



Greenville Technical College Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 21, 2026
Dreisbach/Anderson Student Success Center, Community Room 170

Members Present

Meghan Barp
Paul Batson
Tom Britt
Jo Hackl
Hunter Howard (Virtual)
Dean Jones
Ray Lattimore, Chair
Ray Martin
Dr. Burke Royster
Coleman Shouse
Keith Smith
David Stafford

Members Absent

Staff Present

George Abraham
Caleb Barbier
Brett Barclay
Eric Burch
Kelvin Byrd
Jacqui DiMaggio
Julie Eddy
Dr. Kerwin Graham
Debra Hadaway
Artie Hammond
Raymond James
Susan Jones
Daniel Klepper
Lisa Mangione
Becky Mann
Dr. Larry Miller, President
Diane Thomas
Wendy Walden
Ann Wright

Guests Present

Dr. David Jenkins
Keith Munson, Rimom Law

Call to Order

Chair Lattimore called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m. and welcomed board members, staff, and guests. He confirmed that the press had been notified in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and that the meeting agenda had been publicly posted on the Greenville Technical

College website. A quorum of board members was present.

Chair Lattimore recognized several distinguished guests present at the meeting: Dr. Davis Jenkins from Columbia University, Attorney Keith Munson, Artie Hammond, and George Abraham. Chair Lattimore also welcomed Dakota Bailey to her first Area Commission meeting.

Chair Lattimore called for a moment of silence to honor Mr. George Bomar, who had passed away on January 15, 2026. Mr. Bomar dedicated 28 years of service to Greenville Technical College as a member of the Area Commission and was honored with the Honorary Alumni Award in 2004. The George E. Bomar Center at the Brashier Campus is named in his honor. In 1996, he received the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina's highest civilian honor.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Barbara Lassiter Bomar, who was a long-time employee of Greenville Technical College.

Approval of the November 19, 2025, Minutes

Chair Lattimore presented the minutes from November 19, 2025, for approval. Ms. Hackl stated there were a few corrections she collaborated with Mr. Batson on, and those changes had been made. A motion to approve the November 19, 2025, minutes was made by Ms. Hackl and seconded by Mr. Jones; the motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Final 2028 Strategic Plan

Chair Lattimore presented the final draft of the 2028 Strategic Plan. A motion to approve the Final 2028 Strategic Plan was made by Ms. Hackl and seconded by Dr. Royster; the motion was unanimously approved.

President's Report

President Dr. Larry Miller presented updates on academic and student success, engagement, strategic leadership, spotlights, and governance and board-related issues.

- **External Relations and Resource Development:** President Dr. Larry Miller celebrated a legislative win where the college earned an exemption from new federal reporting requirements for institutions with bachelor's degrees, saving time and energy.
- **Partnership Development:** Two strategic partnership projects are being developed, one involving repurposing the current welding lab and another partnering with Furman University on dual enrollment at the Northwest campus, with proposals expected within 60 days.
- **Technology and Systems Updates:** A new student code of conduct software called Maxient is going live in January, which will move student complaints and disciplinary issues to the cloud and improve compliance tracking.
- **Major Milestone Achievement:** Greenville Technical College passed a historic milestone of 80,000 graduates for the first time, currently at 81,556 graduates since 1965, with plans to reach 100,000 in the coming years.
- **Student Success and Wages (Aspen Work):** The college has 89 active programs, all producing wages above the poverty line. Thirty programs produce incomes exceeding the living wage for Greenville County (\$47,257) in the first year of employment. The top high-wage programs include dental hygiene, sonography, health information management, mechatronics, machine tool technology, nursing, and various healthcare and manufacturing programs.
- **Enrollment Growth and Registration Changes:** Spring enrollment reached 10,609 students, showing strong, steady growth compared to previous years, with the implementation

of a hard registration deadline four days before classes started. Registration goal exceeded by 12 business days.

- **Infrastructure Projects:** The Center for Welding and Automation Excellence construction is progressing well, with the roof system nearly complete and on track to open for Fall 2026 classes.
- **Advising Improvements:** The college hired 12 new advisors and created a Dean of Advising position, hiring Mr. Brett Barclay to serve as the Dean, resulting in a 55% increase in advising appointments (4,784 more students seen) and generating over \$1 million in tuition revenue while retaining over 500 students.
- **Economic Impact:** The college's official economic impact study showed \$930 million (increased from the previously reported \$874 million), making Greenville Technical College number two in the state behind Trident Technical College.
- **Governance and Board Items:** The February retreat was cancelled in favor of an audit committee retreat, with the next area commission meeting scheduled for March 17th via Zoom. Key upcoming dates were announced, including the 4DX Summit (March 6th), CMI campus naming ceremony for President Emeritus Keith Miller (March 10th), and Spring Commencement (May 7th).

President Miller introduced Dr. Davis Jenkins from Columbia University, who was visiting Greenville Technical College to research the college. He discussed the career pathways framework developed with Greenville Technical College in 2021, focusing on living-wage jobs and on working with Greenville County schools on mechatronics pathways.

Finance Report

Ms. Jacqui DiMaggio stated that revenues are 12% above the prior year and 7% above the budget. Students' revenues are higher due to the registration deadline policy. Local government funding was 21% above the prior year at \$22.1 million. State funding increased with performance goals met, and salary support increased. Ms. Jacqui DiMaggio stated that this is potentially the best revenue year in college history, with a projected surplus of at least \$8 million for capital projects.

Audit Committee Update

Mr. Tom Britt stated the Audit Committee met at 11:00 a.m. this morning. He stated that the committee discussed cybersecurity updates, including core system end-of-life issues and ongoing audit activities with positive assessments.

Greenville Tech Foundation Report

Ms. Ann Wright stated that the foundation exceeded its \$3 million fundraising goal, reaching \$3.6 million (120% of the goal), with an upcoming donor appreciation event scheduled for April 28th.

South Carolina Association for Technical College Commissioners (SCATCC) Update

Mr. Coleman Shouse reported that SCATCC has established its calendar for the year with several key events planned. The first major event is a trip to Washington for ACCT's legislative event in February. Other scheduled events include an SC State House legislative lunch and CHE's annual meeting on March 11th, where board chairs and college presidents are invited to meet with the CHE board. A concern discussed at SCATCC meetings is the imbalance of reserve funds among technical colleges across the state. This fund balance issue created serious complications during last year's budget process and remains a concern, though the current status for this year's budget cycle is unclear. While

Greenville Technical College appears to be in good financial shape with healthy reserves, the association recognizes this as an important system-wide issue that requires continued attention. The update concluded with recognition that SCATCC is functioning as designed.

Commission for Higher Education (CHE) Update

Mr. Paul Batson reported that CHE is conducting comprehensive reviews of academic programs across the state, examining costs, outputs, and productivity by assessing student graduation rates, program effectiveness relative to cost, and demand. A significant development is the emergence of alternative accrediting bodies to the traditional SACCOC. Florida has created a new entity, the Commission for Public Higher Education, as an alternative to SACCOC, with approximately 14 institutions from South Carolina to Texas signing on, representing hundreds of millions of dollars. This new accrediting body emphasizes reducing bureaucratic requirements, though this raises questions about maintaining academic rigor. The competition is causing SACCOC to examine internal improvements and potentially reduce time-consuming accreditation work.

Old and New Business

With no other business to discuss, Chair Lattimore adjourned the meeting at 1:32 p.m.