

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Cook Campus

Room- 113

12:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Crawford, Rebecca Corbett, Dr. Rodney Green (remote), Sue Lane Hughes(remote), Matt Seale (remote), Lisa Sumner, Dr. Joi Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Mark Sutton, Joe Brownlee, Ronald (Ronnie) Dean, Bradfield Shealy, Amanda Ramshead

SENIOR STAFF PRESENT: DeAnnia Clements, Elizabeth Vickers, Thomas Wesley, Keren Wynn, Michael Williams, Misty Crofutt, Aaron Matthews, Casey Thompson, Shalonda Sanders (remote), Shannon McConico, Paulette Brown

SENIOR STAFF NOT PRESENT: Tim Allmond, Lidell Greenway, Kelly Peacock

The Meeting was called to order at 12:03 PM by Lisa Sumner

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a blessing for the meal was given by Michael Williams

Motion to approve April 2, 2025, minutes approved 12:21 PM by Lisa Sumner seconded by Rebecca Corbett. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Academic Affairs Updates- Thomas Wesley

New Tele Med Locations

- Two new Tele Med Locations are opening in Fitzgerald and Douglas

Upcoming Retirements/Resignation

- James Wally Rewis- Retirement
- Sabrina Cox- Retirement
- Denise Davis- Retirement
- Karen Parrot- Resigned
- Nicole West- Resigned

New Instructors

- Biology- 2 new Adjunct Instructors (Online)

Distance Education & Academic Success

- Formerly known as GVTC, now called GOLD- Combination of GA online learning and E-Campus, coming out with another incentive/competition to improve online courses. Wiregrass has submitted 2 classes- SOC 1101 & PSY 1101

HS Services

- Several HS have requested more programs to be offered; Looking for a large dual enrollment increase

Computer & Business

- CIS Department **E-Sports** has now become competitive (for example instead of a physical basketball team you can now have a virtual competition); working with IT to scope additional options

Technical and Industrial Programs

- Commercial Truck Driving Instructor Shane Hancock was able to pass the DDS third party tester exam to become DDS examiners. We currently have 5 examiners. These efforts to become examiners are mainly due to the CDL expansion in Fitzgerald

Institutional Effectiveness

- The Cognia candidacy review was held on April 21st. Wiregrass received approval from Cognia to move forward with the engagement review.

Health Sciences

- 100% Pass rate for senior cohort of Dental Hygiene students
- MAERB site visit May 19th -20th

Professional Services

- New Culinary Arts Program Coordinator- Darrellnette Griffin
- Esthetics program is scoping a self-care service day for potential students and HS graduates that may be interested in the program

Program Closures/Updates:

TCSG Approved Programs Review:

New Programs:

- **Accelerated Phlebotomy Technician Technical Certificate of Credit (TCC)** - Motion to approve by Lisa Sumner at 12:32 PM– First by Mary Crawford and Second by Rebecca Corbett. Motion carried unanimously
- **Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) [ED91] technical certificate** Motion to approve by Lisa Sumner at 12:34 PM – First by Mary Crawford Second by Rodney Green. Motion carried unanimously

Administrative Services Updates- Keren Wynn

- Updates of March 31- Financial Report (reflective of 75% of the FY)

- Budget is in alignment with FY targets- Projecting a good carry over balance
 - Spending plan includes IT and Fleet

Enrollment Management Updates- Shannon McConico

- Spring Enrollment Report was as of 5.6.2025
 - Slight increase YOY (.9% increase)
- Still working on Summer Enrollment
 - Recruitment Team- Already seeing positive trends from more recruitment activities
 - Two start dates- May 8th and May 28th (express term)
- Shannon added in some additional reporting metrics that provide additional data insights; will continue going forward
- Calendars are being reviewed and will be updated- but we anticipate some changes to Summer and Fall next year

Adult Education Updates- Thomas Wesley

- 890 students enrolled
- Majority of students are from Valdosta/Lowndes County area (430)
- Implementing two additional IET's (Integrated Education Training)
 - Allows for students to get skills-based training prior to obtaining GED
- Working Career plus HS
- Math Boot Camp- Early June
- MSG's close to goals (45%)

Facilities Updates- DeAnnia Clements

Current Projects

- Completed CFE Campus- Diesel Center; Open House 6/9
- Transportation and Logistics Center- VLD; Design Phase
- Backing Pad- BHI; Existing building so it's just the addition of the backing pad
- Restroom Renovations- BHI; to ensure all restrooms are ADA compliant- June 3rd final walkthrough

Capital Outlay Requests (2 Projects)

- CFE Welding Expansion
- VLD T&I Renovation (renovating current space)

Foundation Updates- Elizabeth Vickers

Contributions- YTD

- 235K South
- 1.2M North

- Received a new pledge (North) Community Bank (25K)
- We have also received some equipment donations
- During Leadership Summit received a grant from TCSG (Black Rock Foundation- 20K)- Will go to last mile funding

Networking Events

- Southeastern Credit Union- Recognition Event for 50K donation (Named Library)
- Innovators Event on Campus
- Foundation Board Met- 4/9 (South)
- Alumni Network Gift Item- 60 new people registered
- Girls on the Run- VLD Campus
- Recognition for 4 of the donors for CFE CDL- 6/9 Event

Other

- Working with Michael Williams on 5-year giving plan for both North and South

Economic Development Update- Michael Williams

- Report updates are through end March
- The goal is to hit 100 companies served this year by July 1st
- Goodwill- we completed 4-week construction class in our new 53 FT Trailer
 - Goodwill has requested another class in CFE

Upcoming Events

- Tax Credit Summit- VLD Campus
- Drivers Education- All 4 campuses
- Summer Camps being offered; \$75 per student (aged 11-16)
 - Heavy Equip Operator- BHI
 - Bytes and Bytes (Coding)- VLD
 - Young Builders- CFE (will use new trailer)
 - VR/Innovation- Cook
- Misty to share copies of all Summer Camp flyers to Board Members

President's Comments- DeAnnia Clements

- GOAL Event
 - Abbi Lynn Burke was the regional finalist, John Patten Rick Perkins instructor of the year
 - New Statewide Articulation Agreement (part of senate bill 399); List increased from 28 to 38 courses.
- WIN College and Career Academy
 - 3.1 M Grant

- Wiregrass is one of two that are competing for this funding
- Funds would be added in the South if awarded

Legislative Updates

- The Governor signed 3 bills
- Draft budget awarded Wiregrass 20.2 M (saw an increase of 2.5M in correlation with our enrollment increase of 6.5% YOY)

Upcoming Events/Dates

- May 12th- AMI Event on CFE
- May 13th- First day of summer semester
- May 15th- Moody (GA Joint Defense Commission)
- May 19th- May 22nd Washington DC Session
- May 29th -Wiregrass Strategic Planning Session (Offsite)
- June 9th- Coffee CDL Grand Opening

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Chairman's Comments/Adjournment- Lisa Sumner

Next Meeting: June 4, 2025, CFE Campus 12:00 PM

Motion to adjourn by Lisa Sumner- First by Mary Crawford, Second by Rebecca Corbett
Meeting adjourned 1:20PM

Respectfully submitted by: Misty Crofutt