Tri-County Commission Minutes (October 3, 2022)

Tri-County Technical College Commission Minutes
Ruby Hicks Board Room, Pendleton Campus

October 3, 2022

**Present**

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<td>Tom Strange, Chair</td>
<td>Dr. Galen DeHay, President</td>
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<td>Leon Harris- remote</td>
<td>Dan Cooper, Chief of Staff</td>
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<td>Hamid Mohseni</td>
<td>Dr. Chris Marino, Director of Institutional Effectiveness</td>
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<td>Helen Rosemond-Saunders</td>
<td>Cara Hamilton, VP Business Affairs</td>
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<td>Larry Smith</td>
<td>Jenni Creamer, AVP of Enrollment MGT &amp; Educational Partnerships</td>
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<td>Al Young</td>
<td>Karen Potter, Sr. Director of Strategic Communication &amp; Engagement</td>
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<td>Jim Kaplan</td>
<td>Grayson Kelly, VP of Institutional Advance. &amp; Business Relations</td>
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<td>John Powell</td>
<td>Marci Leake, VP for Human Resources</td>
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<td>Kathy Brand, Executive Assistant</td>
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**Guests:** Luke VanWingerden, CIO; Dr. Mark Dougherty, Dean of Student Development  
**Absent:** Jim Wanner, Linda Jameison, Dr. Anthony Guiseppi-Elie

I. **CALL TO ORDER**  
Chairman Strange called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He stated that the appropriate notice had been sent to the media as required by the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

II. **INVOCATION**  
Commissioner Young gave the invocation.

III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
The Chair presented the agenda and asked if there were any changes or additions. Hearing none, the agenda stood approved as submitted.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
Chairman Strange presented the August 1, 2022, minutes and the September 1, 2022, minutes and asked if there were any changes or additions. Hearing none, the Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Powell moved, seconded by Commissioner Rosemond-Saunders, that the minutes from August 1, 2022, and September 1, 2022, be approved as submitted. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

V. **CONSENT ITEMS**  
TCTC Institutional Policies  
- 8-7-1000 Employee Practice Policy

Chairman Strange referred to Dr. DeHay for clarification on the policy to be deleted. Dr. DeHay stated the Employee Practices policy is not needed since the College follows the State Technical System policy on employee practices. The recommendation to delete this policy is in an attempt to reduce the number of College policies that are repetitive with the State Technical System policies. With no further questions, the Chair called for a motion to approve deleting the Employee Practice policy.
Commissioner Rosemond-Saunders, moved, seconded by Commissioner Young that the policy be deleted. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

VI. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Dr. DeHay asked Luke VanWingerden, CIO, to provide an IT assessment update. VanWingerden stated the skillsets and leadership within IT have changed in the increasing digital world. The College engaged with a company, Ferrilli, to assess three primary areas: the strategic IT alignment to the College, the IT skillsets and maturity, and the funding and decision making. The assessment was completed and the following recommendation were presented:

- Elevate and value the CIO role as a business partner and less of a technical lead of the department.
- Provide a high-level of IT customer service.
- Apply IT governance concepts to align IT services with the current vision of TCTC leadership.
- Increase TCTC’s return on its investments in technology and services.

VanWingerden stated once these recommendations are validated by the College, they will provide a basis for the IT Strategic Plan.

Dr. DeHay asked Jenni Creamer, AVP of Enrollment MGT & Educational Partnerships, to give an update on community engagement. Creamer provided a comparison and examples of the reversed model now being used for community engagement.

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Creamer stated the tenets of successful engagement efforts include:

- Targeted outreach
- Community influencers and grass-roots leadership
- Genuine commitment
- Rapport and trust
- Long-term investment
- Growth Mindset for the College, partners, students, and families
- Sense of Belonging

Creamer reported the current areas of focus are Hispanic and African American populations in the communities of Walhalla, Homeland Park, and Honea Path. She shared recent and upcoming community events and concluded sharing photos of the College’s recent participation in community service activities with Habitat for Humanity.

VII. CHAIR’S REPORT

Chairman Strange asked Commissioner Rosemond-Saunders to give the SCATCC report. Commissioner Rosemond-Saunders presented the following summary of the September 7, 2022, SCATCC meeting. (The full SCATCC report is submitted in OnBoard).
I. Chairman Smalls called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

II. Mr. Greg Little, VP for Strategic Partnerships and Innovation at the system office, addressed the group with his key priorities and stated his opinion of building a successful pathway between school districts and technical colleges could be enhanced by having a sitting superintendent as an ex-officio member on every board.

III. The May 14, 2022, minutes were approved.

IV. Committee Reports and Recommendations were given as follows:
   A. Finance Committee: Commissioner Piersol presented a summative financial standing for the SCATCC office. The annual audit will occur on September 12, 2022.
   B. Governance Committee: No formal report given.
   C. Advocacy and Education Committee: Mr. Billy Routh reported on the recently passed budget. Details are listed in the full report. It is projected that there will be new House and Senate members in November that will be assigned to committees.
   D. Communications & Awards Committee: Commissioner Barnes referred members to the prior list of SCATCC award winners, to be recognized at the February Commissioners’ Academy: Commissioner’s Award, Gary Powers; Equity Award, TCTC; CEO Award, Dr. Willie Todd, Faculty Award, Kevin Mitchell, and Professional Board Staff Award, Michael Zenfardino.

   Winners from the Southern Region selection process from South Carolina are: Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Kyle Wagner; Faculty, Benji McCollum; Professional Staff, Michael Zenfardino. Information regarding the selection process utilized by SCATCC and utilized by the ACCT’s Southern region were discussed and clarified.

V. Mr. Chip Smith, State Board Representative, brought greetings on behalf of the state CHE Board and expressed the Governor’s pleasure with the performance of the technical colleges. Smith stated CHE wants to establish best practices regarding how foundations operate/function in an attempt to clarify a unified process for college foundations as a system. One of Mr. Smith’s goals is to see that every technical college course taken that can be transferred to a four-year college, is transferred.

VI. System President Report: Dr. Tim Hardee reviewed the legislative priorities. Hardee stated system enrollment is up 9.6% across the board and Central Carolina, Greenville, Piedmont, Horry/Georgetown, Williamsburg, and York are up by 15% in enrollment. The system office plans to focus on mental health, student services, and those components that help students to graduation.

VII. Dr. Yvonne Barnes presented information on the nomination and election processes for commissioners interested in joining an ACCT committee or board, stating the ACCT website contains the specific process. (https://wwwacct.org)

VIII. Chairman’s Report: Mr. David Smalls announced the upcoming SCATCC Board meetings dates, the SCATCC Day of Learning on February 1, 2023, and the State Tech Day Luncheon on March 29, 2023.

IX. Executive Director’s Report: Ms. Ashley Jaillette welcomed new board members, Dr. Willie Boyd and Mr. John Schuler. She stated Dr. Rhames is the new chair of the President’s Council and will be attending future sessions. A sample letter for use by commissioners to thank legislators has been approved by the system office and will be shared. The SCATCC board will sponsor a dinner during the ACCT conference in October.

X. The group moved to executive session and adjourned following.
2023 Board Goals: Chairman Strange stated that the group had the opportunity to submit suggestions for developing future goals for the Commission. These ideas were discussed at the recent Commission retreat and used to create the goals draft presented today. Brief discussion of the goals took place. Chairman Strange called for a motion to accept the goals as presented. Commissioner Powell moved, seconded by Commissioner Rosemond-Saunders that the 2023 Commission Goals be adopted. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

2023 Commission Board and Committee meeting dates: Chairman Strange presented the dates for the 2023 Commission Board meetings and the Commission Committee meeting dates.

Upcoming Events:

- **ACCT Leadership Congress** Chairman Strange stated the 2022 ACCT Leadership Congress will take place in New York, N.Y., October 26-29.
- **Committees of the Commission** will meet on November 29, 2022, virtually with the Curriculum and Instruction committee meeting at 8 a.m. followed by the Finance Committee meeting at 9 a.m. No Building Committee meeting is needed.
- **Fall Commencement** will be held on December 13, 2022 at 6 p.m. at the Brook Center in Clemson.
- The College’s **Annual Report Event** will be held on November 1, 2022, from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in AHEC on the Pendleton Campus.
  - Next Commission Board meeting will be on December 12, 2022, Pendleton Campus

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Approved: 

[Signature]

Hamid Mohsseni, Commission Vice-Chair Date: 12/12/2022