

# Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes June 7, 2023 1:30 p.m.

## **VOTING MEMEBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Scarlett Copeland

Mr. Kurt Davis

Mr. James Futch (Vice Chair)

Ms. Kerry McLaughlin (virtual)

Ms. Keri Orvin

Mr. Lonnie Roberts (virtual)

Ms. Kelly Shanklin (virtual)

Mr. Sidney Wildes (Chair)(virtual)

## **VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mr. Roger Branch

Dr. Chris Roppe

Ms. Judy Rowland

Mr. Derrin Wheeler

## NON-VOTING MEMEBERS PRESENT

Ms. Jessica Boatright

Dr. Glenn Deibert (CEO)

Dr. Ryan Flowers

Mr. John Henry

Mr. Dell Keith (virtual)

### NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Laura Bloom

Mr. Kevin Ellis

Mr. Gary Evans

Mr. Brian Hulett

Mr. Greer Smith

# **GUESTS**

Mr. Ben Horner (Appling Co. HS Principal)

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Southern Pines College and Career Academy (SPCCA) Board of Directors met Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 1:31 p.m. Mr. Sidney Wildes 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. Kurt Davis, a second by Ms. Keri Orvin, the Board unanimously approved the agenda for the meeting.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion to approve by Dr. Scarlett Copeland, a second by Mr. James Futch, minutes of the May 3, 2023, SPCAA Board of Directors' meeting were unanimously approved.

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# CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND COMMENTS

Mr. Wildes welcomed the group and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mr. Wildes thanked all the Board members who attended, in person or via live-streaming, Chris Clark's two-hour presentation on Georgia's Future Workforce. The Board members listed below will receive two hours of Board training credit.

Ms. Jessica Boatright

Mr. James Futch

Dr. Scarlett Copeland

Mr. John Henry

Dr. Glenn Deibert

Ms. Keri Orvin

Mr. Lonnie Roberts

Mr. Wildes discussed the importance of the recent announcement that Admares plant selected Waycross for their new \$750M factory which will create more than 1,400 new jobs. Additionally, a new Hyundai plant will be constructed in Bryan County. The SPCCA is strategically positioned to train employees needed for both new companies.

#### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Annual Plan of Work (Action Item)

The Annual Plan of Work was emailed to the Board of Directors along with the agenda and last month's minutes for review. The Plan of Work follows the same schedule of meetings as the past two years.

Upon a motion to approve by Ms. Keri Orvin, a second by Mr. James Futch, the Board unanimously approved the FY2024 Plan of Work.

## Wayne County School System

On May 8, 2023, Dr. Sean Kelly (Wayne County Superintendent of Schools) submitted a letter officially withdrawing from the Southern Pines College and Career Academy partnership, effective May 19, 2023.

#### SPCCA By-Laws

As soon as it was official, Dr. Deibert discussed Wayne County's withdrawal from the partnership with the three School Superintendents to provide them with sufficient time to adjust their SPCCA budget requests for their share of the SPCCA Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 budget. The actual budget totals for FY2024 remain the same, only percentages paid by the remaining school systems were adjusted accordingly. The FY2024 Operational Memorandum of Understanding has also been adjusted and shared with the superintendents. The superintendents' signatures will be obtained as soon as possible so each system can be invoiced during the month of July.

Wayne County School System's withdrawal from the partnership requires edits to the SPCCA Bylaws. The editing triggered a brief discussion regarding SPCCA's Wayne County Business and Industry partners serving on the Board. Dr. Deibert stated if the Board agrees, his recommendation would be to add two additional at large members to the Board.

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Currently, under Article Three, the Bylaws allow four at large voting board members and three at large non-voting board members. After discussion, Board members decided to add three additional at large members.

Upon a motion to approve by Ms. Keri Orvin, a second by Mr. James Futch, the Board unanimously approved adding three additional at large board members. The motion also included filling two of the three new at large positions with two Wayne County Business and Industry partners already serving on the Board, Mr. Dell Keith, and Ms. Kelly Shanklin.

Dr. Deibert will make the appropriate edits to the SPCCA Bylaws, email them to the Board for review and bring before the Board at the August 2, 2023, Board meeting for approval.

# Election of Officers (Action Item)

Chairman Wildes opened the floor for nomination of officers for Board Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer.

The following individuals were nominated for each office:

Chair:

Vice-Chair:

Secretary/Treasurer:

Mr. Kurt Davis

Upon a motion to approve by Mr. James Futch, a second by Ms. Keri Orvin, nominations for each office were closed.

Discussion followed pertaining to the term limits for officers outlined in the Bylaws. Dr. Deibert asked Board members to respond to him by phone or email and provide him with their preferences pertaining to the following two items discussed:

- Article Three Governing Board and Article Six Officers: (two locations)
  - Officers will serve for a one-year term and can succeed themselves for one additional year.

Question from Board members – Do we want to edit the Bylaws to state: Officers will serve for a one-year term and can succeed themselves for  $\underline{two}$  additional years.

#### 2. Executive Committee:

- Consider adding a section outlining an Executive Committee.
- In addition to the three officers, should one additional Board member from each county not represented by the Governing Board Officers be added to the Executive Committee.

Upon a motion by Ms. Keri Orvin, a second by Mr. Kurt Davis, due to some questions brought forth during discussion, the Board unanimously approved to table the election of officers until the August 2, 2023, meeting.

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# GADOE Request for New Program Code(s)

The Georgia Department of Education has provided a new program code for the SPCCA. For each school system to receive FTE credit/funding for their SPCCA students, each system must apply for their own code. The CFO for Appling County School System, Ms. Adrienne Taylor, reached out to Bacon and Jeff Davis school systems' CFO and provided a form and instructions for this process.

#### SPCCA Website

On June 1, 2023, Dr. Deibert sent out an email to the Board of Directors informing everyone that the SPCCA website has been launched and can be viewed at the following URL: southernpines-cca.org.

As stated in the email, items such as Board minutes, program flyers, and two job postings have been uploaded to the site. Additional information will be added as we move forward.

# **SPCCA Job Postings**

The job posting, job description and application for both the full-time Onsite Coordinator and the part-time Secretary/Receptionist have been posted on the SPCCA website.

# Governor Kemp's Business and Education Summit (October 5-6)

Governor Kemp will host a Workforce Summit on Friday, October 6, 2023, at the Georgia Railroad Freight Depot at 65 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in downtown Atlanta. This event will bring leaders from industry, government, secondary education, and post-secondary education together to discuss workforce needs and solutions.

In conjunction with the Summit, the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) will hold a Statewide Georgia College and Career Academy Network meeting on Thursday, October 5, 2023, at Atlanta Technical College. More information will be provided as these two dates draw closer.

# SPCCA Grand Opening (Potential Dates)

Anticipating completion of the building to be in time for fall semester, I have started floating potential dates for the SPCCA Grand Opening. The TCSG Office of Secondary Initiatives recommends Wednesday, October 25, 2023.

Dr. Deibert suggested that everyone look at their calendars to see if there are any major conflicts with this date. An alternate date suggested is Friday, October 20, 2023.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mr. Futch thanked Ms. Shanklin and Mr. Keith for their willingness to continue to serve on the SPCCA Board. This will enable the Board to stay connected with Wayne County's workforce development needs and the Board will have advocates in Wayne County.

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# **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled on August 2, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. on the SPCCA site.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Submitted by:

Glenn Deibert

SPCCA Chief Executive Officer