Jackson High School). Students are actively meeting, have built their first robots, and each campus team has been practicing in its Robotics room.
- Clubs serve as recruitment pipelines into SCTC's STEM programs.

Digital Skills Expansion

- A new Microsoft Office Suite instructor has been hired to expand digital literacy and business application training.
- This initiative enhances workforce readiness while generating additional revenue opportunities.
- First Training Cohort for Henry County is finishing this month.

Employer & Industry Engagement

Active Employer Partnerships & Apprenticeships

- Hoshizaki is continuing its apprenticeship classes this semester.

- Luxottica began its apprenticeship class on January 6. There will be another cohort starting in March.
- NewCold is scheduled to begin apprenticeship training this month.
- Nexus will begin its second pre-apprenticeship program on January 20.
- Additional active partnerships include Purple, Andersen Windows, Evans Metal Stamping, Yougsan, Dwellinz and In-Line Plastics.

Workforce Development Engagements

- Ongoing collaborations with city and county leaders (e.g., Barnesville, Thomaston, LaGrange) to align PSAP resources and apprenticeship opportunities with local economic development priorities.
- Expanded outreach efforts continue to target logistics and manufacturing employers, including cargo securement training and new industry recruitment in Lamar County.
- The College is working to assist employees with wrap around services from companies that are closing (Continental Tire and Quad Graphics).

Graduate Reporting			
Academic Year	Unduplicated Awards	Duplicated Awards	Graduation Rate
AY2026*	259	398	63.9%
AY2025	3,039	4,893	80.4%
AY2024	3,023	4,863	83.0%
AY2023	2,784	4,557	83.7%

5. Enrollment Management

Enrollment		
Fall 2025	Spring 2026	Summer 2026
7,074	7,381*	-
Fall 2024	Spring 2025	Summer 2025
6,185	6,540	3,108
Fall 2023	Spring 2024	Summer 2024
5,804	6,149	2,970

Dual Enrollment		
Fall 2025	Spring 2026	Summer 2026
2,582	2,983*	-
Fall 2024	Spring 2025	Summer 2025
2,071	2,365	538
Fall 2023	Spring 2024	Summer 2024
1,759	2,073	374

Credit Hours		
Fall 2025	Spring 2026	Summer 2026
60,067	62,530*	-
Fall 2024	Spring 2025	Summer 2025
51,833	54,214	23,367
Fall 2023	Spring 2024	Summer 2024
48,325	49,286	21,675

Job Placement		
AY	In-Field	Total
AY25*	6.7%	94.8%
AY24	92.7%	98.6%
AY23	95.7%	99.7%
AY22	94.3%	99.6%
AY21	91.1%	99.5%

*These numbers are to date and not finalized.

Other highlights:

- There are mini and micro mesters remaining so enrollment is expected to continue to increase.
- The College continues to search for a graduation venue. Any ideas are welcomed as well as any personal contact.
- The College has its highest enrollment in at least six years and is one of the few colleges that experience fall to spring enrollment increases.

6. Executive Vice President

Tender Tech Child Development Center

- In December, Tender Tech successfully hosted a Christmas Program, bringing families together to enjoy songs and entertainment provided by the children.
- Current enrollment stands at 38 children, reflecting continued strong demand for early learning programs.
- In January, Tender Tech will host a Hot Chocolate Bar for parents during drop-off and pick-up, providing a warm, welcoming experience and an opportunity to connect with other families.
- Marketing for the 2026–2027 Pre-K program launches this month to increase awareness and support enrollment for the upcoming school year.

Apprenticeships/Career Services

- Apprenticeship Management is currently supporting 77 active apprentices across 24 apprenticeship partners.
- As of December 2025, the AER grant fund balance was $131,043. Invoices totaling $81,292 were submitted on December 31, leaving an estimated $49,000 available for the remainder of 2026 once processed.
- SCTC has secured additional PSAP funding for 10 public service apprentices who are being processed as incumbent workers through a local employer. The selection for SCTC's public service Police Officer apprentice has also been finalized.
- Key workforce initiatives included hosting the Rural Nurses Workforce Holiday Breakfast/Lunch for Butts and Upson Counties in December 2025 and partnering with Gordon State College and Central Georgia Technical College on a successful Rural Workforce Summit in January.

Student Support Services

- 52 students are actively engaged in counseling and wellness support services with Uwill.
- Student Support Services served and assisted 1,367 students during the Fall semester.
- Student Support Services staff will be attending a Title IX Peer Group Meeting and Training on January 27, 2026, at Chattahoochee Technical College.
- Student Support Services is partnering with Promise Place to host a Dating and Domestic workshop on February 3, 2026.

K.O.B.E.

- Dr. Lamar will be travelling with students of K.O.B.E. to the Believe, Build, Complete, Become, Conference in Tampa, FL, March 4-7.
- A presentation has been submitted to discuss the impact of K.O.B.E. for the past 5 years at SCTC.
- Dr. Lamar is volunteering as a judge at the State Skills USA Conference in Atlanta on February 20.
- K.O.B.E. and SGA are partnering for a student leadership development conference this spring with presentations from the Higher Education Professional Learning Network.
- Dr. Lamar completed a successful revision of the budget for K.O.B.E. for Year 5 and it has been submitted to the Department of Education.
- Dr. Lamar submitted a presentation proposal for the NISOD Annual Conference in May 2026 on the impact of K.O.B.E. and how it fosters campus partnerships.

- K.O.B.E. will be supporting Equity From Start to Finish's Are you Equipped for Success events at the end of January for member recruitment.

Equity From Start to Finish

Student Engagement & Weekly Support

- Delivered comprehensive advising and student success support, including assistance with registration, job searches and résumé development, academic appeals, FAFSA completion, and guidance related to program admission requirements in-person and virtually.
- Actively auditing DegreeWorks plans for students and student-athletes to ensure they remain on track for graduation. The team is creating and modifying academic schedules as needed to support persistence, timely completion, and alignment with program sequencing.
- Actively working to deliver comprehensive academic and programmatic support to 148 Welding students, contributing to persistence, course completion, and alignment with short-term workforce credential and program completion goals.
- Supported 18 students in completing and submitting required documentation for Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC) completion in December, working in close collaboration with GED staff to ensure that students concurrently enrolled in GED preparation were able to successfully earn postsecondary credentials while progressing toward high school equivalency.
- Maintained active collaboration with faculty and instructional staff to monitor student attendance, assignment completion, and academic performance, ensuring that students identified as not attending, missing coursework, or failing assessments were promptly referred to appropriate campus resources to support course success and completion.
- Currently, the Equity From Start to Finish program serves 245 students enrolled in sponsored programs, reflecting sustained engagement, and institutional commitment to equitable student success outcomes.

Compliance, Reporting & Grant Management

- Currently completing the Annual Performance Report (APR) for the PBI Formula Grant within the HEPIS federal reporting system, in preparation for submission by the end of January, in compliance with U.S. Department of Education federal reporting requirements.

Spring Semester 2026 Student Success Initiatives

- Spring 2026 programming is in place to welcome students back and support their preparedness for success through a week-long series of engagement activities scheduled for the week of January 26, 2026.
- This initiative is designed to help students start the term strong by connecting them with critical resources, guidance, and support services that remove barriers to academic success.
- Focus areas for the week include:
  Academic preparedness and goal setting
  Accessing campus and community resources
  Strategies for time management, wellness, and persistence
  Building connections that support long-term student success

Student Activities

- SGA will host Fuel Up for Spring events at all campus locations from January 20–22, 2026, offering welcome stations where students, faculty, and staff are invited to stop by and enjoy coffee and donuts.
- The GOAL and Rick Perkins Winners' Awards Luncheon is scheduled for January 27, 2026, at 12:00 pm on the Griffin Campus. This luncheon will recognize and announce the 2026 GOAL and Rick Perkins Award winners.
- SkillsUSA State Leadership & Skills Conference – Students representing a range of SCTC programs will participate in the statewide competition at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta from February 19–21, 2026.
- Spirit Night Basketball Games – SGA will host Spirit Night on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, during the Lady Tigers' game at 5:30 pm and the Men's basketball game at 7:30 pm against

South Georgia Technical College. SGA will offer refreshments and distribute school spirit items, including popcorn, candy, drinks, pom-poms, cowbells, and other giveaways to support and cheer on our teams.

Student Athletics

- Student-athletes continue to excel in the classroom, striving toward an academic goal of a 3.0 GPA for the fall semester. Seven women's basketball student-athletes and nine men's basketball student-athletes earned a GPA of 3.0 or higher. The overall athletics GPA for the semester was 2.77.
- All student-athletes have met with academic advisors to ensure they are on track for timely graduation.
- January Home Games:
  Saturday, January 17, 2026: Men's Basketball vs. Albany Technical College – 3 pm
  Saturday, January 24, 2026: Men's Basketball vs. South Georgia Technical College – 3 pm
  Saturday, January 31, 2026: Women's Basketball/Men's Basketball vs. Central Georgia Technical College – 1 pm/3 pm

Campus Safety

Training

January 5 2026 GA POST Certified Training SCTC Police Officers January Training, Use of Deadly Force, De-escalation Techniques, Community Orienting Policing, Taser Training; training conducted on the Griffin Campus.

January 6 Chief Mercado attended GA POST Executive School Safety Training at Valdosta State University. Topics: Standard Response Protocol's (SRP) five actions—Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, Shelter—into existing safety plans, and how to implement the Standard Reunification Method for effective and organized reunification to emergency operation response plans.

January 8 Police, IT, and Facility and Operations met with LBF Consulting Group and Firefly, an emergency notification software and hardware security unification company to explore an opportunity to collaborate to ensure full access control system. SCTC PD Five-Year Strategic Plan (2026–2030) – Draft v3 provided for review and additions to SCTC IT and Facilities & Operations.

January 9 Sergeant Russell Berry was selected and reported to TCSG as SCTC PD Apprentice. Sgt. Berry was selected as the apprentices to further develop his leadership skills in law enforcement. He is currently enrolled in the SCTC Criminal Justice Associate degree and has been given prior learning credit for 21 college credit hours for some of his GA POST Training. Lt. Jeffery Little and Chief Mercado will be mentoring Sgt. Berry.

Strategic Collaboration

January 14 TCSG Chiefs of Police Update Call (WebEx) includes all TCSG Chiefs of Police and TCSG Chief Ziifle. Chief Mercado is serving on two committees to review TCSG Public Safety policies.

January 15 Firefly Security walk-thru of the Butts County Center, Jasper County Center, and Griffin Campus for Emergency Notification Software and Hardware Security Unification in order to provide a quote to ensure full access control system with enhancement to emergency notification system (TigerAlert/Regroup) to audio (PA) and visual alerts.

January 16 Office of Homeland Security/Emergency Management Spalding County National Weather Service Winter Weather Update on winter weather potential for Sunday, January 18.

Community Engagement

January 22 Georgia Association of Chief of Police (GACP) District 10 Spalding, Henry Chiefs' meeting at Locust Grove Public Safety Building.

January 28 GACP District 4 Chiefs' Meeting Butts, Jasper, Fayette, Upson, Lamar, Pike at Georgia College and State University Department of Public Safety Headquarters.

7. Institutional Advancement

Key Highlights

- There are five students who have been awarded the Culinary Arts Study Abroad Scholarship. The students will be traveling to the United Kingdom in March of 2026, and they will be taking their coursework at Kendal College.
- Montrese Adger Fuller thanked Georgia Power for their generous support in the amount of $50,000 designated to support Southern Crescent Technical College's workforce development and economic development initiatives that strengthen talent pipelines and spur regional economic growth.

Foundation Scholarships – Spring 2026

- The Southern Crescent Technical College Foundation awarded 52 scholarships totaling $22,350 for students enrolled in the College for the Spring 2026 semester.
- Scholarship applications for Summer 2026 will be available online from January 26–February 28, 2026 at https://www.sctech.edu/foundation/foundation-scholarships.

Upcoming Events

- Joint Board Retreat – February 25, 2026
- The Food and Wine Pairings Event – April 16, 2026
- Community Engagement Dinners – Spring and Fall of 2026 in six counties

8. Institutional Effectiveness

SACSCOC

- Dr. Stephen Pruitt became the new President of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) on July 1, 2025. Dr. Pruitt immediately began a comprehensive review the accreditation standards, one of these being the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). Dr. Pruitt has issued a hold harmless statement while the review is underway in regard to the QEP. Southern Crescent Technical College has decided to suspend the official Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) in accordance with guidance from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) during the current study period of the Principles of Accreditation. While the initiative will continue under Academic Affairs, it will no longer be designated or managed as a QEP. Instead, it will be treated as a standard institutional initiative, subject to the College's regular planning, implementation, and assessment processes. As a result of this decision, the College will not be required to submit QEP reports or documentation to SACSCOC, and this action will not impact accreditation status or compliance.
- Dr. Daniel further explained SACSCOC and their accreditation requirements for continual improvement and stated that Southern Crescent Technical College regularly benchmarks against 10 other colleges.
- The Medical Laboratory Technical AAS degree program has been approved by SACSCOC. The intended implementation date is August 2026.
- The SACSCOC Annual Report was submitted on January 9, 2026. This report covers enrollment information for the prior fall semester.

Other

- IE is currently working with the Technical College System of Georgia to complete the winter and spring collections for the U.S. Department of Education, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). At the College level we are coordinating with Financial Aid, Human Resources, and Administrative Services to complete these collections.
- IE, is working with Academic Affairs and the Nursing program to help manage the HRSA grant for the Bridge program. We worked with the HRSA representative to get Stephanie Rogers onboarded as the Project Director, submitted the quarterly report on January 12, 2026, and sent out semi-annual certification to employees that are being paid under the HRSA Grant.

- The November/December SCTC PIE (progress, innovation, engagement) is included in your packet.

Information Technology

- Emergency Alert System Update: Desktop and digital signage alerts have been added to the Tiger Alert system. When an emergency alert is issued, the message will override computer screens and digital displays across campus to ensure timely and comprehensive communication.
- Information Technology will initiate meetings with Academic Affairs and Enrollment Management beginning January 28, 2026, to review the reports currently used to support daily operations. The review will focus on evaluating whether existing reports meet current needs, identifying opportunities to modify or improve reports, and determining what additional reports may be required. This effort is intended to ensure that institutional data and reports effectively support academic and enrollment decision-making.
- Help desk tickets for the month of December, 2025 total 198 tickets (average of 6 tickets/day).

H. PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

- Dr. Clark attended the Georgia Chamber Eggs & Issues meeting last week wherein the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker of the House spoke. Dr. Clark got insight in terms of what is happening in the state and legislative priorities. The Governor stated that the I-75 corridor expansion is forthcoming.
- The Fayette County Development Authority held an unveiling of their strategic plan this week with the College being mentioned several times during the meeting. They are also experiencing a lot of economic development in Fayette County. They discussed USA Soccer, Trilith expansion, and the work the College is doing with the Aviation Maintenance program.
- Commissioner Dozier will be in budget committee meetings this week and the General Assembly is pleased with what is coming out of the Technical College System of Georgia. Enrollment is up at all 22 technical colleges. This is important when the General Assembly sits down to see what all the colleges are doing.
- Three Rivers Workforce Development was just awarded $500,000 in pre-apprenticeship funding for a two-year period. Dr. Clark plans to work closely with Three Rivers to determine potential funding.
- Dr. Clark is meeting with mayors of the region to discuss workforce development in regards to high demand careers.
- Dr. Clark thanked everyone for their support. Appreciation was expressed to a dynamic team and great faculty.

I. ADJOURN

Mr. Workman thanked everyone for their hard work and the Board for their service. The next Board meeting will be a joint Board meeting with the SCTC Foundation and has been scheduled for February 25, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

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Dr. Irvin T. Clark III, Executive Secretary