



Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2023

1:30 p.m.

VOTING MEMEBERS PRESENT

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

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Roger Branch
Mr. Derrin Wheeler
Ms. Miki Thomaston (Secretary)

NON-VOTING MEMEBERS PRESENT

Ms. Laura Bloom (virtual)
Dr. Glenn Deibert (CEO)
Mr. Gary Evans (virtual)
Dr. Ryan Flowers (virtual)
Mr. Dell Keith (virtual)
Dr. Brett McDaniel

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Alana Douberly
Mr. Kevin Ellis
Mr. Brian Hulett
Ms. Keri Orvin
Mr. Greer Smith

GUESTS

Ms. Kelly Shanklin (RYAM)
Mr. Chad Swanson (CPTC)

CALL TO ORDER

The Southern Pines College and Career Academy (SPCCA) Board of Directors met Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. Mr. James Futch 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 Mr. Lonnie Roberts, a second by Dr. Scarlett Copeland, the Board unanimously approved the agenda for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion to approve by Ms. Kerry McLaughlin, a second by Ms. Judy Rowland, minutes of the November 2, 2022, SPCAA Board of Directors' meeting were unanimously approved.

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND COMMENTS

Mr. Sidney Wildes thanked everyone for their participation, input, and dedication to the SPCCA Board during 2022. He also stated he is honored to be a part of this initiative and he is happy to see the great progress the SPCCA is making thus far.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Construction Update – CPTC Renovations

The classroom renovations project at the CPTC Baxley campus will be completed this month. Therefore, the SPCCA February 1, 2023, Board of Directors' meeting will be held at that location.

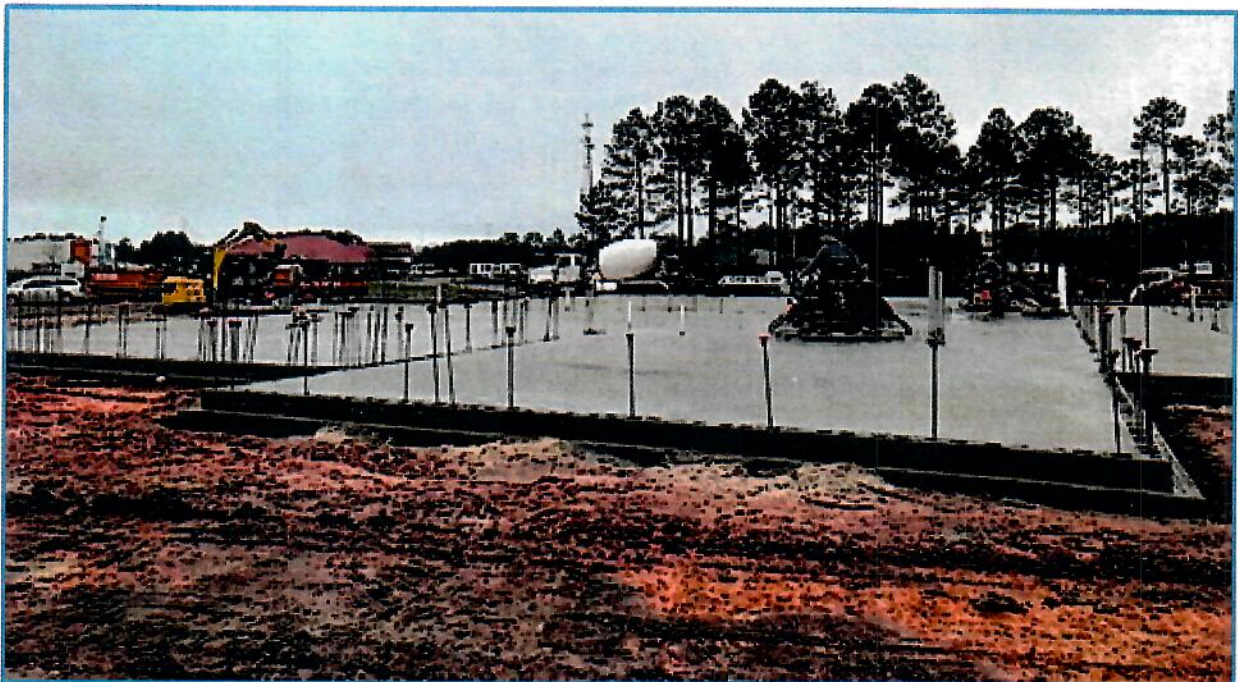
Construction Update – Secondary Entrance

The secondary entrance that buses will use to access the SPCCA has been completed. The only remaining item related to that project is roadway/directional signage.

Mr. Roberts expounded on the front entrance specifics which include extending the deceleration lane on Highway 341, widening the front entrance, and installing a large electronic sign with both the CPTC and SPCCA logos on it.

Construction Update – SPCCA Building

During the month of December, the contractor completed the footings, electrical rough-in, plumbing rough-in and the concrete slab.



Picture of SPCCA Site: December 23, 2022

Topping Out Event (February 1, 2023)

According to Wikipedia, "In building construction, topping out (sometimes referred to as topping off) is a builders' rite traditionally held when the last beam (or its equivalent) is placed atop a structure during its construction. Nowadays, the ceremony is often parlayed into a media event for public relations purposes."

Cogdell Mendrala Architects and the Dabbs-Williams General Contracting are working on a plan to prepare a steel beam for a topping out event. Just before the beam is set in place, the architect, contractor and SPCCA Board members present at next month's meeting will sign the beam. This type of event generally takes place on larger projects; however, the new College and Career Academy will have a big impact on the local rural Southeast Georgia communities, and this will provide a good public relations event for the SPCCA.

A press release will be generated in advance of the event to provide to local media, and CPTC will provide a staff member to take pictures of the beam signing.

New Program Proposal (Emergency Medical Responder)

The Jeff Davis Hospital administration contacted Dr. Roppe requesting assistance with training opportunities associated with issues related to hospital transporters. On December 20, 2022, a meeting took place with Jeff Davis Hospital administration, local/regional Emergency Medical Systems (EMS) personnel, Mr. Chad Swanson (CPTC) and Dr. Deibert (SPCCA). Both short-term and long-term solutions were discussed during the meeting. Georgia EMS personnel (and others) also pointed out this is not just a Jeff Davis County issue; it is a state-wide and national issue.

The long-term solution for our region is the offering of a dual enrollment Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) technical certificate program that local high school students can complete in two semesters, if offered in a two-block schedule. Additionally, high school seniors can later take the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) technical certificate. If a student takes these two programs, they will also qualify as a High School Option B program graduate.

SPCCA CEO, Dr. Deibert, also met with Robin Crosby, the Chief Operating Officer at the Appling Hospital, at the CPTC Baxley campus. An overview of programs and their organization needs was discussed during the meeting. Dr. Deibert toured Ms. Crosby through the CPTC campus and covered the general operation of the College and Career Academy. Ms. Crosby has provided the name of a local Appling County Paramedic that may be interested in teaching the EMT course. Dr. Deibert will be reaching out to the potential instructor this week.

The EMR materials were shared with two of the Bacon County Board members who attended the CCA Regional Training in Hinesville last month, Ms. Kerry McLaughlin and Ms. Jessica Boatright.

Comments on the new program proposal are listed below.

- Mr. Gary Evans stated he serves on the Jeff Davis Hospital Board and discussions take place every month on critical staffing needs, including those related to patient transport.
- Ms. Kerry McLaughlin stated the Bacon County Hospital is having the same issues as outlined by Mr. Evans and they look forward to the EMR program getting underway this fall semester.
- Dr. Chris Roppe discussed how the EMR students could follow up with the EMT technical certificate and those are two Option B healthcare certificates. He also stated the need for the healthcare workforce to help with the recruitment of students into the program. This could be accomplished if they would come and speak to the students about the local career opportunities for them.
- Mr. Sidney Wildes agreed this is a critical community need and he is glad to see SPCCA take on this challenge to help produce more healthcare workers for local hospitals.
- Dr. Scarlett Copeland stated she was recently contacted by the Appling EMS to see if there was training that could be provided to help with their workforce development needs as well.

AY2023 Fall and Spring Schedule

After months of meeting, consideration of local employment needs, and working with the College on facility space and adjuncts available to teach programs, the SPCCA has released its preliminary fall 2023 and spring 2024 schedule.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS TRAINING

Mr. Lonnie Roberts, CPTC President, and Mr. Chad Swanson, Dean of Secondary Initiatives, provided follow-up Board Training on the Technical College System of Georgia Dual Achievement and High School Graduation Option B programs. Three documents were emailed to Board members prior to the meeting and discussed in detail by the two presenters.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Dr. Deibert reminded everyone that Board members attending today's training will receive one-hour of Board Training credit.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled on February 1, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. on the SPCCA site. More information will be forthcoming by Dr. Deibert prior to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Submitted by:


Glenn Deibert