



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Griffin Campus**  
**February 21, 2024**  
**7:30 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

David Campbell (Webex)  
Rebecca Hadley-Catter  
Michael Powell

John Rainwater  
Keith Simmons (Webex)  
Jeff Tarrant (Webex)

Stone Workman

**Absent:**

Erin Cook

**Staff Members:**

Dr. Irvin Clark  
Stacy Acey  
Barbara Jo Cook  
Dr. Chris Daniel

Kristin Durham  
Jennifer Edwards  
Julie Gates  
Steve Hendrix

Dr. Xenia Johns  
Dr. Alan Stanfield  
Betsy Thoms  
Kim Santerre

**Guests:**

Savannah Payton

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Rebecca Hadley-Catter called the meeting to order at 7:44 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**B. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

**1. SCTC EAGLE Winner – Laquanda Reynolds**

Steve Hendrix informed the Board that Laquanda Reynolds was out sick and losing her voice but that the College would send them a short video that tells her story.

**2. SCTC Adult Education Teacher of the Year – Betsy Thoms**

Mr. Hendrix introduced the Adult Education Teacher of the Year as Betsy Thoms. Ms. Thoms has been with the College for a long time beginning as part-time and then in 2014 as full-time. She is the ESL instructor located at the Fayette County Center. Ms. Thoms spoke briefly about being honored and excited to represent the College for the competition and be an advocate for technical education. She desires to continue to spread the word about what the College does and the profound impact that Adult Education in the state of Georgia has on the lives of countless

individuals, including international learners.

**3. SCTC Rick Perkins Award Winner – Julie Gates**

Jennifer Edwards, Director of Distance Education and Coordinator for the Rick Perkins Award Program, introduced Julie Gates as the College's 2024 Rick Perkins Award Winner. Ms. Gates expressed how much it meant for her mother to witness her achieve this most notable College level honor prior to her mother's passing ten days later. Ms. Gates described her path to earning her Bachelor's degree and becoming an educator. Her position allows her to share her passion for forensic science and help meet workforce needs that continue to increase annually.

**4. SCTC GOAL Winner – Savannah Payton**

Dr. Xenia Johns, Vice President for Student Affairs, congratulated Ms. Thomas and Ms. Gates and introduced Kristin Durham as the GOAL Coordinator. Dr. Johns stated it was her pleasure to introduce Ms. Savannah Payton, the 2024 GOAL Winner. Dr. Johns congratulated Ms. Payton for having accepted a position from Piedmont Henry. Ms. Payton shared the path that led her to Southern Crescent Technical College. Here she found a supportive community that values each individual and did not feel like just a number. With experiences like clinicals and internships, students are equipped with the skills and knowledge to thrive in the workforce. The College provides hope for a brighter future and confidence to overcome any obstacles.

Ms. Hadley-Catter congratulated the winners and thanked them for representing the College at the State level. The winners are truly inspirational and Ms. Hadley-Catter gave kudos to the faculty and staff that inspire them.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Stone Workman made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, John Rainwater seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to accept the agenda.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Rainwater made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2024, meeting as presented in the Board materials, Mr. Workman seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

Michael Powell provided an update from the Nominating Committee indicating that information was provided at the last meeting regarding Lisa Johnson, Chief Nursing Officer, at WellStar and the Committee is ready to move forward with her nomination to the Board as a representative for Spalding County.

Mr. Powell discussed meeting with George Crews, Area Manager with Georgia Power and successor to Christopher Williams for the Henry County region. Dr. Clark and Rebecca Hadley-Catter participated in the meeting. Discussions included Mr. Crews background and the possibility of him serving on the Board of Directors. Mr. Crews expressed his eagerness to invest in this Board and would provide a

resume for consideration. David Campbell indicated that Mr. Williams has invested a lot of time and energy preparing him to be the Area Manager and he could tell that he is a very committed individual.

Mr. Powell, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, formally presented Lisa Johnson (Spalding) and George Crews (Henry) as Board nominations. The nominations were unanimously approved.

**G. DIVISIONAL REPORTS**

**Administrative Services**

Stacy Acey reported on the Administrative Services area as follows:

- Following is the Southern Crescent Technical College Financial Statement of Funds Available and Expenditures Compared to Budget for the period of July 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024 (FY2024). A financial overview and brief explanation of this statement includes:
  - The final budget is \$33,071,796.00.
  - FY2024 Current Year Revenue is \$18,413,752.52 Revenue compared to budget is 55.68%. This should be at 58% but falls just below due to the Financial Aid disbursement schedule.
  - Comparative data for FY2023 current year revenue is \$17,944,400.87 as reported on January 31, 2023. The variance between FY2024 and FY2023 current year revenue is an increase of \$469,351.65 in reported revenue for FY2024.
  - Actual Expenditures total is \$17,872,852.26 comprised of 84.66% in personnel expenses and 15.34% in operating expenses. Expenditures compared to budget is 54.04%.
  - Comparative data for FY2023 actual expenses is \$17,462,869.35 as reported on January 31, 2023. The variance between FY2024 and FY2023 actual expenses is an increase of \$409,982.91 for FY2024. A majority of the increase is due to repairs from tornado damage and will be reimbursed by insurance.
  - This financial statement indicates the College’s current year (CY) funds available for this report is \$514,975.21. The College will see an increase next month.
  - Prior year reserves less prior year outstanding receivables total \$4,897,369.29. Current year and prior year total funds available for the period July 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024 is \$5,412,344.50.
  - Comparative data for FY2023 total funds available as reported on January 31, 2023 was \$5,338,964.04 an increase of \$73,380.46 in FY2024 reported total funds available.
- Southern Crescent Technical College is in a financial position to meet its outstanding obligations and is in good standing.

CARES Funding	Institutional*	Minority	Student
Grant Award to Date	\$15,819,937.00	\$1,510,433.00	\$11,614,016.00
Remaining Balances (G5)	\$526,302.84	\$0	12,579.32
Encumbrances	\$372,191.15	N/A	N/A
Grant Expiration Date	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2024
Last Day to Draw funds	October 1, 2024	October 1, 2024	October 1, 2024

\*Balance of Institutional funds less encumbrances = \$154,111.69

Ms. Acey responded to questions from the Board regarding students paying off balances, carryover funding limitations (15% of current year revenue) and justification requirements, and Federal and state funding allocations.

#### **H. EXECUTIVE SESSION (optional)**

Upon motion by Mr. Powell, and second by Mr. Workman, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate at 8:25 a.m.

Following the discussion of real estate, a motion was made by Mr. Workman and seconded by Mr. Powell to reconvene into regular session at 8:40 a.m. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

#### **I. PRESIDENT'S UPDATE**

- Dr. Clark thanked the Board for their continued support.
- The College trajectory is moving in the right direction. Enrollment is strong and up about 17% overall. Traditional students are up ~9%. This is a point of pride and can be contributed to community engagement with increased partnerships with business and industry. Dr. Clark believes the College enrollment will hit 6,500 students for fall semester and that it is a realistic goal for possibly 7,000 students in the spring.
- The Lakemont building in Henry County is now demolished. The property will be remediated and a sign installed.
- The Henry County Schools superintendent has left and an interim has been named. Dr. Clark plans to have a meet and greet scheduled soon with the interim superintendent.
- All the technical colleges are doing well and focused on high demand areas. Southern Crescent Technical College is in a good position financially, with enrollment, and in the communities.
- Entrepreneurship Centers are being created for the Butts, Fayette, Henry, and Upson locations.
- Sunday courses are forthcoming with partnerships from area churches. This will help students get started on a pathway (offerings being considered in Early Childhood Care and Education, Water Quality Technician, and CDL).
- With legislation being considered for gaming, the College is looking at what areas that would impact (i.e. hospitality). Dr. Clark mentioned plans to work closely with University System of Georgia schools, specifically Gordon State College, Clayton State University, and University of Georgia-Griffin.

#### **J. ADJOURN**

Ms. Hadley-Catter thanked everyone for their attendance. The next Board meeting has been scheduled for March 20, 2024 at 7:30 a.m. With conflicts for both the Chair and Vice Chair, the meeting date will be modified. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

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Dr. Irvin T. Clark III, Executive Secretary