



AIKEN
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

**AIKEN COUNTY COMMISSION FOR TECHNICAL
AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION
MEETING**

April 10, 2023 at 5:15 p.m.

**President's Conference Room 102
Ashley Little Administration Building
Aiken Technical College**

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

**NOTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION ACT**

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mr. Joe Lewis
Mr. Bill Windley
Ms. Keyatta Priester
Mr. Charlie Hartz
Mr. Alvin Padgett
Ms. Jennifer Curtis
Ms. Teresa Haas via phone
Dr. Bridget Denzik

Not Present:

Mr. Stuart MacVean
Mr. Mike Uhle
Mr. King Laurence

Also Present:

Dr. Forest Mahan
Mr. Andy Jordan
Ms. Sylvia Byrd
Ms. Mechelle English
Mr. Chad Crumbaker, J.D.
Dr. Tim Hardee, President, SC Technical College System
Mr. Phil Homan, Vice Chair, SC Technical College Board and member of the Denmark Technical
Commission

Mr. Joe Lewis thanked Dr. Tim Hardee for attending the meeting and spending the day in Aiken. Mr. Lewis also introduced Dr. Tim Hardee's guest, Mr. Phil Homan, a long-time advocate for technical colleges and, his former company, the Schaeffler Group, started the first apprenticeship program in South Carolina.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 13, 2023

Mr. Charlie Hartz motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Keyatta Priester seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously approved the March 13, 2023, minutes.

A. Administrative Services - Mr. Andy Jordan

1. Campus Capital Projects Update

Summary of Issue: The Commission received updates on the 500/600 building demolition and 400 abatement. Building demolitions should be complete in mid-May. The College is working with the Aiken County Public School District, engineers, and architects to look at power options and documentation for the new Aiken County Career and Technology Center. The College secured a new power source for the new 8' by 14' electronic marquee. The 700 building Amphitheater renovation is nearly complete and ready for use. The College is forming committees for the renovation of the Library and for the new Nursing building architecture review. The College awarded the contract for the 900 building roof and is continuing with work on a new chiller for the 700 building.

Action Taken: None taken.

B. Academic and Student Affairs - Mr. Chad Crumbaker

1. Emergency Medical Technician Basic Certificate

Summary of Issue: The College proposed changes to the existing Emergency Medical Technician Basic Certificate. State policy and procedure require approval of a new certificate when modifications to the original certificate exceed 50%. The Commission reviewed a summary and course requirements of the new program to be implemented this fall. The changes focused on the math requirements to align the math needed for the EMT position.

Action Taken: Ms. Priester motioned on behalf of the Curriculum and Student Services Committee to approve the Emergency Medical Technician Basic Certificate. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Advancement - No Report

D. Human Resources - No Report

E. Office of the President - Dr. Forest Mahan

1. College Update

Summary of Issue: Dr. Mahan compared the SC House of Representatives and Senate Finance Committee FY24 State budgets. The budget looks favorable to the SCTCS. The proposed budget is based on tuition mitigation and includes a pay raise of \$2500 for employees making less than \$50,000 and a 5% increase for employees making over \$50,000. The full Senate will review the budget next week. Dr. Hardee explained the need for competitive salaries for State employees to remain competitive. Dr. Hardee also supported tuition mitigation, understanding a tuition freeze does create some challenges for the College. The proposed budget will help cover the freeze and help the College produce more graduates for the high job demand throughout the state.

Dr. Mahan completed recent interviews with WGAC and WRDW on the building demolition and new campus development. The College is working on an MOA with the ACPD on the building and operations of the new ACCTC to be built where the 400-500-600 buildings stand.

The Aiken County Sheriff's Department notified the College that as of the end of June 2023, the Department would not be able to continue the current contract that assigns an officer to campus. The Sheriff's Department cannot provide an officer due to a staffing shortage. The College has one officer, Investigator Malcom, on campus now. Dr. Mahan spoke with Sheriff Hunt, as well as Commission Chair, Mr. Lewis, and Aiken County Council Chair, Mr. Gary Bunker, on behalf of the College. The College reached out to the Burnetown Police Department, but the College is not incorporated into Burnetown. The College is also exploring possible funding for hiring private security. The City of Aiken is also unable to provide an officer. Local law enforcement would still respond in the event of an emergency. The College does have a third-party contract with New Age Protection for armed security guards on campus. There are security cameras and a multi-media security alert system as well. The security guard contract has a non-compete clause that would restrict the College from hiring additional security from another company. The College could try to renegotiate the contract or explore other options when the contract is up for renewal. Mr. Alvin Padgett asked considering the weekly shootings, are the Commission and College okay with the current security plan? Dr. Mahan and Commission members recognized the importance of a law enforcement presence on campus for safety and a crime deterrent. Most public schools have a resource officer and considering the remoteness of the College, having trained law enforcement on campus is critical. The County Sub-Station on campus is still in operation, and the College would like it to remain open. The College also maintains the sub-station. Under the current County contract, the College pays for the officer's salary, fringe benefits, equipment, cell phone, vehicle, vehicle maintenance, and fuel. The contract with the Aiken County Sheriff's Department also includes using the campus for training exercises. The College is reviewing the status of those exercises. The College will continue to work with the County to find another arrangement by the end of June.

Dr. Mahan, other staff, and students participated in the SCTCS Legislative Day on March 29. Dr. Mahan reported ATC faculty member, Mr. Chris Burton, passing on March 28. Mr.

Burton taught Machine Tool Technology at the College. Dr. Mahan and faculty attended Mr. Burton's funeral. Dr. Mahan participated in a campus Student Listening Session on March 30. Students shared a need for more engagement outside of class. Dr. Tim Hardee was the speaker at today at the Aiken Rotary Club. Tomorrow, Dr. Mahan will talk on leadership to the USCA Leadership Group. The SCTCS Presidents' Council will also meet this week. Three ATC students will be recognized next week and inducted into the All-State Phi Theta Kappa Team in Columbia. Dr. Mahan will also do a presentation on April 21 for Augusta Technical College on the history and mission of two-year colleges. The College will hold its Radiation Technology Pinning on April 27 and the Nursing Pinning ceremony on May 1. Ms. Jill Uhler will send out logistics soon for the Commencement Stage Party.

Action Taken: None taken.

2. Upcoming Events

- o April 20, 2023 - ATC Awards Night, 6:30 p.m. in the Gym
- o May 2, 2023 - ATC Commencement
- o May 8, 2023 - Commission Meeting
- o June 12, 2023 - Commission Meeting
- o July, 2023 - No Meeting
- o August 14, 2023 - Commission Meeting
- o September 11, 2023 - Commission Meeting
- o October 9, 2023 - Commission Meeting

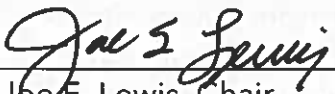
F. Executive Session - Mr. Joe Lewis

1. If necessary.

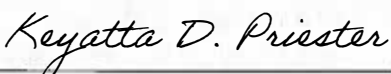
G. Open Session - Mr. Joe Lewis

1. Action may be taken on any item(s) discussed during an executive session.

Mr. Padgett made the motion, seconded by Ms. Priester, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.


Mr. Joe E. Lewis, Chair

5/8/23
Date Approved


Ms. Keyatta Priester, Secretary

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