Greenville TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Greenville Technical College Area Commission

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 20, 2026
Barton Campus, Student Success Center 102, Community Room
506 S Pleasantburg Drive
Greenville, SC, 29607

Members Present

Ray Lattimore, Chair
Meghan Barp
Paul Batson
Jo Hackl
Dean Jones (via Zoom)
Coleman Shouse
Keith Smith

Members Absent

Tom Britt
Hunter Howard
Ray Martin
Dr. Burke Royster
David Strafford

Staff Present

George Abraham
Eric Bedingfield (via Zoom)
Julie Eddy
Kerwin Graham
Dr. Candice Lewis
Becky Mann
President Larry Miller (via Zoom)

Guests

Keith Munson
Chad Cousins
Executive Assistants

Call to Order

Chair Ray Latimore called the meeting to order at 12:18 p.m. and welcomed board members, staff, attendees joining via Zoom, 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.

Approval of April 15, 2026, Minutes

Chair Lattimore presented the minutes from the April 15, 2026, meeting for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jo Hackl and seconded by Meghan Barp. Note: A quorum was not achieved, requiring a vote at the June meeting.

Divisional Report: Student Services

President Miller joined the meeting remotely from Vermeer Corporate Headquarters. He provided a brief update on the foundation's ongoing efforts to secure significant funding and on the continued search for a permanent executive director of the foundation, noting that one finalist had already been interviewed and two additional finalists were scheduled.

Chair Lattimore recognized Dr. Kerwin Graham, who provided an update on student initiatives. He reported positive enrollment trends, progress in advising, strong persistence rates, and ongoing work to strengthen pathways, student engagement, technology support, and student services. He also highlighted his "Drive Time with Dr. G" video series, noting that it has generated strong engagement and helped connect prospective students with information about opportunities at the college.

Finance Committee Report

Budget Report as of 4/30/2026

President Miller presented the budget report as of 4/30/2026 and reported that overall financial performance remains strong, with key areas tracking positively and several operational variances under review. He noted continued progress in scholarship administration, ongoing evaluation of ERP options, and an anticipated year-end surplus pending final analysis.

Proposed Tuition and Fees: The commission approved modest adjustments to tuition and fees for Fall 2026, including small increases across academic and career-technical programs, along with updates to certain out-of-county and out-of-state charges. A new per-term parking and maintenance fee was also adopted. These changes were presented as measured steps to keep pace with program costs while remaining within state guidelines. Note: A quorum was not achieved, requiring a vote at the June meeting.

Foundation Report

Chad Cousins reported continued fundraising progress, a stable investment position, and positive engagement from recent donor activities, along with updates on upcoming Foundation events. The Commission also recognized full participation in giving across the Area Commissioners and leadership team, reflecting their shared commitment to student success.

South Carolina Association of Technical College Commissioners (SCATCC) Update

Mr. Coleman Shouse reported on the recent SCATCC retreat and noted ongoing efforts to strengthen support and advocacy for all technical colleges, including those with more limited resources.

Commission for Higher Education (CHE) Update

Mr. Paul Batson reported on the recent meeting of the Commission for Higher Education and shared updates on statewide higher-education trends and oversight activities. He noted a continued shift toward programs with a stronger workforce focus.

Old and New Business

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Lattimore adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m.