SOUTHERN PINES
COLLEGE & CAREER ACADEMY

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2026

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT
Mr. Kurt Davis
Dr. Elgin Dixon
Mr. Gary Evans (virtual)
Ms. Amanda Foreman
Mr. James Futch
Ms. Kerry McCarty (Secretary/Treasurer)
Ms. Traci Martin
Ms. Keri Orvin (Chair)
Dr. Chris Roppe (Vice Chair)

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT
Ms. Sara Waters

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT
Dr. Sarah Beth Barber
Ms. Jessica Boatright
Mr. Kevin Ellis
Dr. Ryan Flowers
Mr. Scottie Graham
Mr. Marty Mullis (virtual)
Mr. Oakley Perry

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT
Mr. Matt Carter
Mr. Perry White

SPCCA STAFF
Ms. Jamey Collins (CEO)
Ms. Amanda Towns (On-Site Coordinator)

GUESTS
Mr. Joey Floyd
Mr. Garrett Cranford
Mr. Charlie Powell
Mr. Richie Williams

CALL TO ORDER
The Southern Pines College and Career Academy (SPCCA) Board of Directors met Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 1:32 p.m. Ms. Keri Orvin called the meeting to order.

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND COMMENTS
Ms. Keri Orvin welcomed everyone and introduced the Board's new Coastal Pines Technical College representative, Ms. Amanda Foreman. Effective October 1, Ms. Foreman will serve as the

Interim President of Coastal Pines Technical College. She has served in various capacities with CPTC over the past 27 years, most recently as Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs.

With extensive experience in technical and workforce education and leadership at Coastal Pines, Ms. Foreman brings deep knowledge of the college and the communities it serves. Ms. Orvin welcomed Ms. Foreman and expressed appreciation for her willingness to serve, as well as the experience and expertise she will bring to the SPCCA Board of Directors.

INVOCATION
The invocation was provided by Mr. James Futch.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Upon a motion to approve by Mr. Kurt Davis, 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. Traci Martin, a second by Mr. Kurt Davis, minutes of the August 12, 2026, SPCCA Board of Directors' meeting were unanimously approved.

BUDGET UPDATE (Handout Provided)
Ms. Kerry McCarty provided a budget update to the Board. As of August 31, SPCCA is approximately 17% through the fiscal year and has encumbered approximately 16% of the budget. She shared that our budget is healthy and on track. There were no questions regarding the budget.

BYLAWS DISCUSSION: BOARD COMPOSITION AND VOTING STRUCURE (Keri Orvin)
Ms. Keri Orvin revisited the discussion regarding Board composition and voting structure from the previous meeting. She noted that overall Board attendance has been favorable and referenced the attendance data provided by Ms. Jamey Collins for FY23 through FY26. Mr. Kurt Davis noted that overall attendance averaged nearly 70% and acknowledged that although attendance was lower than usual at one meeting, a quorum was still established. Mr. James Futch reiterated that establishing a quorum had been the primary concern previously discussed regarding the bylaws, but the attendance data demonstrated that this had not been an issue.

The proposed bylaw language, which had been previously discussed and included in each Board member's meeting packet, was read aloud by Ms. Orvin. The proposed revision to Section 3.2 read as follows:

The Governing Board will be comprised of 20 voting members:

- Two representatives from each of the three county school districts
- One representative from Coastal Pines Technical College
- One Economic Development Authority representative from each of the three counties
- Ten at-large Business and Industry members representing the three counties

Upon a motion by Mr. James Futch, a second by Dr. Chris Roppe, the proposed changes to Section 3.2 of the bylaws were unanimously approved.

Ms. Orvin asked Ms. Collins to email a copy of the amended bylaws to all Board members.

NEW BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT (Keri Orvin) (Action Item)
Ms. Orvin shared that Cory Tyre had been recommended by the Bacon County representatives for consideration as a member of the SPCCA Board of Directors to fill the seat vacated by Derrin Wheeler. Prior to the meeting, Ms. Jamey Collins contacted Mr. Tyre to gauge his interest in serving. Mr. Tyre expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to give back to his community and stated that he would be honored to be considered for the position.

Ms. Orvin provided an overview of Mr. Tyre's background, noting that he is a fifth-generation Bacon County farmer with more than 20 years of experience in agriculture and community service. He has served in several leadership roles with the Bacon County Farm Bureau and currently serves as a Bacon County Commissioner. His background in agriculture, forestry, construction, business, and public service would bring valuable industry and community representation to the SPCCA Board of Directors.

Upon a motion by Ms. Tracy Martin, a second by Mr. James Futch, the appointment of Mr. Cory Tyre to the SPCCA Board of Directors was unanimously approved, effective immediately.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/SPCCA STAFF REPORT
SPCCA Lunch and Learn (Jamey Collins)
Ms. Collins shared information with the board regarding a recent Lunch and Learn held with the dual enrollment coordinators and CTAE directors from the three partnering schools, along with Coastal Pines Technical College staff. The group came together to collaborate and discuss program strengths and areas for improvement, scheduling, new ideas, and ways to better serve students. Ms. Collins noted that the opportunity to collaborate and share ideas was very beneficial.

Recruitment Opportunities (Amanda Towns)
Ms. Amanda Towns shared the following upcoming events, initiatives, and opportunities with the Board:

- Parent & Community Open House: SPCCA will once again co-host a Parent & Community Open House with Coastal Pines Technical College on November 17 from 4:30–6:30 p.m. Ms. Towns shared that the time was moved earlier this year in hopes of increasing family participation and making it easier for families to attend after work without having to return to town later in the evening. Information has been shared with all three partnering school systems, and they have been asked to promote the event through their social media accounts. SPCCA will continue promoting the event and has reached out to local radio and newspaper representative in the three counties to help us share the information.

- High School Lunch Visits: Ms. Towns shared that SPCCA has now visited each partnering high school during student lunch periods. She noted that the visits were enjoyable and provided a fun opportunity to connect with students in their own schools, share information about SPCCA programs, and build relationships. SPCCA hopes to continue these visits throughout the year to promote programs and encourage enrollment.

BOARD TRAINING

Career Ready by Design Grant (Richie Williams)

Mr. Richie Williams provided training on the Career Ready by Design initiative. He shared that Coastal Pines Technical College was selected to participate in the two-year initiative, with SPCCA and GICCA identified as the College and Career Academies involved. SPCCA is expected to receive approximately $24,000 over the next two years.

Mr. Williams explained that the initiative will allow SPCCA to build on its existing strong pathway offerings, with a particular focus on increasing exposure and awareness of SPCCA opportunities among students, families, community members, and local business and industry. Funding will support marketing and outreach efforts.

The Career Ready by Design team will visit SPCCA on November 5, and Mr. Williams encouraged Board members to attend and help brainstorm ways to better market SPCCA programs throughout Appling, Bacon, and Jeff Davis counties. Information and a QR code for the event were included in the Board packets.

Mr. Williams also shared that Ms. Jamey Collins and Ms. Amanda Towns are collecting survey feedback to help the Career Ready by Design team better understand SPCCA and identify opportunities for improvement. Board members who have not yet completed a survey were encouraged to do so using the QR code provided on the tables.

Where Talent Meets Opportunity: SPCCA's Role in Georgia's Workforce Pipeline

Ms. Collins provided an overview of the Governor's Workforce Summit, including key takeaways and discussions surrounding Georgia's workforce development efforts. She shared that the Summit focused on the importance of connecting education, workforce development, economic development, credentials, and career opportunities.

Ms. Collins discussed several themes from the Summit that directly relate to the mission and work of SPCCA, including creating clear pathways from the classroom to careers, ensuring students are aware of available opportunities, providing students with industry recognized credentials and hands on skills, and aligning education and training programs with the needs of local employers.

Ms. Collins also shared a recent Talent Pipeline article that highlighted the collaboration between Coastal Pines Technical College and Southern Pines College and Career Academy. She noted that the article showcased how the partnership is working to provide high school students with access to technical education, college credit, industry credentials, and career pathways while still in high school.

Ms. Collins emphasized that SPCCA is already serving as a local example of the workforce development model discussed at the Summit through its partnerships with Coastal Pines Technical College, the three local school systems, and business and industry partners. She also highlighted the importance of continuing to increase awareness of these opportunities among students, families, and the community while strengthening employer engagement.

Ms. Collins shared that the Summit and the Talent Pipeline article both reinforced the importance of the work being done through the collaboration between SPCCA and CPTC and the role that SPCCA plays in helping build a strong local talent pipeline for Appling, Bacon, and Jeff Davis counties.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Ms. Jamey Collins informed the board of the materials provided in their folders, which included information on the Heavy Equipment Capstone, Parent/Community Open House, Career Ready by Design, and the article write-up. Ms. Traci Martin asked that calendar links be sent out for the upcoming events. Ms. Collins said that she would send the invites out for each event as well as the survey links for the Career Ready by Design initiative.

Ms. Keri Orvin acknowledged SPCCA's wonderful partnership with Coastal Pines Technical College and expressed her appreciation for their continued support and collaboration.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Kerry McCarty

Ms. Kerry McCarty
Treasurer/Secretary