



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Griffin Campus, Presidential Boardroom
June 19, 2019
7:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Present:

David Campbell
Erin Cook
Kyle Fletcher
Rebecca Hadley-Catter

Merry Heath
Roger McDaniel
Michael Powell
John Rainwater

Jeff Stribling
Stone Workman

Absent:

Keith Gettinger

Carman Templeton

Staff Members:

Dr. Alvetta Thomas
Miriam Caslin
Barbara Jo Cook
Dr. Chris Daniel

Dr. Xenia Johns
Dr. Steve Pearce
Dr. Murray Williams
Brian Morris

Wanda Hammock
Kim Santerre

Guests:

Haley Browning

Carson Browning

A. CALL TO ORDER

Michael Powell called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

B. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda. The Board members unanimously agreed to move the Donor Recognition down on the agenda after approval of the FY2020 meeting schedule.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jeff Stribling made a motion to accept the agenda, David Campbell seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to accept the agenda.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Mr. Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2019, meeting as presented in the Board materials, Mr. Stribling seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

E. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Nominating Committee Update

Roger McDaniel reminded Board members of the vacancies on the Board to represent Henry and Spalding counties. Board members should submit names of anyone that they feel would be a good candidate.

2. Election of Officers

Mr. McDaniel presented the slate of officers for FY2020 for consideration with Michael Powell as Chair, Carman Templeton as Vice Chair, and David Campbell as Vice Chair Elect. The slate of officers was accepted with no further nominations. Kyle Fletcher made a motion to approve the nominations as presented, Stone Workman seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to elect the slate of officers for FY2020. Congratulations and appreciation was extended to each of the officers.

3. Approval of FY2020 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

The proposed FY2020 meeting schedule was presented to the Board for consideration.

Mr. Workman made a motion to approve the schedule as presented, Mr. Stribling seconded, and the FY2020 Schedule was approved unanimously.

4. Donor Recognition

Dr. Thomas presented Carson and Haley Browning of ITM Landscape to the Board for recognition of their efforts and contributions during the Butts County Center grounds project. Under their leadership, a beautiful new entry has been created for the Center. This project included funds raised for purchasing materials from Georgia Power, the Butts County Board of Commissioners the City of Jackson Council, Mike Collins, Collins Trucking, and Central Georgia EMC. The Brownings directed the project and provided valuable expertise, crew labor, and machinery. A conservative estimate of the value of their donation to the project is \$24,000. A small gift and a certificate of appreciation was presented to the Brownings. Also recognized with Brian Morris, the College's Horticulture Instructor, for his preparation of the landscape plan.

5. Naming Opportunity

Barbara Jo Cook explained the policy for naming opportunities. In accordance with the policy, consideration for a naming opportunity had been presented to the Southern Crescent Technical College Foundation and was approved. Ms. Cook requested that the Board of Directors give consideration to naming the Event Center on the Griffin Campus the Constance A. and Frank Johnson Event Center. Sam Allen has made cumulative donations of over \$60,000 and has made provisions for additional future donations to the Foundation. His aunt and uncle were very important in Mr. Allen's life and he would like to honor them in this way. Ms. Fletcher made a motion to approve the naming opportunity as presented, Erin Cook seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

6. Approval of the FY2020 Annual Operating Budget

Miriam Caslin presented the FY2020 annual operating budget. The fiscal year runs from July 1,

2019 through June 30, 2020. The state funds are approved by the Governor through the appropriations bill and each college receives a portion of the allocation through the Technical College System of Georgia. The Technical College System of Georgia uses variables (i.e., enrollment, square footage, credit hours, graduation initiatives, and dual enrollment) to determine each college's allocation. The other component of the operational budget is local revenue through tuition and fees, and revenue from business/industry and continuing education. Southern Crescent Technical College allocation from state funds for FY2020 is \$13,529,477. Projected expenses were reviewed and total \$26,917,954.50. An explanation was provided for contingency funds and repayment waivers. Projected reserves total \$406,097.25. Dr. Thomas explained the new ruling from the Georgia Student Finance Commission indicates that the Commission will not pay for books and/or fees. The College will have to absorb this cost. An explanation of the student guarantor program was also provided. Strategies for financial stability and efficiency include program reviews and Foundation support. Ms. Caslin requested that the FY2020 budget be approved as presented, Mr. Workman made a motion to approve, John Rainwater seconded, and the budget was unanimously approved.

7. Approval of the FY2020 Perkins Budget

Dr. Daniel presented the FY2020 Perkins budget-for approval. This is a Federal grant allocated to the Technical College System of Georgia who then acts as the facilitator to the individual colleges. Specific areas covered by Perkins funding includes personnel, professional development, and equipment for programs. Dr. Daniel provided a summary of the expected expenditures and requested that the FY2020 Perkins budget be approved. Mr. Workman made a motion to approve the budget as presented, Ms. Cook seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

8. Program Review

Dr. Thomas explained that the College is in the process of conducting program reviews. During this process, program costs are a consideration. It was noted that Dental Assisting is the highest cost per student program and that the program is not required to be able to work in that field. There are several other pathways for employment. There is an exam but only five students have taken that exam. There were 34 students that had shown interest in enrolling in the program and the Dean of Allied Health has met with these students to determine a suitable program of study. Only 18 students would have been admitted into the cohort should the program continue. The College's Curriculum Committee has met and voted four to three in favor of closing the program. The College will continue to try to support the local dentists in a different way (i.e. Continuing Education through the Economic Development Division). Mr. Rainwater made a motion to approve the request for program closure as presented, Ms. Fletcher seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

G. PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Thomas requested that the Board review the divisional reports and welcomed any questions. She thanked the Board for their support. Dr. Thomas requested that the Board keep talking the College up in the community as efforts continue to aggressively recruit for the Fall semester. Ms. Fletcher and Mr. Stribling volunteered to assist with facilitating a meeting with the new principal and CTAE in the Upson County Schools.

Erin Cook mentioned the closing of the Lamar County College and Career Academy and inquired as to how that will affect the College? Dr. Thomas stated that she is unsure at this time. There is a need to educate the Lamar County School System of the need for technical education.

The Red Carpet Gala is scheduled for August 24. Please consider attending the event or providing auction items.

Mr. Workman reminded everyone to mark his or her calendar for the upcoming Technical College System of Georgia Leadership Conference (October 27-30).

H. ADJOURN

The next Board meeting will be held on July 17, 2019 at 7:30 a.m. on the Griffin Campus. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Dr. Alvetta Peterman Thomas, Executive Secretary