



**COLUMBUS TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

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

***July 29, 2025***

***12:00 p.m. Chattahoochee River Club, 1100 Bay Ave. Columbus Georgia 31901***

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

***Welcome and Call to Order***

***Colin Martin***

***Approval of Minutes for June 25, 2024***

***Colin Martin***

***Presentation of Certificates***

***Edwina Turner***

***Columbus Technical College Update***

***Martha Ann Todd***

***Departments' Reports via Presentation***

***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, June 24, 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:** Christopher Brazell, James Elder, Missy Kendrick, David Lewis, Cassie Myers, Crystal Shahid, Randy Robertson, Vance Smith and Edwina Turner

**Board Members Absent:** Travis Chambers, Ed Harbison, Isaiah Hugley, Jon-Erik Jones, Colin Martin, and Eric Seldon

**Staff Present:** Tara Askew, April Hopkins, Amelia Mills, Karen Thomas

**Call to Order:** Chairwoman, Cassie Myers, called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting:** Chairwoman Cassie Myers called for a motion to approve the June 24, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Vance Smith and was seconded by Missy Kendrick. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

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

Presentation included the following:

- The meeting began with the election of the new officers with Colin Martin nominated as Chair and James Elder as Vice Chair. Crystal Shahid motioned to approved and Missy Kendrick second the approval. The nominations of new officers were officially approved.
- Dr. David Lewis' Graduation Speech
  - President Todd gave the board a snippet of the speech given by Dr. David Lewis at the CTC 2025 Spring graduation
  - Dr. Lewis' speech was deemed one of the best given at our graduation ceremonies as it highlighted major accomplishment on not just the student body as a whole but also on an individual level
- Big Rock Chart Handout
  - Targets are stretched goals
    - Every target may not be reached but we are motivated to aim high and push to reach them
    - Keeps us consistent in our growth
      - Green writing on the right-hand side of the chart reflects our accomplishments
- Local Board Meeting Schedule
  - Outlines the upcoming meetings for FY26
- Col. Ralph Puckett Jr. VECTR Center
  - Site: 2329 fort Benning Road
  - Foundation Capital Campaign to date: \$7,269,969
    - Fundraising continues - \$1MM more is the target
    - The Pezold family donated 4 additional acres, valued at \$3MM
  - New Market Tax Credit (\$1.8MM)
    - Closing is set for July 15, 2025

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- Architectural and Site Plans
  - Completed by Hecht Burdeshaw Architects and EMC Engineering
    - Rezoning is complete and approved by City Council
- Sheridan Construction Inc. to begin construction groundwork on July 21, 2025
  - Groundbreaking will be August 13, 2025
  - Target VECTR opening date is July 2026
- **Academic Affairs/Adult Education** – Report given by April Hopson
  - Micro-credentials progression and success at CTC
    - Then:
      - In January 11, 2023
        - Badges: 11
        - Awards: 231
    - Now:
      - June 16, 2025
        - Badges: 1,062
        - Awards: 35,238
  - Crime Prevention
    - Certifications earned
      - Forklift Safety (59 students)
      - OSHA-10 Hour General Safety (59 students)
      - Basic Construction 50-HR (20 students)
      - Basic Welding 60-HR (36 students)
      - American Welding (9 students)
      - General Education (20 students)
    - Transport MCP and HCP with permission to participate
      - Received as time served
      - Students also receive their own tool bag along with boots, gloves, safety glasses to give them a head start once they enter the workforce
  - DECAL Expand Grant
    - From January 2023 through June 2024
      - Total students assisted: 292
      - Grant covered books, childcare, gas and basic student needs
  - Academic Affairs
    - Approval of New Degrees, Diplomas and TCCs
      - CTC has been approved for TCC program for:

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- AI Enhanced Robotic Manufacturing Specialist, AE81
- Intelligence and Automation, AIA1
- Effective date for both TCCs: August 2025
- Degree program in Automation and Robotics Technology, AAR3
  - Effective August 2025
- **Administrative Services** – Report given by Karen Thomas
  - YTD net revenue \$979,472.45
  - FY25 ends July 14, 2025
  - Georgia at Work (New Software)
    - Currently undergoing validation and testing
    - “Go live” date remains October 1, 2025
    - To cover the following areas of:
      - Financial
      - Personnel
      - Human Resources
    - Training begins: July 8, 2025
- **Institutional Advancement** – Report was not given

## Economic Development – Report given by Martha Ann Todd

- Modern Campus
  - Implementation was successful
- Customized Contract Training YTD:
  - 97 companies;
  - 1,109 individuals;
  - 10,559 hours
- Continuing Education YTD:
  - 3,562 participants
  - 11,345 hours
- Companies include:
  - Kysor Warren,
  - Columbus Consolidated Government
  - Columbus Water Works
  - Oneda
- **Institutional Effectiveness** – Report given by Amelia Mills
  - Strategic Plans
    - Currently in year 3 of 5-year cycle
      - CTC has met and exceeded 43% of the identified metrics
    - Successes
      - CTC Goal 1 – Student Success

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- CTC Goal 5 – Resources, Technology, and Infrastructure
- Final Evaluation
  - Final evaluation will be available in September
- SACSCOC Institutional Accreditation
  - CTC has been officially board approved for the next 10 years
- **Student Affairs and Communications** – Report given by Tara Askew
  - Graduation
    - An evening of celebration for student success
      - Students enjoyed the selfie station
      - Thrasher led the commencement walk as graduates entered the auditorium
      - Local board members came out to give their support
      - Local Board Vice Chair, Colin Martin introduced the speaker and board member, Dr. David Lewis
    - Involved students from the following programs of study
      - Dental Hygiene
      - Diagnostic Medical Sonography
      - Radiologic
      - Technology
      - Respiratory Care Technology
      - Paramedicine
    - Almost all our graduates are currently working in their field
  - Pinning Ceremony
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  - Upcoming Events
    - Pops & patriotism
      - July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, 1:00 – 3:00 PM
    - Techchella Trailride
      - July 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
    - New student orientation/Advisement & Registration Week
      - Starting July 14, 2025
  - Calendars Events
    - July 29, 2025 at Noon
      - Board Meeting at the Chattahoochee River Club
    - August 13, 2025 at 10 AM
      - Groundbreaking – Col. Ralph Puckett Jr. VECTR Workforce Development Center

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 July 29, 2025. Minutes respectfully submitted by Ms. Shanell Scott, President's Office.*