



SPECIAL CALLED AREA COMMISSION BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Friday, March 14, 2025

Barton Campus, Administrative Building 123, Executive Board Room 134

Members Present

Paul Batson
Tom Britt (via Zoom)
Jo Hackl
Hunter Howard
Dean Jones
Ray Lattimore, Chair
Ray Martin
Dr. Burke Royster (via Zoom)
Coleman Shouse
Keith Smith
Kenneth Southerlin
David Stafford

Members Absent

Staff Present

Eric Bedingfield
Julie Eddy
Becky Mann
Dr. Keith Miller, President

Guests

David Dykes, Greenville Business Magazine
Megan Fitzgerald, Greenville Journal
Dr. Barbara Jones, ACCT (via Zoom for Executive Session)
Anna Mitchell, Post & Courier
Keith Munson, Rimom Law

Call to Order

Chair Lattimore called the meeting to order at 12:23 p.m. and welcomed the board members, staff, guests, and the press. Chair Lattimore confirmed that the press had been notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. The agenda was posted on the GTC website, and a quorum of board members was present.

Chair Lattimore expressed appreciation to the board members who served on the Presidential Search Committee, as well as, Dr. Marilyn Fore, sitting president of Horry-Georgetown Technical College, and

Mr. Garvin Barker, State Tech Board. Chair Lattimore stated there were 61 applicants from around the nation who were ranked, a total of 11 were interviewed, and four finalists were chosen. A transition team will be appointed after the proposed candidate accepts.

Chair Lattimore commended President Miller, Ms. Eddy, Ms. Snyder, Ms. Mann, Mr. Bedingfield, and Mr. Munson for their roles in the presidential search process. Chair Lattimore extended a special thank you to Ms. Eddy as MVP for her time, commitment, and leadership as liaison with the committee throughout the process.

Executive Session

A motion was made to enter an executive session to discuss the presidential finalists: Dr. Sarah Barlow, Dr. Amy Bosely, Dr. Quentin Johnson, and Dr. Larry Miller. Ms. Hackl seconded the motion, and the motion was approved. Chair Lattimore requested that Mr. Munson remain in the session.

The board entered the executive session at 12:34 p.m. and reconvened in an open session at 2:25 p.m. No action was taken during the executive session.

Open Session

Upon returning to open session, Mr. Shouse made a motion to offer Dr. Larry Miller the position of the third president of Greenville Technical College, effective July 1, 2025. The motion also proposed that Chairman Lattimore be authorized to negotiate aspects of the engagement pending approval of the Agency Head Salary Commission. Mr. Howard seconded the motion. The board engaged in discussion regarding the motion, including praise for the qualifications of all the presidential finalists and for their sincere interest in the position. A vote was taken, and the motion was unanimously approved. Because the motion was unanimously approved, a roll call vote was deemed unnecessary.

Chair Lattimore requested a five-minute recess at 2:30 p.m. The meeting resumed at 2:35 p.m., at which time Chair Lattimore was pleased to announce that Dr. Larry Miller had accepted the offer to become the new president. Chair Lattimore will submit an offer letter to the State Agency Head for salary approval and work with the Greenville Tech Foundation on a supplement agreement.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.