

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, Sept 4, 2024
Cook County Workforce Development Center
Room 107
12:00 Noon

BOARD MEMBERS:Bradfield Shealy, Rebecca Corbett, Dr. Rodney Green, Amanda Ramshead, Matt Seale, Lisa Sumner, Alfalene Walker (via telephone) Joe Brownlee, Ronald Dean, Sue Lane Hughes, Dr. Mark Sutton, Dr. Joi Williams

SENIOR STAFF: President DeAnnia Clements, April McDuffie, David Vanlandingham, Shalonda Sanders, Kelly Peacock, Shannon McConico, Ken Strickland, Michael Williams, Susan Jones , Lidell Greenway, Keren Wynn, Chief Tim Allmond, Casey Thompson

DRAFT MINUTES

The pledge of allegiance was sited and a blessing for the meal was given.

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from August 7, 2024 were submitted to the board. A motion to approve the meeting minutes was made. There being no opposition to the motion, the motion to accept the meeting minutes carried unanimously.

Department Updates

Academic Affairs Update (April McDuffie)

- Academic Affairs Update
- SACS Reaffirmation

Administrative Services (Keren Wynn)

- Keren Wynn provided administrative services updates

Adult Education Services Update (April McDuffie on behalf of Kelly Peacock)

- April McDuffie provided Adult Education Services updates

Foundation Update (Elizabeth Vickers)

- Elizabeth Vickers provided Foundation updates

Economic Development Update (Michael Williams)

- Michael Williams provide Economic Development updates

Enrollment Management Update (Shannon McConico)

- Shannon McConico provided Enrollment Management updates

Economic Development Update (Michael Williams)

- Michael Williams provided Economic Development updates

Swearing In New Board Member (Chief Tim Allmond)

- New Board Member Mary Crawford sworn in

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS (DeAnnia Clements)

- Thanked Dr. Sutton and Dr. Greene for agreeing to serve as Chair and Vice Chair.
- Thanked Sue Lane Hughes for her service and leadership as the board Chair

Lowes Grant

- Received the Lowe's Foundation Gable Grant- selected trailer and trainers.
- Will be purchased in by the Foundation- Targeting January
- Hiring an instructor to teach the curriculum- partnering with Strong Ties on existing curriculum

Facilities Updates

- CDL/Diesel Coffee Building will open in January and is on track
- CDL Classes anticipated to be available in September 2025 at the Ben Hill Campus
- TCSG provided approx. 900K contingency MR&R funds to aid in two projects. First is the Morris Hall Chiller and Bathroom renovations on the BHI campus (200, 300, and 400)
- Short list meeting for Valdosta Transportation and Logistics Center. Narrowed down to a list of 3 companies. Anticipated timeline for completion and launch Fall 2026.

SACSCOC Visit

- SACSCOC visit will be September 16-19.

Fall Enrollment:

- 7-Day Report shows overall growth of 4.0% in total enrollment over last Fall.

Senator Hickman Visit

- Senator Billy Hickman is meeting individually with all TCSG presidents over the next coming months; This was in an effort to learn about each of our colleges
- Wiregrass was selected as part of the first meetings due to location

Media Attention:

Lots of focus on our new Medical Lab Technology program; This program was specifically requested by Coffee Regional and SGMC Health.

Senior Leadership Academy:

- Initiative to grow senior leaders within the college
- 10 individuals participated over a 4-week period (on their own time)
- Great panel discussion with our K-12 partners, EDAs, Chambers, and Business and Industry
- This is going to be more important over the next couple of years as we have a significant number of senior leadership eligible for retirement

Upcoming Events:

- Workforce Development Summit in Atlanta September 12-13th.
- Advanced Manufacturing Discussion on the Coffee Campus on September 23rd.
- Get Wired on the Ben Hill campus on September 24th
- Wiregrass Legislative Appreciation Luncheon on October 7th.
- Georgia Joint Defense Commission Meeting at Moody on October 9th.
- ACE Electric Recognition ceremony October 17th
- President's Council/Leadership Conference in Savannah October 20-23
- EAGLE announcement at Valdosta Chamber October 24th.
- IST Open House in Ben Hill October 29th.
- Wired Up Music Fest in Valdosta November 9th.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS:

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was given. All in agreement, the motion was carried unanimously.

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