



LOCAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
August 26, 2025
12:00 p.m. J. Robert Jones Conference Technology Center

A G E N D A

Welcome and Call to Order **Colin Martin**

Approval of Minutes for July 29, 2024 **Colin Martin**

Columbus Technical College Update **Martha Ann Todd**

President's Leadership Team

Academic Affairs/Adult Education – April Hopson

Administrative Services – Karen Thomas

Student Affairs and Communications– Tara Askew

Economic Development – Jamie Loyd

Institutional Advancement – Susan Sealy

Institutional Effectiveness – Amelia Mills

Adjourn **Collin Martin**



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

Tuesday, July 29, 2025
12:30 p.m., J. Robert Jones Conference Technology 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

Missy Kendrick
Muscogee 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: Travis Chambers, James Elder, Jon-Erik Jones, Missy Kendrick, David Lewis, Crystal Shahid, Randy Robertson, Colin Martin, Eric Seldon, Vance Smith, and Edwina Turner

Board Members Absent: Christopher Brazell, Ed Harbison, Isaiah Hugley, and Cassie Myers

Staff Present: Tara Askew, April Hopkins, Jamie Loyd, Susan Sealy

Call to Order: At 12:30 PM President Todd called the meeting to order by passing the gavel to newly appointed Chair, Colin Martin.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: Chairman Colin Martin called for a motion to approve the June 24, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Randy Robertson 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:

- Columbus Technical 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.
- President Todd described our main focal points as "Big Rocks" which includes:
 - Enrollment
 - Retention
 - Graduation
 - Job Placement – rarely mention due to our high rates
- VECTR Center
 - CTC Closed on July 15, 2025 on funding needed to bridge campaign pledges
 - Also closed on a New Market Tax Credit
 - brought a 1.8 million dollars to the VECTR Center project
 - The CTC Foundation and Trustees have done an excellent job in raising nearly 2 million dollars.
 - Groundbreaking Event
 - Sheridan Construction Inc, general contractor, has begun construction groundwork
 - Wednesday, August 13, 2025, 10 AM
 - Target VECTR opening date is July 2026
- Local Board Members were given a folder packet containing the bylaws and an opportunity to donate through the Local Board Member donation form. The packet also contained the Reimbursement Selection form which gives board members the opportunity to elect to either receive a "per diem" payment in reimbursement for meals and lodging as authorized by state legislature or elect to be reimbursed for meals lodging and travel expenses allowed by the State of Georgia Travel regulations for all Local Board activities. President Todd

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explained the two forms and gave way to allow Local Board members to review, ask questions, make their selections, and submit their completed forms.

- **Academic Affairs/Adult Education** – Report given by April Hopson
 - VECTR Center
 - Instructors are excited to teach in the new building
 - Creating VECTR Center scheduling for next fall
 - Dimon Elementary
 - CTC, CSU, and Muscogee County School District to start a literacy class
 - Dimon Family Lit Nights
 - To start to send supplies for the class
 - Back to School Bash, Dimon Elementary School, July 29, 2025
 - Adult Education
 - IET (Innovative educational Training)
 - To submit all IETs on new form to be both TCCs and Economic Development Certifications

Administrative Services – Report was not given

Economic Development – Report given by Jamie Loyd

- Customized Contract Training
 - 130 companies
 - Trained 1500 individuals
 - 17,000 training hours
- Goodwill
 - Completed 1st 75-hr welding program for Goodwill
- Continued growth with the following classes
 - Residential Plumbing
 - Construction
 - Welding

Institutional Advancement – Report given by Susan Sealy

- VECTR & New Market Tax Credit
 - Became Advancement's major focus as the board of trustees provided major support to accomplish the closing
- Scholarships
 - Completed summer scholarships

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- Larger portal of scholarships to opens August 1, 2025
- Trustee
 - One new Trustee added to our board, Mike Welch
 - An orientation has been scheduled

Institutional Effectiveness – Report given by President Todd

- Working closely with Nursing faculty to prepare for Accreditation
 - ACEN Accreditation for CTC Nursing program
 - ACEN Site Visit – September 16-18, 2025
- SACSCOC Institutional Accreditation
 - CTC has been officially board approved for the next 10 years

• Student Affairs and Communications – Report given by Tara Askew

- Enrollment
 - Fall Semester begins August 11, 2025
 - At 85% of our goal
 - Dual Enrollment
 - 224 Students during summer semester
 - 94% increase compared to last summer
 - Talbot County
 - Talks with Talbot County to offer welding lab to them
 - To be offered to students at 7th period
 - Evening classes available
- Calendars Events
 - Columbus Tech Night at the Clingstones
 - August 7, 2025, 7 PM
 - Purchase Ticket and Jersey for \$35

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Adjourn: *There was no other business for discussion. Upon appropriate motion and second, the Board adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The date of the next Board meeting is scheduled for August 26, 2025. Minutes respectfully submitted by Ms. Shanell Scott, President's Office.*