



# STATE BOARD GENERAL SESSION

Artesius Miller, <i>Chair</i>	Lee Chapman
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Ben Bryant	Fran Millar
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Jay Cunningham	Tim Perryman
Corey Ferguson	Trey Sheppard
Charlie Fiveash	Shirley Smith
Randall Fox	John Thomas
Joseph Hsiao	Daren C. Wayne
Doug Lambert	Tim Williams

## Approved Minutes

**Thursday, May 2, 2024**

10:11 a.m.

Grand Hyatt Atlanta  
Grand Ballroom 2  
Atlanta, Georgia 30305

Absent: Mike Long, Time Perryman, Chunk Newman, Trey Sheppard

### **I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairman Artesius Miller**

Chairman Artesius Miller called the May 2, 2024, Technical College System of Georgia State Board Meeting to order at the time above. He expressed gratitude to all the attendees. The Committee of the Whole was last night at the GOAL and Rick Perkins Award Winners dinner. Mr. Nickolas Rucker from Athens Technical College won the 2024 GOAL Award and Mr. Sharoko Farley from Central Georgia Technical College won the 2024 Rick Perkins Award. It was a joy to have so many Board Members present for the event last night.

He welcomed the 2024 Senior Leadership Academy to the State Board Meeting. Dr. Miller was able to meet them at an earlier meeting this year. Chairman Miller welcomed our guests from Gilmer County that were at the Board Meeting.

### **II. CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

**Chairman Artesius Miller**

Chairman Miller called for a Motion to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2024, Board Meeting.

#### **I. Approval of the Minutes**

**MOTION:** Mr. Jay Cunningham made the Motion to approve the April 4, 2024 minutes. Mr. Carvel Lewis seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously. The April 4, 2024 Minutes were approved.

### **III. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

**Commissioner Gregory Dozier**



Commissioner Gregory Dozier began the meeting by expressing his gratitude to everyone in attendance. He acknowledged Mrs. Adie Shimandle for her inclusion in the 2024 Who's Who List. Reflecting on the week, he remarked on the incredible experience of celebrating the achievements of outstanding students and teachers from across the state, emphasizing the importance of their work at TCSG. He also thanked the TCSG staff for their efforts in organizing such a successful event.

Later today, Commissioner Dozier will be in Columbus, Georgia, with Governor Kemp for several bill signings. Since the last board meeting, TCSG has been very active. They held three President Round Table events: one at the new Chattahoochee Technical College Aviation Academy, another at the Bioscience Center in Covington, Georgia, and the last one in Douglas County, Georgia, at Wiregrass Georgia Technical College. Dr. Newcomb and the Chattahoochee Technical College staff hosted approximately 400 people for the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Aviation Academy last week.

Commissioner Dozier is a member of the Joint Defense Commission, which recently met in Augusta at the Cyber Center. He proudly highlighted how Augusta Technical College and other local partners collaborate to focus on cybersecurity. Earlier this week, Augusta Technical College, Augusta University, and TCSG signed a statewide articulation agreement for cybersecurity, enabling TCSG students to transfer their credits to Augusta University to continue their education in this critical field.

Additionally, Gwinnett Technical College hosted their first annual Builders and Manufacturing (BAM) event, which Commissioner Dozier attended. The event allowed Gwinnett Technical College to recognize several outstanding partnerships.

With these updates, Commissioner Dozier concluded his remarks.

That concluded the Commissioner's remarks.

#### **IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

- **Academic Affairs**

**Fran Millar**

##### **I. Academic Standards and Programs May 2024**

##### **Motion (Approval of Degrees and Technical Certificates of Credit):**

**MOTION: Mr. Fran Millar made the Motion that the college requests listed below to offer a degree, diploma and TCC program be approved effective the semester**



**specified for each request. Any fiscal requirements to begin these programs must be approved through the standard budget approval process. Mr. Buzz Law seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.**

**DISCUSSION:**

**Augusta Technical College** - TCC program in Banking and Finance Specialist, BC71, 16 Credit Hours, effective August 2024.

The college was approached about the possibility of a credit credential for banking and finance. Local businesses were receiving training through Economic Development; however, they would like to move it to the credit side. The Banking and Finance Specialist TCC emphasizes a combination of banking and finance theory and the practical application necessary for successful employment. With the outlook on the field increasing over the next 10 years by 6%, the TCC would produce favorable skills for the community.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 20 Year 2: 20 Year 3: 30

Evening Students Year 1: 0 Year 2: 0 Year 3: 0

**Augusta Technical College** - Degree program in Fire & Emergency Services Occupation, FIE3, 62 Credit Hours, effective August 2024.

Our Fire Department stakeholders are requesting that the college offer a degree option for firefighters. A degree is a prerequisite to advance in rank in the area Fire Departments. Augusta Technical College already offers the FFI (TCC), EMT (TCC), and AEMT (TCC). These TCC's would be embedded in the FIE3 Fire & Emergency Services Occupation (version 201912) degree. Only two TCSG colleges offer the degree (Albany Technical College and Lanier Technical College), which are more than 2.5 hours away from our service region. The Fire & Emergency Services Occupation degree meets State Board and general program standard requirements for programs at its award level. Upon completion of the Fire & Emergency Services Occupation degree, students may be eligible for certification and/or licensure in the following areas: Firefighter I, Firefighter II, EMT, and AEMT. There will be no associated costs for the degree program because the FFI, EMT, and AEMT are fully funded. Based on the current FFI enrollment we project a minimum of 20 students the first year and 30 students by the third year of the program.

Enrollment Projections:



Day Students Year 1: 20 Year 2: 20 Year 3: 30  
Evening Students Year 1: 0 Year 2: 0 Year 3: 0

**Augusta Technical College** - TCC program in Firefighter II, FF21, 13 Credit Hours, effective August 2024.

Firefighter II is a continuation from the Firefighter I TCC. This is also embedded in the Fire and Emergency Occupations degree. The addition of this TCC is a request from community partners for those who wish to continue with training within the fire department. Several locations are looking to offer it to enhance their departments, especially in Columbia County. This will help our students step into the Fire and Emergency Occupations degree and better serve their communities.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 20 Year 2: 20 Year 3: 30  
Evening Students Year 1: 0 Year 2: 0 Year 3: 0

**Augusta Technical College** - TCC program in GFA Film & Television Production, GF21, 18 Credit Hours, effective August 2024.

This program is offered in collaboration with the Georgia Film Academy. It provides an introduction to the skills used in on-set film production, including all forms of narrative media which utilize film-industry standard organizational structure, professional equipment, and on-set procedures. In addition to the use of topical lectures and instructional resources, the course includes demonstrations of equipment and set operations as well as hands-on learning experiences. Students will learn film production organizational structure; job descriptions and duties in various film craft areas; film equipment functions and protocols; how the various film crafts relate to one-another on a working set as well as how and why they all must operate in sync; and networking and self-marketing skills. With Augusta as a prime filming location, the partnership will boost the economy.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 15 Year 2: 15 Year 3: 25  
Evening Students Year 1: 0 Year 2: 0 Year 3: 0

**Augusta Technical College** - TCC program in Instrumentation and Controls Technician I, IA31, 22 Credit Hours, effective August 2024.

The Instrumentation and Controls Technician I certificate provides additional educational opportunities for plant personnel or other experienced individuals who



need further training in the area of instrumentation and control maintenance functions such as troubleshooting, repair, and installation of instruments, control devices, and electronic equipment. Instruction is conducted through a combination of theory and hands-on training. Former students working in the construction and maintenance industry have inquired about Instrumentation credentials. The Instrumentation and Controls Technician I certificate has courses that the previous students have taken. Therefore, it will provide a quicker route to receive the credential. All the courses are currently taught at Augusta Technical College in the Industrial System program, and some of the courses are taught in the Electrical System Technology program. No other colleges in or adjacent to our service area offer the program. The College will follow the state standard of this program. There will be no additional cost for this program to start. The projected number of students is ten for the first year and 15 for the third year.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 10 Year 2: 10 Year 3: 15

Evening Students Year 1: 0 Year 2: 0 Year 3: 0

**Chattahoochee Technical College** - TCC program in Real Estate Professional, REP1, 14 Credit Hours, effective August 2024.

This program will provide students with the essentials needed to start a career in the real estate industry as a licensed professional. Students will meet the minimum 75-hour course curriculum needed to sit for the state exam and will take other supporting Marketing courses that will help develop their overall professional skillset. A career in Real Estate is multifaceted. Future professionals in this industry can look forward to having various options once licensed in the state of Georgia. Potential occupations include being an independent salesperson, property management, community association management, and a variety of commercial real estate career paths. In addition to the options mentioned above, there are many other pathways students can pursue once licensed. The Georgia Real Estate Commission requires that any establishment that elects to provide a qualifying real estate course for licensure must apply to become an approved real estate school in the state of Georgia. This requires a complete application to the Georgia Real Estate Commission as well as a \$175 application fee. Approved schools can provide the 75-hour real estate pre-license course which must be taught only by a licensed real estate instructor. Those seeking approval to become a licensed instructor must apply to the Georgia Real Estate Commission along with a \$175 application fee, and they must complete the required Georgia Instructors Training course which is an additional \$325. According to the Georgia Department of Labor, those in the Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing job categories account for



1.6% of the labor force with 77,964 current employees in the state and over 18,228 employers according to Quarter 3, 2023 statistics. The state foresees a 1.42% annual increase in employment within this industry over the ten-year span of 2020-2030, which is about 1,030 new employees per year. Existing faculty, facilities, and materials will be used.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 0 Year 2: 0 Year 3: 0

Evening Students Year 1: 10 Year 2: 15 Year 3: 20

**Georgia Piedmont Technical College** - TCC program in Forest Technician Assistant, FTA1, 14 Credit Hours, effective August 2024.

The Department of Labor Statistics reports that jobs in Conservation Scientists and Foresters will increase 4% (as fast as average) from 2022 - 2032 with an average salary of \$64,420. About 3,000 openings for conservation scientists and foresters are projected each year, on average, over the decade. Many of those openings are expected to result from the need to replace workers who transfer to different occupations or exit the labor force, such as to retire. Furthermore, based on recent job postings on Glassdoor as of March 2024, the Forest Technician Assistant job market in GA is very active. As of Mar 14, 2024, the average annual pay for a Forestry Technician in Georgia is \$35,558 a year, a range of \$45,175 to \$24,487 annual salary based on data from ZipRecruiter.com. No other colleges focusing on forestry have been identified near our college. The college will follow the state standard.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 20 Year 2: 25 Year 3: 30

Evening Students Year 1: 0 Year 2: 0 Year 3: 0

**West Georgia Technical College** - Degree program in Funeral Service Education, FS23, 72 Credit Hours, effective May 2025.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment opportunities within the funeral service field are projected to increase by 3% from 2022 to 2032. This is average growth as compared to other occupations. It is projected that 62,500 jobs will exist nationally in 2032. In May 2022, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics listed the median annual wage of \$58,820 for funeral service workers. In the West Georgia service area, according to EMSI, funeral service worker jobs are projected to increase by 7.8% from 2024-2029. No other colleges in our service area are currently offering a funeral service program. A technical college adjacent to our service



area is currently offering the degree, but the distance to commute to the institution would present a hardship for students within our service area. Offering the program within the college service area would provide an opportunity within the community. The program will follow the developed state standard. The first-year costs for the program are approximately \$264,900, which includes salary and fringe for a full-time and adjunct instructor, initial equipment costs (\$93,000), travel, supplies, and initial accreditation fees (\$40,000). Local industry will help fund the initial program accreditation fees and equipment costs. The college will also pursue grants to help fund the program equipment and costs. The program expects to attract 10 students the first year and to grow enrollment to 20 or more students by the third year.

Enrollment Projections:

Day Students Year 1: 10 Year 2: 15 Year 3: 20

Evening Students Year 1: 0 Year 2: 0 Year 3: 0

Backup material for these requests will be available when the committee meets at the Board meeting or may be requested prior to the meeting from Steve Conway, Academic Affairs Director, Instructional Support Services, at 404-679-1669.

## **II. Program Terminations May 2024**

### **Motion (Termination of Degrees and Technical Certificates of Credit)**

**MOTION: Mr. Fran Millar made the Motion to approve the program terminations for May 2024 as listed in the Board Materials. Mr. Carvel Lewis seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.**

#### **Athens Technical College**

TCC program in Health Care Access Representative (HC21), effective May 2024.

#### **Augusta Technical College**

TCC program in Basic Law Enforcement (BL11), effective May 2024.

TCC program in Web Interface Design Technician (WI11), effective May 2024.

Degree program in Pharmacy Technology (PT23), effective May 2024.

#### **Lanier Technical College**

TCC program in Nurse Aide (NA31), effective May 2024.



**III. Approval for Program Standards Revision (Exception)**

**MOTION: Mr. Fran Millar made the Motion to approve the new 41 credit hour BI31 Barber II TCC and 50 credit hour BA31 Master Barber TCC that exceed the range of 3-36 hours as stated in the State Board Procedure: 5.1.6p. Mr. John Thomas seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.**

Major Code	Program Name	Program Development	Award Level	Credit Hours
BI31	Barber II	Standard	TCC	41
BA31	Master Barber	Standard	TCC	50

**IV. Approval for Program Standards and Revisions**

**MOTION: Mr. Fran Millar made the Motion to approve program standards and revisions for May 2024 as listed in the Board Materials. Mr. Eddie Ausband seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.**

Major Code	Program Name	Program Development	Award Level	Credit Hours
NM21	Neuromuscular Massage Therapy	Standard	TCC	36
TM11	Therapeutic Massage Therapy	Standard	TCC	23
ITW1	Introduction to Web Design	Central Georgia	TCC	9
REP1	Real Estate Professional	Chattahoochee	TCC	14
NU83	Associate of Science in Nursing	Savannah	Degree	65
AA93	Associate of Science Nursing Bridge	South Georgia	Degree	61

**V. Motion to Approve New College and Career Academy**





Dr. Brian Ridly, Superintendent from Gilmer County, welcomed everyone at the meeting. He thanked Governor Kemp and the Georgia Legislature for supporting the CCA and allocating the money in the budget. Superintendent Ridly recognized several people who have been instrumental in the CCA process for Gilmer County. The Gilmer County CCA will provide several opportunities for our community to continue their education and pathways to fill much needed high demand jobs in Georgia. Mr. Fran Millar thanked him for his remarks.

**MOTION: Mr. Fran Millar made the Motion to authorize the Commissioner to award one (1) partnership with grant funds to establish a new Georgia College & Career Academy in the reimbursable amount of \$3,000,000.00 and the cash amount of \$100,000.00. Mr. Carvel Lewis seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.**

**DISCUSSION:**

The awardee is:

1. Gilmer County Schools/ Gilmer College & Career Academy in partnership with Chattahoochee Technical College.

**VI. Motion to Approve Dual Achievement Program List Changes**

**MOTION: Mr. Fran Millar made the Motion to approve the Dual Achievement Program list changes and to merge the Dual Achievement Program and Career Plus Program list into a single list. Changes to the list are in the Board Materials. Mr. Buzz Law seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.**

That concluded the Committee report.

- **Adult Education**

**Shirley Smith**

Mrs. Shirley Smith gave the Committee report. There were no motions presented at the Committee Meeting. Dr. Good shared the most recent enrollment data for Adult Education. As of today, we have **37,560** students enrolled, with **27,950** as NRS students. As a reminder NRS students are those students that have received at least 12 hours of instruction with a local program. Additionally, Dr. Good shared we have **5,941** graduates.

Mrs. Rebecca Ellis, Director of Policy and Partnerships for Adult Education shared that OAE has completed its required monitoring of five adult education programs. This



process highlighted best practices, findings, and areas for improvement. Best practices included strong partnerships and effective intake processes for adult students. Findings and areas for improvement included federal time and effort reporting, as well as improving distance education and instructional quality.

Mrs. Kristin Laarhoven, Executive Director of Workforce Development, gave the update for Ms. Karen Kirchler, Deputy Commissioner of Workforce Development. The Office of Workforce Development continues to experience growth and change. In the last month, 27 staff were onboarded, two retired and three resigned (though one remains within the agency). Currently, about 242 individuals are funded fully or partially through state and federal workforce funds.

The Apprentice Georgia team applied for a State Apprenticeship Expansion Grant. The grant of \$1.1 million dollars will support the team's efforts to expand Registered Apprenticeships in Georgia.

Mr. Jamal Williams reported that the customized recruitment team held two job fairs in April for Hyundai and their suppliers. The larger one at Savannah Technical College hosted 17 employers and served about 700 job seekers. The other event was at Ogeechee Technical College and served about 350 job seekers.

That concluded the Committee report.

• **External Affairs and Economic Development** **Charlie Fiveash for Chunk Newman**

Mr. Charlie Fiveash gave the Committee report. There were no motions presented by the Committee. Quick Start reported they have 26 active training projects. There are a lot of active projects. Mr. Mark Peevy gave a legislative update.

The Mobile Welding Labs are moving all over the state and are booked and being utilized. The TCSG Foundation strategic plan should be done by the fiscal year and will be presented to the Committee.

That concluded the Committee report.

• **Facilities and Real Estate** **Ben Bryant**

I. **Approval of Real Estate Transactions**

**MOTION: Mr. Ben Bryant made the Motion to authorize the staff to prepare appropriate requests to the State Properties Commission seeking its approval of, and assistance with**



**the execution of the following real estate transactions. Mr. Carvel Lewis seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.**

**A. Athens Tech - 0.08 AC Easement to Atlanta Gas Light**

DISCUSSION: Athens Technical College requests approval on the granting of a revocable license and a non-exclusive easement to Atlanta Gas Light, over approximately 0.08 acres on the Athens Campus of Athens Technical College, for the installation and maintenance of electrical distribution lines to serve TCSG-365 Industrial Systems Building.

**II. Approval of Construction Contracts**

**MOTION: Mr. Ben Bryant made the Motion to authorize the Commissioner to execute construction contracts listed below at a cost not to exceed the amount stated for each request. Mr. Charlie Fiveash seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.**

**A. Southern Crescent Tech - \$262,000.00 with Rubio and Son Interiors, Inc.**

DISCUSSION: Southern Crescent Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Bldg. A - Entrepreneurship Center - HVAC" on the Henry County Campus of Southern Crescent Technical College, with Rubio and Son Interiors, Inc., Hoschton, GA in the amount of \$262,000.00, using local funds.

**B. Southern Crescent Tech - \$171,048.95 with Rubio and Son Interiors, Inc.**

DISCUSSION: Southern Crescent Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Building - 300 Hall Roof Replacement" on the Griffin Campus of Southern Crescent Technical College, with Rubio and Son Interiors, Inc., Thomasville, GA in the amount of \$171,048.95, using local funds.

**C. Southern Crescent Tech - \$873,806.00 with Robinson Paving Co**

DISCUSSION: Southern Crescent Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "TCSG-382 GEER II Initiative - CDL Range Resurfacing" on the Flint River Campus of Southern Crescent Technical College, with Robinson Paving Company, Hoschton, GA in the amount of \$873,806.00, using local funds.



- D. Southern Crescent Tech** - \$236,000.00 with Rubio and Son Interiors, Inc.

DISCUSSION: Southern Crescent Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Sewer Line Replacement - Bldg. C" on the Flint River Campus of Southern Crescent Technical College, with Rubio and Son Interiors, Inc., Hoschton, GA in the amount of \$236,000.00, using local funds.

- E. Southern Regional Tech** - \$214,726.00 with F.H. Paschen, SN Nielsen & Assoc.

DISCUSSION: Southern Regional Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Kennel Expansion" on the Main Campus of Southern Regional Technical College, with F.H. Paschen, SN Nielsen & Assoc., Atlanta, GA in the amount of \$214,726.00, using local funds.

- F. Southern Regional Tech** - \$299,922.00 with F.H. Paschen, SN Nielsen & Assoc.

DISCUSSION: Southern Regional Technical College requests approval on the execution of a construction contract for "Building D Esthetics Program Renovation" on the Veterans Parkway Campus of Southern Regional Technical College, with F.H. Paschen, SN Nielsen & Assoc., Atlanta, GA in the amount of \$299,922.00, using local funds.

### **III. Approval of Construction Contract Change Orders**

**MOTION: Mr. Ben Bryant made the Motion to approve the change orders listed below at a cost not to exceed the amount stated for each request. Ms. Shirley Smith seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.**

- A. Central Georgia Tech** - \$16,050.25 with ICB Construction Group

DISCUSSION: Central Georgia Technical College requests approval of change order in the total amount of \$16,050.25 to the project "C & H Building Renovations", under a construction contract with ICB Construction Group, Macon, GA. The TCSG Board, at its meeting on September 7, 2017, approved a construction contract with ICB Construction Group in the amount of \$4,300,000.00, using local MRR bond funds. The total accumulated change order amount will exceed 20% of



the original contract and Board approval is required. The change order was necessary due to the inclusion of new door, sink, ice machine relocation, cabinet repairs to the project.

• **Governance, Compliance and Audit**

**Daren Wayne**

**I. Mutual Aid Agreement**

**MOTION: Mr. Daren Wayne made the Motion to approve the proposed Mutual Aid Agreement:**

- Coastal Pines Technical College and Hoboken Police Department
- Ogeechee Technical College and Evans County Sheriff's Department
- Ogeechee Technical College and Screven County Sheriff's Department
- Ogeechee Technical College and Sylvania Police Department
- Ogeechee Technical College and Bulloch County Sheriff's Department
- Ogeechee Technical College and Statesboro Police Department

**II. Local Board Approval**

**MOTION: Mr. Daren Wayne made the Motion to approve the appointments for local board members as listed in the Board materials. Mr. Carvel Lewis seconded the Motion. Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.**

That concluded the Committee report.

• **Operation Finance and Planning**

**Carvel Lewis**

**I. Expenditure Requests**

**MOTION: Mr. Carvel Lewis made the Motion for the State Board to authorize Commissioner to purchase the designated items or execute the requested contracts for system office and technical colleges listed below at a cost not to exceed the amounts stated. Mr. Charlie Fiveash seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.**

1. **TCSG/GVTC** – Annual agreement between Blackboard Inc. and TCSG for FY2025 for Blackboard (Bb) Learn SaaS and ALLY on behalf of the technical colleges, Adult Ed, and Economic Development; cost \$1,950,590.00. **State funds are available for this expenditure.**

DISCUSSION: TCSG/GVTC currently utilizes Blackboard products which is the primary source extremely capable to handle all TCSG colleges, Adult Ed, Economic Development, and e-Campus on-site and distance Education environments. Bb Learn SaaS software is used to deliver web-enabled



training with a modern, intuitive, fully responsive interface that goes beyond the traditional learning management system and allows students to work anywhere using any device. Bb ALLY is software that makes digital course content more accessible; it automatically checks for common accessibility issues and provides institution-wide reporting. It provides guidance to instructors on how to improve the accessibility of their content. TCSG/GVTC has fully migrated to the SaaS Cloud with all Bb products. Bb platforms function both as a complement to traditional courses and as a site for standalone distance learning. This is the 4th year of a 5-year renewable contract.

2. **Athens Technical College** – Instructional audio/visual upgrades/replacements from CCS Presentation Systems for classrooms on Athens Campus; cost \$138,084.00. **Obsolete equipment bond funds are available for this expenditure.**

DISCUSSION: ATC is seeking to procure all labor, services, hardware, computers, and materials necessary to perform audio/visual replacement and upgrades to 18 classrooms on the Athens Campus. Currently the instructional audio/visual systems in these classrooms are old, out-of-date, and in many cases, components have failed; also, most screens are not the 16:9 industry standard. The requested systems will equip these classrooms with 16:9, 4K, large-format digital displays and LED/laser projectors for the largest rooms; 24" interactive monitors; sound amplifiers; speaker replacement; and simple to use control systems. This refresh will support Life Sciences (including Surgical Tech, Radiology and Nursing programs), General Education, and Automotive Technology classrooms.

**3-4. Albany Technical College; total expenditures \$344,796.00 –**

- 3) One new Freightliner Cascadia truck from Peach State Truck Centers for CDL Program; cost \$169,985.00. **Bond funds are available for this expenditure.**

DISCUSSION: ATC has a strong need for new trucks in their CDL fleet because enrollment has grown to record numbers in recent years with 170 students in AY23 and 83 students to date in AY24. The college has 9 working trucks and four of these are 10+ years old and require a lot of maintenance/dollars to keep them running for the classes. New trucks will provide more efficient training and classes will not stall when trucks are under repair. Currently, the college has 5 road trucks and 4 that are



used on the range. Three older trucks are being processed for surplus and one was transferred to the Diesel Technology Program for training.

- 4) Medical furnishings and supplies from McKesson Medical-Surgical for nursing programs with Phoebe Living & Learning Community; cost \$174,811.00. **Federal grant funds are available for this expenditure.**

DISCUSSION: ATC nursing programs are vital for addressing Georgia's nursing workforce shortage. To enhance/expand the capacity to train nursing students effectively, the college is seeking approval for the purchase of new equipment using CONI grant funds. This equipment will not only enable the college to accept/train more nursing students but also to ensure they receive education with state-of-the-art industry-standard equipment and are well-prepared to meet the challenges of modern healthcare settings. The new equipment will be used in both the Associate of Science Nursing Program and the Practical Nursing Program.

5. **Gwinnett Technical College** – Amended temporary custodial services from Ark Temporary Staffing for two college campus locations: total cost \$173,490.00. **Local funds are available for this expenditure.**

DISCUSSION: Temporary custodial services are needed at both the Lawrenceville and Alpharetta campus locations to ensure both campuses meet certain sanitary conditions. Outsourcing temporary janitorial services saves the college a considerable amount of money when compared to filling these positions with full-time benefited employees. The original request was made in July 2023 for \$117,900 for FY2024 services but it has since been determined that an additional \$55,590 is needed to complete the entire fiscal year for FY2024. The amended contract is effective March 25, 2024 to July 26, 2024.

- 6-7. **Savannah Technical College; total expenditures \$1,057,471.00 – Obsolete equipment and FF&E bond funds are available for these expenditures.**

DISCUSSION: Savannah Technical College has purchased the 4-level facility at 7 West Bay Street as their new downtown location for an expansion of its Culinary Arts Program. Due the success of the Baking & Pastry Arts division, classes are full, and the college is unable to offer enough resources to meet the current demands. The expansion to the new facility will more than double the available instructional space. Second year students will take classes and work in the bakery/restaurant at the new facility while first year students will continue to take courses in the testing kitchen/classrooms at the college's current campus facility. New furnishings and kitchen equipment is



needed for the facility's restaurant kitchen, café and retail counter, culinary and baking/pastry labs, and demonstration testing kitchen.

- 6) Mixture of new kitchen/cooking equipment from Coastal Refrigeration Services for new Culinary Arts facility; cost \$901,389.00.
- 7) Dining room tables/chairs from OFS Brands for the first/second floors dining room areas of new Culinary Arts facility; cost \$156,082.00.

**8. Wiregrass Georgia Technical College – INTREO/DELTA Building Management System via new DDC Controls from Control Concepts for HVAC equipment in Buildings 300 & 400 at Valdosta Campus; cost \$139,680.00. *Local bond funds are available for this expenditure.***

DISCUSSION: The current system for WGTC is 27 years old and no longer supported so there is a great need to replace the system to maintain proper space temperatures. The proposal also includes adding Controls to the Chiller/Boiler in Building 400. This will allow for S/S control based on AHU's (air handling unit) demand. This system will tie into the existing INTREO Web Supervisor operating on the Niagara platform that controls the Valdosta, Fitzgerald, and Douglas campuses. All controls are tied to the network for one complete operating system that allows consistency for the college's DDC Control system and provides lower operating costs and better efficiency for facilities campus-wide support.

**II. Approval of Tuition Increase**

**MOTION: Mr. Carvel Lewis made the Motion for the State Board's approval to increase the rate of tuition charged by colleges within the Technical College System of Georgia by \$7.00 per credit hour effective Fall Semester 2024. Mr. John Thomas seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.**

**DISCUSSION:** The current tuition rate for standard programs at TCSG colleges is \$100.00 per credit hour. The last increase in tuition was for \$11.00 per credit hour five years ago in 2019. The requested tuition increase is necessary for colleges to continue meeting the growing workforce needs of business and industries in Georgia. Even with the increased rate, TCSG continues to provide an affordable and accessible post-secondary option for students.

That concluded the Committee report.





• **Executive Committee**

**Chairman Artesius Miller**

**Did not meet**

V. **Executive Session**

**Not needed**

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Chairman Artesius Miller**

The next TCSG State Board meeting will be **June 6, 2024 at the TCSG System Office.**

The dates for the 2024 Board meetings were presented.

Thursday, June 6	TCSG System Office
Thursday, August 1*	Columbus Technical College
Thursday, September 5	TCSG System Office
Wednesday, October 2	TCSG System Office
Tuesday, October 22* [Nov. Mtg.]	Hyatt Regency   Savannah to coincide with TCSG Leadership Conf.
Thursday, December 5	TCSG System Office

Please let the Commissioner or Collier know if you have any issues with the date above. The TCSG schedule can be found in the Board Book and on the TCSG Website.

Mr. Carvel Lewis closed the meeting with a word of prayer.

VIII **ADJOURN**

**Chairman Artesius Miller**

I. **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Mr. Daren Wayne made the Motion to adjourn the May 2, 2024, State Board Meeting of the Technical College System of Georgia at 10:50am. Mr. Carvel Lewis seconded the Motion. The Motion passed State Board approval unanimously.

The Technical College System of Georgia State Board Meeting stood adjourned.