



Greenville Technical College Area Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 15, 2026
Barton Campus, Student Success Center 102, Community Room
506 S Pleasantburg Drive
Greenville, SC, 29607

Members Present

Ray Lattimore, Chair
Meghan Barp
Tom Britt
Jo Hackl
Hunter Howard
Dean Jones
Ray Martin
Dr. Burke Royster
Coleman Shouse
Keith Smith
David Strafford

Members Absent

Paul Batson

Staff Present

George Abraham
Chuck Baker
Kelvin Byrd
Elaine Cook (Now CFO)
Julie Eddy
Babette Jones
Dr. Candice Lewis
Becky Mann
President Larry Miller
Michael Ruff

Guests

Brei Baker

Call to Order

Chair Ray Latimore called the meeting to order at 12:20 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.

Approval of March 17, 2026, Minutes

Chair Lattimore presented the minutes from the March 17, 2026, meeting for approval. Following minor corrections, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Ray Martin and seconded by Ms. Meghan Barp. The motion carried unanimously.

President's Report

President Larry Miller presented an update on the Center for Applied AI and Cyber Resiliency, reporting that \$24 million has been secured and that an additional \$30 million is being sought. Groundbreaking is targeted for spring of next year.

President Miller also presented an update on the Center for Welding and Automation Excellence (CWAE), to open in Fall 2026. The newly announced partnership with Greenville County Schools, operating in the current welding lab, is expected to triple welding capacity at the Brashier Campus and help address the current waiting list of approximately 200 high school students.

The Waggoner Building project, representing a \$6.5 million investment, has been substantively completed. Efforts are underway to secure industry partners to share space and equipment, generate revenue, and provide work-based learning opportunities for students.

Financial Report

Elaine Cook from Now CFO presented the Finance Report and shared that the Finance Department has implemented a monthly checklist system to enhance tracking and accountability. Mr. Howard introduced Mr. Steven Miller as the incoming Chief Financial Officer, effective June 22, 2026.

Building & Grounds

On behalf of the Building and Grounds Committee, Mr. Keith Smith presented a proposed Sanitary Sewer Easement at Northwest Campus for approval by the board. After a brief discussion Ms. Jo Hackl motioned that the Board delegate authority to the Building & Grounds Committee to negotiate and finalize the agreement. The motion was seconded by Dr. Royster and carried unanimously.

Foundation Report

Interim Executive Director Babette Jones presented the Foundation Report and provided updates on the progress of endowed scholarships, emergency assistance distributed to students, and donations received during the month of May.

South Carolina Association of Technical College Commissioners (SCATCC) Report

The South Carolina Association of Technical College Commissioners (SCATCC) will hold a planning meeting in May to focus on the next legislative year.

Commission for Higher Education (CHE) Report

There was no report from the Commission for Higher Education in the absence of Mr. Paul Batson.

Old and New Business

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Lattimore adjourned the meeting at 1:23 p.m.