Greenville Technical College Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Multipurpose Room, Barton Campus

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

Members Absent:

Staff Present:
Eric Bedingfield
Jacqui DiMaggio
Julie Eddy
Dr. Kerwin Graham
Debra Hadaway
Artie Hammond
Raymond James
Susan Jones
Becky Mann
Dr. Larry Miller, President
Lauren Simer
Sandra Smith
Wendy Walden
Ann Wright

Guests:
Keith Munson, Rimon Law
Chad Cousins, GT Foundation Board Chair
SC Legislative Delegates: Rep. Mike Burns, Rep. Chandra Dillard, Senator Jason Elliott, Rep. Stephen Frank, Rep. Chris Huff, Rep. Paul Wickensimer

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Chair Lattimore called the meeting to order at 12:24 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 noted that the meeting agenda was publicly posted on the Greenville Technical College website. A quorum of board members was present.

Chair Lattimore welcomed members of the legislative delegation, thanked them for his reappointment to the board, and expressed support for the work they do. Brief introductions were then given by the delegates. Chair Lattimore also extended a special thank you to the commissioners who attended the ACCT conference, to Chad Cousins, and all those who contributed to the recent ULI visit. He also thanked Wendy Walden for chairing the very successful Investiture Ceremony.

Chair Lattimore gave special recognition to Dr. Burke Royster for the Greenville County Schools' (GCS) 90+% graduation rate and his reappointment as GCS Superintendent for another four years.

Approval of the September 17, 2025, Minutes

Chair Lattimore presented the minutes from September 17, 2025, for approval. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Ms. Jo Hackl and seconded by Mr. Stafford; the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Special Called October 6, 2025, Minutes

Chair Lattimore presented the Special Called minutes from October 6, 2025, for approval. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Dean Jones and seconded by Mr. Coleman Shouse; the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the 2026 GTC Board Calendar

Chair Lattimore presented the proposed 2026 GTC Board Calendar for board approval. A motion to approve the calendar as presented was made by Mr. Tom Britt and seconded by Dr. Royster; the motion carried unanimously.

President's Report

President Larry Miller thanked the elected officials for attending. He is looking forward to establishing relationships with each of them as they help lead our state and community towards our common goals.

President Miller noted the following major achievements and accomplishments:

- ✓ **Recognition:** Ms. Jo Hackl and Mr. Hunter Howard were recognized for their 10 years of service to the Greenville Technical College Area Commission.
- ✓ **Enrollment and Economic Impact:** The college exceeded its enrollment goal, reaching 7,502 students by November 30th compared to the target of 7,500. This represents a 15% increase over enrollment at the same date in the previous year. Registering and enrolling students earlier increases their chances of success and helps them secure well-paying jobs. The 2024 Von Nessen report showed the college's economic impact increased dramatically from $627 million to $874 million in one year, representing a $247 million increase.
- ✓ **Facilities Updates:** The Center for Welding and Automation Excellence (CWAE) is set to hold its topping-out ceremony on December 11th, with the opening scheduled for fall 2026. This will serve over 300 students. The Center for Industrial Cybersecurity and AI has received $24 million in funding and remains our top legislative ask, with an additional $30 million requested.
- ✓ **Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) & Student Information System (SIS):** The college's ERP system needs to be upgraded. We were implementing a new system with a vendor and have elected to allow the contract to naturally expire at the end of the month. We are working on multiple pathways to select a new vendor. The college went live this month with Modern Campus for its Corporate and Continuing Education (CCE) division.
- ✓ **Graduate Notable Achievement:** Scoundrel restaurant, owned by GTC alumnus Chef Joe Cash, earned Greenville's first Michelin star, one of only four restaurants in S.C. to earn stars.
- ✓ **Legislative Win:** Thanks to Governor Henry McMaster and his staff, our faculty are now treated the same as four-year college faculty in the state's new telecommuting policy.

President Miller noted that the President's Report and the budget analysis financial report are available in BoardEffect.

Audit Committee Update:

Mr. Tom Britt stated the Audit Committee met at 9:00 a.m. this morning. He introduced Ms. Julie Eddy, Chief of Staff to the President, who has recently assumed the role of overseeing internal audits at the college. Ms. Eddy gave a brief overview of the college's internal audit function. This is being reorganized to align with global standards, with increased oversight and independence from the college administration. The Institute of Internal Auditors Global Standards comprises 15 guiding principles and 52 standards, organized into five domains. Domain three focuses on the board's responsibility. This responsibility includes authorizing the internal audit office, establishing its charter, ensuring its organizational independence, and verifying that auditors possess the appropriate qualifications. The college's two auditors, Artie Hammond and Sandi Smith, gave a brief introduction of their experience and qualifications.

The audit committee reported that eight internal audits were completed, five were special-requested audits, and three were required. On behalf of the committee, Mr. Britt presented an updated disaster recovery plan and a brief report on cybersecurity measures.

Performance and Evaluation Committee

Ms. Jo Hackl stated that the Performance and Evaluation (P&E) Committee met at 10:00 a.m. this morning.

President Miller provided a brief overview of the 2028 Strategic Plan targets, referring to it as a bridge plan. The P&E committee recommended the adoption of the institutional objectives for the 2028 strategic plan, delegating to the P&E Committee, in collaboration with staff, to finalize three line-item modifications. The board unanimously approved the adoption of the 2028 strategic plan.

Marketing, Recruiting, and Enrollment Committee

Mr. Ray Martin stated that the Marketing, Recruiting, and Enrollment Committee met at 11:00 a.m. He gave a summary of the meeting, including positive Spring enrollment numbers and earlier registration, which is a key predictor of student success. He also reported that the college's marketing communications team won five awards from the National College Marketing and Public Relations Association. These awards all help build interest in and potential applications to our college.

Education and Training Review Committee

Dr. Burke Royster stated that the Education and Training Review Committee met this morning at 11:30 a.m. to review two new programs.

1. The Associate of Applied Science in Visual Arts will provide students with increased flexibility to shape their degree in multiple art-based disciplines and align them to pursue a four-year degree. There are no additional costs required for this program. On behalf of the committee, Dr. Royster made a motion to approve the program. The motion passed unanimously.
2. The Associate of Applied Science Engineering Fundamentals, Welding Concentration, is designed to prepare students for a seamless transfer to a four-year degree program in welding engineering technology. On behalf of the committee, Dr. Royster made a motion to approve the program. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Lattimore recognized PhD candidate Raymond James for his work in developing this program.

South Carolina Association for Technical College Commissioners (SCATCC) Update

Mr. Coleman Shouse reported that the SCATCC will meet in December to prepare for the January legislative session. He referenced the Legislative Priorities attachment in BoardEffect, stating that they will be organizing to support the emphasis on these priorities with the state systems.

Urban Land Institute (ULI)

Mr. Shouse referenced the preliminary data report prepared by the Urban Land Institute (ULI) following their October visit to Greenville. Upon receipt of the comprehensive report in approximately three months, we will review and submit any necessary corrections prior to the delivery of the final version.

Commission for Higher Education (CHE) Update

Mr. Batson reported that the CHE Board met in November. At the meeting, they discussed processing pass-through funds, including $430 million in lottery education funds, monitoring funds provided by the legislature, and reviewing potentially redundant programs. The CHE is also initiating a detailed financial and audit review of all higher education institutions in South Carolina.

Greenville Tech Foundation

Mr. Chad Cousins, Chair of the Greenville Tech Foundation, reiterated the foundation's commitment to its purpose of supporting students through fundraising. He appreciated the opportunity to attend the recent ACCT trip and interact with representatives from other colleges across the country. He appreciates the level of collaboration and cooperation, and he sees the impact of the college in the community. He is excited to be a part of the ULI meetings. The foundation is also managing leadership transitions with new members nominated and an outsourced accounting function following a change in CFO.

The Foundation Report is available in BoardEffect.

Executive Session

Chair Lattimore made a motion to move into executive session at 1:27 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Ms. Hackl seconded the motion. The motion carried. No action was taken during the executive session.

Old and New Business

There being no other business to discuss, Chair Lattimore motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:29 p.m.