



Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2021

11:00 a.m.

VOTING MEMEBERS PRESENT

Mr. Sidney Wildes (Chair)
Dr. Scarlett Copeland (virtual)
Mr. Kurt Davis
Dr. Sean Kelly (virtual)
Mr. Lonnie Roberts
Ms. Kerry McLaughlin (virtual)
Dr. Chris Roppe (virtual)
Mr. James Futch (Vice Chair)
Ms. Judy Rowland

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Miki Thomaston
Mr. Derrin Wheeler
Mr. Roger Branch

NON-VOTING MEMEBERS PRESENT

Dr. Glenn Deibert (CEO)
Mr. Kevin Ellis (virtual)
Dr. Brett McDaniel (virtual)
Mr. Dell Keith (virtual)
Dr. Ryan Flowers

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Keri Orvin
Mr. Clint Johnson
Mr. Brian Hulett
Mr. Greer Smith
Ms. Alana Douberly

CALL TO ORDER

The Southern Pines College and Career Academy (SPCCA) Board of Directors met Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Sidney Wildes, Board Chair, called the meeting to order. A quorum of voting members was present.

INVOCATION

The invocation was provided by Mr. James Futch.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion to approve by Mr. Lonnie Roberts, a second by Mr. James Futch, the Board unanimously approved the agenda for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion to approve by Ms. Judy Rowland, a second by Mr. Lonnie Roberts, minutes of the September 1, 2021, SPCAA Board of Directors' meeting were unanimously approved.

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Mr. Sidney Wildes, Chairman of the Board of Directors, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Wildes applauded the great work being accomplished by all four school systems during these extraordinary times. He also acknowledged the great progress seen thus far in regards to the College and Career Academy.

NEW BOARD MEMBER PROPOSAL

Mr. James Futch informed the Board of Directors that SPCCA By-Laws (Section 3.2.a) state the Board of Directors will include 11 non-voting members, and four of those non-voting members will include one Economic Development Authority Member from each of the four counties.

Mr. Futch informed the SPCCA Board that Ms. Laura Bloom has been hired as the new Chief Executive Officer of the Jeff Davis County JDA and Hazlehurst Chamber of Commerce; therefore, he made a motion to invite her to serve on the SPCCA Board of Directors as a non-voting (ex-officio) member.

Upon a motion to approve by Mr. James Futch, a second by Mr. Kevin Ellis, the Board unanimously approved Mr. Futch's recommendation to add Ms. Laura Bloom to the SPCCA Board of Directors effective immediately.

The CEO will make an appointment to meet with Ms. Bloom and bring her up to date on the status/progress of the College and Career Academy.

NEW BOARD MEMBER PROPOSAL

Mr. Kurt Davis provided an overview of a potential business and industry representative, Mr. Gary Evans, CEO of Cotton Partners, LLC. Mr. Davis indicated Mr. Evans would serve as a great new SPCCA Board member representing Jeff Davis County. Mr. Evans has also served on the Wiregrass Regional College and Career Academy.

Upon a motion to approve by Mr. Kurt Davis, a second by Mr. James Futch, the Board unanimously approved Mr. Robert "Gary" Evans to the SPCCA Board of Directors effective immediately.

The CEO will make an appointment to meet with Mr. Evans and bring him up to date on the status/progress of the College and Career Academy.

COASTAL PINES TECHNICAL COLLEGE BAXLEY SITE UPDATE

Mr. Roberts updated the Board of Directors on the recently approved renovations for the Coastal Pines Technical College (CPTC) Baxley site. Renovations in the amount of \$650,000 to update restrooms, administrative areas and some areas of the Automotive lab.

Future renovations at this campus include the construction of a new entrance and sign at the entrance of the campus. This will also include an electronic board as well as the Southern Pines College and Career Academy logo.

A new simulator being purchased for the CPTC Baxley site will be available for use by the Timber Harvesting dual enrollment students. This simulator is similar to the one recently purchased for the Waycross campus and costs approximately \$206,000. The simulator provides the following educational opportunities.

- Teaches students skills required in the use of heavy equipment utilized in the Timber Harvesting Operations certificate.
- Provides three large screens depicting the appearance of being in the woods and in the selected piece of equipment.
- Enables the student to perform hands-on practice in a controlled classroom environment prior to learning on the actual equipment in the woods.

A software package for the simulator that allows an individual to learn how to operate a motor grader was purchased and can be used to train city/county workers.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Lt. Governor's Business & Education Summit

Lt. Governor Geoff Duncan hosted the 14th Annual Business and Education Summit on October 5th, 2021, in partnership with the THINC College and Career Academy.

Industry and community leaders, as well as state and local education officials joined the Lt. Governor in LaGrange, Georgia, to discuss initiatives focused on workforce development, innovation and education.

Georgia College and Career Academy CEO Quarterly Meeting

On October 6, 2021, the 50+ College and Career Academy Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) held their quarterly meeting in conjunction with the Lt. Governor's Business and Education Summit. A lot of great operational information was provided by the moderators and speakers, some of which will be discussed during different points of today's report.

Electrical Lineworker Program

During the Business and Education Summit, Mr. Joseph Lillyblad, the Manager of Georgia Power's Education and Workforce Development team, discussed the need for Electrical Lineworkers at Georgia Power. During his presentation he also outlined how local EMC's will need lineworkers for their new broadband initiative.

Those attending the Business and Education Summit thought this could potentially be a great program offering at SPCCA. CPTC already has one of the four Georgia Power Electrical

Lineworker programs in Georgia, and they could offer this program on the Baxley site as a dual enrollment program.

Information regarding Georgia Power's Electrical Lineworker program is located at <https://poweringcareers.com/careers/electrical-lineworker/>. A four-minute video about the program can be accessed by selecting the picture of the female lineworker on the website.

Board of Directors Training Update

Both the Effective Governance (April 28, 2021) and the Open Records and Open Meetings (August 4, 2021) Board training sessions were recorded and the editing of each video has been finished. All voting members who missed one of these two training sessions have been emailed a link to the training. Once a member has completed the training, the CEO should be notified by email to ensure credit is awarded for the training.

During the Quarterly CEOs meeting, some College and Career Academy CEOs were allotted discretion to locally develop certain Board training scenarios that provide credit towards Board members certification.

A perfect example would be for a group (or committee) to assist the SPCCA CEO with research to determine if offering the Electrical Lineworker program is a viable option for the College and Career Academy. Then, this group would report out at a future Board meeting.

School System Visits

On October 14, 2021, a meeting was held with Dr. Chris Roppe and key members of his leadership team to discuss operational concepts and programming ideas for the College and Career Academy. Thus far, meetings have been held with both the Appling and Jeff –Davis School Systems. Meetings with the Bacon and Wayne School Systems will be arranged upon coordination of schedules.

Renovations at Coastal Pines Technical College Baxley Site

Two major renovations are scheduled during 2021 and 2022 at Coastal Pines Technical College's Baxley site. These renovations, along with some site improvements, are geared towards making general updates as well as preparing additional space for dual enrollment programs that can be utilized by the College and Career Academy.

The first renovation was recently approved by the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia, and the contractor should begin renovations in the month of December.

SPCCA Facility Design Progress

As the design process continues, and even after some adjustments to the design, the preliminary estimate revealed the project is still potentially over budget. In order to assist with budget overruns, the architect is:

- working with the civil engineers to take select site improvements out of scope of work,
- continuing to propose additional cost saving measures for the exterior design, and
- proceeding with the design with the understanding there may still be some budget issues caused by the current economic volatility.

Career Academy Annual Report

Each November, College and Career Academies are required to submit an annual report. Conversations were held with Ms. Kerry Pritchard, the Flexibility and External Affairs Manager for the Georgia Department of Education, and Ms. Pritchard decided that SPCCA did not have to complete the annual report since it was not operational at this time.

OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled on January 5, 2022 at 11am.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52a.m.

Submitted by:



Glenn Deibert
Chief Executive Officer