



**Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes**

September 7, 2022

1:30 p.m.

**VOTING MEMEBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Scarlett Copeland  
Mr. James Futch (Vice Chair)  
Dr. Sean Kelly (virtual)  
Mr. Lonnie Roberts  
Dr. Chris Roppe  
Ms. Judy Rowland (virtual)  
Ms. Miki Thomaston (Secretary)(virtual)

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mr. Roger Branch  
Mr. Kurt Davis  
Ms. Kerry McLaughlin  
Mr. Derrin Wheeler  
Mr. Sidney Wildes (Chair)

**NON-VOTING MEMEBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Glenn Deibert (CEO)  
Ms. Laura Bloom (virtual)  
Mr. Kevin Ellis (virtual)  
Mr. Gary Evans (virtual)  
Dr. Ryan Flowers  
Mr. Dell Keith (virtual)  
Mr. Greer Smith (virtual)

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ms. Alana Douberly  
Mr. Brian Hulett  
Ms. Keri Orvin  
Dr. Brett McDaniel

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Southern Pines College and Career Academy (SPCCA) Board of Directors met Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. Dr. Glenn Deibert called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. 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 Dr. Scarlett Copeland, a second by Mr. James Futch, the Board unanimously approved the agenda for the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion to approve by Dr. Chris Roppe, a second by Mr. Lonnie Roberts, minutes of the August 3, 2022, SPCAA Board of Directors' meeting were unanimously approved.

## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

### **Approval of Proposed Board Member** (Action Item)

Ms. Judy Rowland informed Dr. Deibert that Mr. Clint Johnson has taken on a new challenge and is no longer the CTAE Director for Bacon County High School. Ms. Rowland recommended that the new High School CTAE Director, Ms. Jessica Boatright, be added to the SPCCA Board of Directors. Last week Dr. Deibert emailed Ms. Boatright's resume to the Board of Directors.

Upon a motion to approve by Mr. James Futch, a second by Dr. Scarlett Copeland, the Board unanimously approved to add Ms. Jessica Boatright to the Board of Directors.

### **Fall Semester Pilot Program Update** (Information Item)

As approved by the Board in June, a pilot program was started this fall in the following areas: (1) Automotive Technology, (2) Diesel Technology and (3) Education Paraprofessional (Teacher Education).

Although the programs were announced after students had already departed for the summer, there was still a really good turnout for these three programs. The first block Automotive Technology class is full, the Diesel Technology class had a great turnout (both morning and afternoon classes), and five students are enrolled in the Education class.

Dr. Deibert met with the teachers participating in the pilot courses to debrief and discuss what worked well and what improvements can be made to the process prior to Spring semester.

### **Construction Bid Update** (Information Item)

The bid opening for the new College and Career Academy took place August 11, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. The mandatory pre-bid had eight (8) contractors register to bid. However, on bid day only two contractors submitted an official bid, Dabbs-Williams, and Lavender and Associates.

Both bids submitted were higher than the budgeted amount for the project. Dabbs-Williams was the low bidder. Dr. Copeland, Mr. Casey Smith (the architect) and Dr. Deibert have been working with Dabbs – Williams to formulate a list of additional value engineered items and the reduced cost associated with each item, and to negotiate a lower bid total.

This process should be completed this week and submitted to the Appling County Board of Education for consideration this month, since they are the fiscal agent who must approve or reject the low bid. As soon as the Appling County School System votes on the low bid proposal, Dr. Deibert will provide an update to the SPCCA Board.

### **Presentations and Meetings** (Information Item)

Dr. Deibert thanked Ms. Rowland for inviting him to speak to the Bacon County Board of Education last month (August 11). They were a very receptive group and expressed their excitement for being a part of the Southern Pines College and Career Academy.

### **Lt. Governor's Business and Education Summit**

Dr. Deibert reminded the Board that this year the Lt. Governor's Business and Education Summit will be held September 29, 2022, at the Jones County College and Career Academy. The Georgia College and Career Academy CEOs' meeting will be held September 30 in Macon at the Central Georgia Technical College Campus.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mr. Lonnie Roberts informed everyone that the secondary entrance to the campus, which will also serve as the College and Career Academy bus entrance, is under construction and should be completed within the next couple of weeks. The contractor performing the work, J. Heirs, is also the contractor that will be widening the front entrance to the campus and increasing the length of the deceleration lane on highway 341. The Baxley Campus classroom renovations will be completed late December. Many of these classrooms will be utilized by the College and Career Academy.

At the request of a SPCCA Board member, Dr. Deibert outlined how the Fitzgerald Leadership and Entrepreneur X-perience (FLEX) program works. The FLEX program aligns somewhat with the **Entrepreneurship** career pathway established by the Georgia Department of Education. The Entrepreneurship pathway includes three courses: (1) Introduction to Business and Technology, (2) Legal Environment of Business, and (3) Entrepreneurship.

The discussion centered on whether or not this would be a good program to offer at the College and Career Academy. Dr. Flowers suggested we really stay focused on what our CTAE programs are offering but we could survey the school systems to determine if there is an interest in the Entrepreneurship program.

Dr. Flowers provided an update on how the Appling County School System and Bacon County School System are sharing a cosmetology teacher and offering the program on the Coastal Pines Technical College Alma campus. Both systems are busing students over to the college campus and the classes are full.

The final topic discussed was the possibility of developing a common calendar among the four school systems. The possibility of organizing a committee to, at the very least, agree upon the start dates for fall and spring semester was suggested. Calendars are generally developed late fall and approved in January and/or February.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled on November 2, at 1:30 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

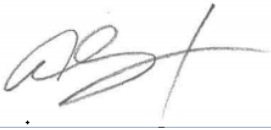
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

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Submitted by:

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Miki Thomaston

Secretary