



LOCAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

June 24, 2025

12:00 p.m.

A G E N D A

Welcome and Call to Order

Cassie Myers

Approval of Minutes for June 25, 2024

Cassie Myers

Election of Officers

Collin Martin – Chair

Jimmy Elder – Vice Chair

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

Cassie Myers



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

Tuesday, May 27, 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, Travis Chambers, James Elder, Ed Harbison, Isaiah Hugley, Jon-Erik Jones, David Lewis, Colin Martin, Cassie Myers, Jerald Mitchell, Eric Seldon, Crystal Shahid, and Vance Smith

Board Members Absent: Randy Robertson and Edwina Turner

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

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 May 25, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Collin Martin and was seconded by David Lewis. 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.
- Introduction to new board member
 - Missy Kendrick
 - Working with economic development team to ensure that our community to continue to grow
 - Office located on the first floor of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce building (suite 102)
- Budget
 - Our state budget funds will increase this upcoming year
 - Due to an increase in last year's enrollment FTE funding has increased
 - Looking to stand up our VECTR Center in June/July of next year
 - Summer Enrollment
 - This summer's enrollment is 2454,
 - Last summer's enrollment was 1861
 - Over 30% increase above last year
 - We'll know where we stand by the end of this week
 - VECTR Center Meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2025
 - New Market Tax Credit Closing
 - Hoping to close on new market deal on June 24th
 - Met at the VECTOR Center Site
 - 2 funding entities for the new market tax credit
 - Discussed the importance of the VECTR Center to veterans and the Columbus area
 - President Todd thanked our Local Board members for their support in the meeting (Crystal Shahid and Jimmy Elder)
 - Another entity coming in June (the bridge loan lender)

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- Graduation
 - Thursday, June 12, 2025, 7 PM
 - Local Board Vice Chair, Collin Martin to introduce our guest speaker, Dr. David Lewis, Superintendent, Muscogee County School District
- Introduction of New Vice President of Academic Affairs
 - April Hopson

- **Academic Affairs/Adult Education** – Report given by April Hopson
 - Academic Affairs
 - Construction Trailer
 - Turn information in for an additional trailer University by March
 - The first trailer has been such a success we need an additional trailer to serve the community
 - Adult Education
 - On track to meet 90% of benchmarks
 - 14 benchmarks each year
 - Career Plus Program
 - Students earn a HS diploma while working on a certificate
 - 15 Career Plus students graduating on Thursday
 - 10 students for summer graduation
 - 7 students for fall graduation

- **Administrative Services** – Report was not given

- **Economic Development** – Report given by Jamie Loyd
 - Mobile Construction Lab
 - Muscogee County Prison
 - 3-week program
 - Participants earned AWS certification
 - Welding Lab Program
 - Extended program coming in July
 - Columbus Transition Center
 - Goodwill
 - Muscogee County Prison
 - Customized Training
 - Kysor Warren New Hire training
 - Columbus Water Works, New Customer Service Certification Program
 - Building our Service Industry Hospitality Committee
 - Working to introduce a Service Industry Hospitality Program
 - Looking to begin classes within the next 6 months

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- Modern Campus
 - Began registering classes on April 1, 2025
 - Running successfully
 - Still working on details and fine-tuning the of the program
- **Advancement** – Report given by Susan Sealy
 - Graduation Guest
 - Be sure to tell security that you are VIP
 - For parking and seating
 - Foundation
 - New Market Tax Credit
 - Trustees have been working together to push our goals
 - New officers have been elected for the Board of Trustees
 - Barry Vaught – Chair
 - Malon Wickham – Vice Chair
 - Twila Kirkland – Secretary
 - Alfred Blackmar – Treasurer
 - Kim Weaver – Past Chair
- **Institutional Effectiveness** – Report given by Amelia Mills
 - Strategic Plans
 - Approaching year 3 of 5-year strategic plan
 - Stakeholder Feedback
 - We use stakeholder feedback to ensure that the college is moving in the right direction
 - Working with retention
 - Planning to hold an in-house focus group starting with faculty and move outwardly
 - Partnerships and Collaborations
 - Partnering with Dimon Magnet and CSU
 - Support Academic Affairs to teach and offer programs
 - Work to provide programs that align with our labor market needs
 - SACSCOC Institutional Accreditation
 - Board meeting within 2 weeks
- **Student Affairs and Communications** – Report was not given

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.*