SOUTHERN PINES
COLLEGE & CAREER ACADEMY

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2026

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

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT
Ms. Sara Waters

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT
Dr. Sarah Beth Barber
Ms. Jessica Boatright
Dr. Ryan Flowers (virtual)

NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT
Mr. Matt Carter
Mr. Kevin Ellis
Mr. Scottie Graham
Mr. Marty Mullis
Mr. Oakley Perry
Mr. Perry White

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

GUESTS
Mr. David Bruchie
Mr. Garrett Cranford (virtual)
Mr. Joey Floyd
Mr. Charlie Powell

CALL TO ORDER
The Southern Pines College and Career Academy (SPCCA) Board of Directors met Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 1:34 p.m. Ms. Keri Orvin called the meeting to order.

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME AND COMMENTS
Ms. Keri Orvin welcomed everyone to the first Board meeting of the year. She shared several Board member and leadership updates, including the upcoming retirements of Mr. Lonnie Roberts at the end of September and Ms. Traci Martin in December.

Ms. Martin introduced her guest, Mr. Charlie Powell, who has been named as her replacement and will assume the Superintendent role following her retirement in December.

Ms. Orvin also announced that Appling County and Jeff Davis County have named new CTAE Directors. Mr. Garrett Cranford will serve as the new CTAE Director for Appling County, and Mr. Joey Floyd will serve as the new CTAE Director for Jeff Davis County.

Lastly, Ms. Orvin announced that Mr. Derrin Wheeler has stepped down from his position on the Board. Ms. Orvin has been in communication with Mr. Kevin Ellis regarding potential replacements from the Bacon County business and industry community to fill the vacant seat.

INVOCATION
The invocation was provided by Dr. Roppe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Upon a motion to approve by Dr. Roppe, a second by Mr. Evans, the Board unanimously approved the agenda for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Upon a motion to approve by Ms. Traci Martin, a second by Ms. Kerry McCarty, minutes of the May 6, 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 July 31, SPCCA is approximately 8.33% through the fiscal year and has encumbered approximately 7.95% of the budget.

REVIEW OF BYLAWS AND MISSION STATEMENT (Keri Orvin)
Ms. Orvin discussed reviewing SPCCA's current mission. The Board reviewed SPCCA's current mission statement and agreed that it continues to accurately reflect the purpose and work of Southern Pines College and Career Academy. The Board determined that no revisions to the mission statement are needed at this time.

Ms. Orvin led a discussion regarding a review of SPCCA's current bylaws and mission statement, including the previously discussed possibility of transitioning to an all-voting Board.

Ms. Orvin reviewed the proposed 20-member Board structure and shared proposed language for Section 3.2 of the bylaws. The Board discussed the potential benefits and considerations of the proposed structure, including quorum requirements, proxies, county representation, and member attendance.

It was reported that SPCCA has not experienced issues with achieving a quorum since opening. The Board Chair suggested that attendance trends be compiled and distributed to Board members for review prior to the next meeting, at which time the Board will make a final

decision regarding the proposed Board structure. It was also noted that virtual attendance counts as attendance.

Several Board members expressed support for the concept of transitioning to an all-voting Board.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER/SPCCA STAFF REPORT

Fall Enrollment Update (Jamey Collins)

Ms. Jamey Collins provided the Board with an update on Fall enrollment. As of the previous day, total enrollment stood at 155 students, an increase from the 133 students projected in May. Classes will begin Monday, and Ms. Collins shared that SPCCA is excited to welcome students for the new school year.

Annual Plan of Work Amendment (Jamey Collins) (Action Item)

Ms. Jamey Collins asked the Board to review the Annual Plan of Work. She apologized for overlooking that the April meeting falls during Spring Break for Bacon County, Jeff Davis County, and Coastal Pines Technical College. Ms. Collins proposed adding a Board meeting in March and removing the April meeting in order to maintain a total of seven Board meetings for the year.

Upon a motion to approve by Mr. Roberts, a second by Mr. Davis, the FY2027 Annual Plan of Work was unanimously approved with the suggested edits.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities (Jamey Collins)

Ms. Jamey Collins shared the following upcoming events, initiatives, and opportunities with the Board:

- Lunch & Learn: SPCCA will host its annual Lunch & Learn with representatives from its high school partner school systems and Coastal Pines Technical College on October 1. Ms. Collins shared that this is a great opportunity to collaborate, discuss what is working well, and identify any areas that may need to be adjusted to better meet the needs of the high schools.
- 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. Collins 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 plans to utilize radio and newspaper advertising as well.
- High School Lunch Visits: Ms. Collins shared that SPCCA plans to visit each partnering high school once per semester and be available during student lunch periods. These visits will provide an opportunity for SPCCA staff to interact with students, discuss available programs and opportunities, and recruit prospective students.
- Student Registration Support: Ms. Collins shared that Ms. Amanda Towns has been busy assisting students with the paperwork and registration requirements associated with

attending SPCCA, along with Ms. Haynes from Coastal Pines Technical College. Completing these items ahead of time helps ensure a smoother and more organized first day for students.

- Governor's Workforce Summit & CEO Conference: Ms. Collins shared that she plans to attend the Governor's Workforce Summit and CEO Conference in Atlanta at the end of September.
- Board Training: Ms. Collins shared that Ms. Sabrina Phelps with the Technical College System of Georgia will attend the October Board meeting to provide Board training. As a reminder, Board members are required to complete five hours of training each year, while new Board members are required to complete seven hours. SPCCA staff will continue working to provide training opportunities during Board meetings as well as through virtual opportunities.

Conflict of Interest Forms (Amanda Towns)
Ms. Amanda Towns reminded the Board that all members are required to annually review and sign the SPCCA Conflict of Interest Form. She noted that this year's form is identical to last years. Forms were to be collected following the meeting, and any members not in attendance would receive the form via email to complete and return electronically.

SPCCA Student Orientation (Amanda Towns)
Ms. Amanda Towns shared that she will be conducting Student Orientation sessions within the first few weeks of the semester. These sessions will outline student expectations and help students connect with the SPCCA Remind group and Facebook group for ongoing communication and updates. She also shared that SPCCA would like to begin offering an Open House for students who would like to visit the campus before classes begin. Since college classes typically begin approximately two weeks after high school classes, the Open House would provide students with an opportunity to become familiar with the campus and prepare for the upcoming semester.

BOARD TRAINING
CPTC USDA Grant Preview: Construction Trades (David Bruchie)
CPTC instructor David Bruchie provided an overview of a USDA grant opportunity for Construction Trades and shared data highlighting the growing need for skilled workers in Georgia's construction industry. He explained that nearly 400 construction jobs need to be filled each year in Georgia as workers retire faster than they are replaced. The grant would provide additional resources and equipment to enhance hands-on learning opportunities for SPCCA's dual enrollment Construction Trades students and help prepare students for employment in the industry. Mr. Bruchie also noted that the average starting wage in the industry is approximately $46,500.

The Board discussed whether the grant would increase student capacity. Mr. Bruchie explained that it would not increase enrollment capacity but would enhance the quality of hands-on training and better prepare students for employment. Board members expressed support for investing in resources that directly benefit students and address workforce needs.

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Mr. Lonnie Roberts shared that CPTC has undergone changes to its procurement and purchasing processes, resulting in longer processing times for orders. He assured the Board that the equipment and trainers are expected to be received and that the delay is a matter of timing rather than whether they will arrive. CPTC hopes to have the trainers in place prior to the Spring semester.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Several board members commented on how much they appreciated hearing from Mr. David Bruchie about the new hands-on opportunities available to students and how these opportunities connect and tie together to provide a more meaningful learning experience.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Board of Directors' meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by:

Ms. Kerry McCarty
Treasurer/Secretary