



Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2023

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Kurt Davis, (Treasurer)
Mr. James Futch (Vice Chair)
Dr. Janet Goodman
Mr. Lonnie Roberts
Dr. Chris Roppe
Ms. Kelly Shanklin

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Roger Branch
Ms. Kerry McCarty
Ms. Judy Rowland
Mr. Derrin Wheeler
Mr. Sidney Wildes (Chair)

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Jessica Boatright
Dr. Glenn Deibert (CEO)
Dr. Ryan Flowers
Mr. John Henry
Mr. Greer Smith

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Kevin Ellis
Mr. Gary Evans
Mr. Brian Hulett
Mr. Dell Keith

GUESTS

Ms. Jamey Collins (SPCCA)
Ms. Christy Simmons (SPCCA)
Ms. Sabrina Phelps (TCSG)

CALL TO ORDER

The Southern Pines College and Career Academy (SPCCA) Board of Directors met Wednesday, November 1, 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 Ms. Keri Orvin.

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 Ms. Keri Orvin, a second by Dr. Chris Roppe, minutes of the August 2, 2023, SPCCA Board of Directors' meeting were unanimously approved.

VICE-CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND COMMENTS

Mr. James Futch welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for their collaborative efforts put forth to make Southern Pines College and Career Academy a success. We are truly grateful to be part of the process to develop our local workforce here in Appling, Bacon and Jeff Davis Counties.

BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Kurt Davis provided a budget update and informed the Board that we are progressing at a pace under the budget allocation for this fiscal year. The Board members discussed and decided that the budget does not need to be approved by the Board at our monthly meetings. The only time a vote will be held is when a major expenditure, not already approved, is requested by a Board member or the SPCCA staff.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Grand Opening Celebration & Ribbon Cutting

The Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for Southern Pines College and Career Academy took place on October 25, 2023. We had a tremendous crowd and great participation from our three counties.

Endowment Scholarship

Casey Smith, the Chief Operations Officer and the principal architect at Cogdell Mendrala Architects, presented a check for \$25,000 to establish a scholarship endowment for SPCCA graduates. Annually, SPCCA/CPTC will award a scholarship to one high school graduate from each county (Appling, Bacon and Jeff Davis) who attended SPCCA and is planning on continuing their education at CPTC. Specific scholarship guidelines will be developed and distributed to each school system.

Landscape Update

The landscaping, around the front and partial sides of the building, was completed just prior to the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Event. The total cost was \$3,702.50 which was \$1,297.50 under the \$5,000 approved by the Board.

Program Videos

The SPCCA will soon start developing program specific videos to post to the web site. The videos will be used as a marketing and recruitment tool at the three high schools.

Annual Report

The SPCCA Annual Report was completed and submitted October 26, 2023. It included an online form submitted to GA DOE and three additional documents submitted to the Secondary Initiatives Department at the Technical College System of Georgia. Dr. Deibert stated if anyone would like a copy of the annual report documents submitted he will be happy to provide a copy.

Upcoming Event: 9th Grade Tours of SPCCA - Appling County High School

Ms. Jamey Collins provided an update to the Board on SPCCA tours. New to Appling County High School this year, 9th grade students are required to take a college and career readiness course. This course exposes students to employment opportunities in our community as well as teaches employability skills and soft skills. This Thursday, students from ACHS enrolled in this class this semester will come over to SPCCA for a tour. They will be broken up into 6 small groups and will be here about 30 minutes per group. Students will receive a brief overview of dual enrollment and program offerings at SPCCA. At the end of each group's presentation/tour, Thomas Wesley, CPCT's Dean for Technical and Industrial Programs, will be demonstrating the heavy equipment simulator. During each tour, a few students will be selected to drive different pieces of equipment on the simulator. We plan to host the same tour for spring college and career readiness 9th grade students in the spring. These tours will expose all 9th grade Appling County students to our campus and our program offerings. We are excited about this opportunity to provide them with useful information about SPCCA and hope this experience is impactful for them in making decisions about their future academic career path.

Upcoming Event: 9th Grade Student and Parent Presentation - Bacon County High School

Ms. Jamey Collins also provided an update to the Board on SPCCA tours scheduled to take place next month. On December 13th, SPCCA staff will team up with CPCT's High School Coordinator, Ashley Ramey, to present about program offerings at SPCCA through dual enrollment. Bacon County High School is requiring their sophomore students and parents to attend this event. After the presentation, students will be encouraged to sign up for any classes they would like more information on. Our goal is to have several program videos ready by this time in an effort to enhance our presentation and showcase our programs in a captivating way.

These 2 events will expose over 400 students to SPCCA and help provide a better understanding of what we have to offer. We are excited about these opportunities and look forward to scheduling something similar in Jeff Davis.

We will update everyone at our next Board meeting on these events and will be sharing some photos on our Facebook page. If you haven't already, please follow us on Facebook on our page entitled "Southern Pines College and Career Academy."

Classroom/Office/Hallway Décor

The question has been raised as to whether or not we want to allocate some funds for pictures in a few key areas of the SPCCA (offices, hallways and classrooms). This was discussed with many different ideas on how to get décor donated from our participating school systems and local businesses and industry. The board also approved the staff to gather prices for some artwork as well.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. James Futch thanked the SPCCA staff and everyone else who participated in the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting last week, it was a great success.

STRATEGIC PLANNING & GOAL SETTING BY MS. SABRINA PHELPS

Ms. Sabrina Phelps, Technical College System of Georgia Program Manager, presented a slide show to the staff and Board members. The slide show discussed the importance of Strategic Planning and Goal Setting. Many of the strategic planning and certification requirements have already been implemented or are in the process of being implemented at SPCCA. Ms. Phelps' training satisfies two certification hours for each Board member present. At the end of the training, a Strength/Weakness/Opportunities/Threats (SWOT) exercise was conducted and data was collected from all participants. The results of the data collected will be shared by email in December or at the January board meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. on the SPCCA site.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Submitted by:



Mr. Kurt Davis
Treasurer/Secretary



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Sign In Sheet

Voting Members

Name	Signature
Dr. Janet Goodman	<i>Janet Goodman</i>
Judy Rowland	<i>Judy Rowland</i>
Dr. Chris Roppe	<i>Chris Roppe</i>
Lonnie Roberts	<i>Lonnie Roberts</i>
James Futch	<i>James C. Futch</i>
Derrin Wheeler	<i>Derrin Wheeler</i>
Kurt Davis	<i>Kurt Davis</i>
Kelly Shanklin	Virtual
Roger Branch	
Sidney Wildes	
Kerry McCarty	
Keri Orvin	<i>Keri Orvin</i>

Non Voting Members

Dr. Ryan Flowers	<i>Dr. Ryan Flowers</i>
Jessica Boatright	<i>Jessica Boatright</i>
Greer Smith	Virtual
John Henry	Virtual
Kevin Ellis	
Brian Hulett	
Gary Evans	
Dell Keith	

SPCCA Employees / Guest

Glenn Deibert	<i>Glenn Deibert</i>
Jamey Collins	<i>Jamey Collins</i>
Christy Simmons	<i>Christy Simmons</i>
<i>Sabrina Phelps</i>	<i>Sabrina Phelps</i>