



**COLUMBUS TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

***LOCAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING***

***April 22, 2025***

***12:00 p.m., KIA Georgia in West Point Tour***

***A G E N D A***

***Welcome***

***Martha Ann Todd***

***KIA Georgia in West Point Tour***

***Stuart Countess, CEO***

***Welcome and Introduction***

***Adjourn***

***Martha Ann Todd***



# COLUMBUS TECHNICAL COLLEGE

*Columbus Technical College  
Local Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
928 Manchester Expressway  
Columbus, GA 31904*

Tuesday, March 25, 2025  
J Robert Jones Conference Center

**Board of Directors**

**Christopher Brazell**  
Muscogee County

**Travis Chambers**  
Muscogee County

**Dr. James Elder**  
Muscogee County

**Sen. Ed Harbison**  
Muscogee County

**Isaiah Hugley**  
Muscogee County

**Jon-Erik Jones**  
Quitman County

**David Lewis**  
Muscogee County

**Colin Martin**  
Muscogee County

**Cassie Myers**  
Muscogee County

**Sen. Randy Robertson**  
Muscogee County

**Rev. Eric Seldon**  
Muscogee County

**Crystal Shahid**  
Muscogee County

**Rep. Vance Smith**  
Harris County

**Edwina Turner**  
Stewart County

**Martha Ann Todd**  
President

**Board Members Present:** Christopher Brazell, James Elder, , Jon-Erik Jones, David Lewis, Colin Martin, Cassie Myers, Eric Seldon, Crystal Shahid, Edwina Turner

**Board Members Absent:** Travis Chambers, Ed Harbison, Isaiah Hugley, Randy Robertson, and Vance Smith

**Staff Present:** April Hopkins, Jamie Loyd, Amelia Mills, Karen Thomas, and Susan Sealy

**Call to Order:** Cassie Myers called the March 25, 2025 meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting:** Chairwoman, Cassie Myers, called for a motion to approve the February 25, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion to approve the minutes was made by David Lewis and was seconded by Edwina Turner. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

**Columbus Technical College Update** – Martha Ann Todd

Presentation included the following:

- The college's goal is to provide workforce development for the community. This is done by offering education and training that will promote job placement, career building, family support, and financial independence.
  - Head Count 2021-2025
    - 7 to 8 % increase over last Spring
    - Goal: 5300
  - Traditional Enrollment
    - Currently building back up
  - Dual Enrollment
    - Makes up about 16% percent of the student body
    - 700 (estimated number of students)
- FTE 2021-2025
  - Currently sits at 1,867
  - If we reach our target of 2,867, then it would be the highest in 10 years
- Retention Rate
  - We can track the retention rate more effectively by tracking the number of graduates
  - Part-time students will also affect our retention rate as they may not be consistent due to life and financial challenges

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- Ad Astra Software Tool
  - Scheduling Platform
    - Designed to track data on our students
    - Supports advisement
    - Advance scheduling to better assist our students
- Adult Education Head Count
  - More students are enrolling in our CPH program
    - Graduates: 106
  - More options available for high school graduation
- Economic Development CCT and CE
  - Company Trained
    - 381
  - Number Trained
    - 5,347
  - Training hours
    - 63,696
- Scouting America
  - Instructors Teaching middle school and high school student merit badge
  - Scout in Culinary
  - Planning to have two per year
  - Parents were involved
- Childcare Information Event
  - Launching Your Childcare Business
  - Monday, April 21, 2025
    - 5 – 8 PM
    - CTC Library Auditorium
- Student Center Renovation
  - New Paint
  - New Floors
    - Restaurant
      - Brick and Mortar and Trevioli Italian Kitchen
      - Coffee and Pastries
      - Student Pricing
      - To open early April
    - Student Assistance
      - Assist with culinary internship for students
- VECTR Center
  - Only 2 million dollars short of goal
    - Continuing to push the campaign
  - Permits have already been pulled from Columbus Water Works
  - Floor plan has not changed
- Georgia Workforce Trends
  - CTC provides training for the major job industries in Georgia
    - Healthcare
    - Manufacturing
    - Accommodation and Food Services
    - Transportation
- Transforming Tomorrow Today
  - You are the key factor

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Old Business – None

New Business – None

***Adjourn:*** *There was no other business for discussion. Upon appropriate motion and second, the Board adjourned at 1:15 p.m. The date of the next Board meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2025. Minutes respectfully submitted by Ms. Shanell Scott, President's Office.*