



## Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, August 28, 2021

**Time:** 12:00 PM

**Location:** THINC

**Present:** Ted Arnold, Eric Mosley, Joseph Miller, Lauren Edgar, Shelley Strickland,

**Other:** Gerald Wyatt, Regan Mock, Dr. Brian Shumate, Brandon Brooks, Connie Hensler, Meghan Duke, Susan Hinson

The meeting began at 12:00 PM.

- Welcome- Ted Arnold, THINC Board Vice-Chair
- Motion called for approval of August minutes- Ted Arnold
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Eric Mosley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shelley Strickland
- P&L- Eric Mosley, THINC Finance Chair
  - Larger items in actuals:
    - Accounting Fee of \$1,600.00
    - Dues for Rotary of \$600.00
  - YTD including carryover is \$1,122,340.72
  - There have been no additional designated funds thus far
  - Randy Jackson Scholarship is currently at \$79,365.00
  - More expenses for travel, trips, etc. will be expected this year versus last year.
  - Motion to approve financials
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Lauren Edgar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eric Mosley
- Audit- Gerald Wyatt, THINC CEO
  - Our previous audit has no findings
  - The letter of intent was received for the 2021 audit. This has been signed and will begin once we receive the final signature.
  - The audit will arrive between November and January.
  - Any findings will be presented to the Board.
- Staff Introduction- Gerald Wyatt
  - In THINC's strategic plan and leadership meetings it has been brought up that THINC instructors would like to have more knowledge about the THINC Board and wanted to solicit the support of this Board.
  - Courtney Feels, Marketing, planned to attend but is out assisting with coverage for another class.
  - Susan Hinson, Science, has been with THINC since inception. Mrs. Hinson is in the academic realm but enjoys dabbling in CTAE when she has the chance. Tomorrow she will be assisting Mrs. Freels with interviews for DECA.



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- Mrs. Hinson anticipates being able to reinstate Project Based Learning this year which means visitors and field trips starting back up and is looking forward to getting back more progressive and transitioning back to what THINC is truly about. She also shared her appreciation of our visitors giving us the opportunity to have them present with us on campus and following necessary guidelines to keep this possible.
- School Updates/ Events- Gerald Wyatt
  - Dr. Chris Williams, THINC Principal, was unable to attend but Mr. Wyatt explained that all protocols are being followed and the only minor hiccup we have had thus far has revolved around transportation.
  - This first weeks back with instructors helped us focus on why we are here on work together in collaboration.
  - This past Monday we held out Welcome Back Rally. Ted Arnold was present and THINC students were rallied on as they entered the building. Presence of Board members is very important at THINC student events.
  - The annual CTSO Cookout is Friday and the presence of Board and community members is being requested.
    - Volunteers are needed from 9:30-1:00/2:00.
    - The various THINC CTSO groups will have tables set up and students will visit these tables to learn more about the CTSO groups offered and are encouraged to join.
  - The Lieutenant Governor's third annual Business & Education Summit will take place October 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. Each year they vet a College & Career Academy to host the event and THINC was chosen this year. Please register for yourself or someone from your organization to attend.
    - October 5- Summit and Reception
    - October 6- CEO Meeting
- Board Seat Updates- Gerald Wyatt
  - TCSS- replacement will be coming once Dr. Penny Johnson's role has been filled
  - GA Power- recommendation to come
  - Point University- pending recommendation
  - LaGrange College- pending recommendation
    - Joseph Miller currently hold a seat on the THINC Board, but will be relocating to another college out of state. He has been a played a tremendous role in the community, THINC, Leadership Troup and the Chamber.
  - Three more seat are looking to be filled.
- WGTC/ THINC Collaboration- Gerald Wyatt
  - Collaboration continues with WGTC. This morning the door separating the THINC Engineering lab and WGTC Precision Manufacturing was rolled up and will continue to remain up. THINC and WGTC are partnering to utilize each other's resources. Two students spoke at the ribbon cutting ceremony that was held one currently attends THINC



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and the other is a former THINC student and current WGTC student in precision manufacturing.

- TCSS Update- Dr. Brian Shumate, TCSS Superintendent
  - The mask mandate was voted in to enable TCSS to stay open.
  - Roughly 70% of TCSS staff are vaccinated and about 10% of the students.
  - LCM, LCE and RES spread was high last week causing shut down for Thursday and Friday and extended through Monday and Tuesday after more positive reports. A decision will be made tonight to remain closed or open back up.
  - The TCSS is short handed in the areas of substitutes, bus drivers and nutrition workers.
  - The base high schools have been transitioned to block schedules this year to better align with the schedule of THINC.
  - Discussed the new “Option B” method for students through TC3 (Troup County Career Center) to modify credit requirements and expose students to other options such as getting certified or beginning their Associates Degree and allowing the expansion of dual-enrollment. Dr. Shumate ensured that THINC is not going anywhere- this is just an expansion within TCSS to show students a variety of options.

**Adjourned.**