

SOUTHEASTERN EARLY COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
May 19, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Tim Smith, Community Representative
Andy Blount, Vidalia Board Representative
Fred Godbee, Business Representative
Debbie Evans, Greater Vidalia Chamber
Andy Woodruff, Toombs County Parent Representative
Henry Price, Board Representative, Montgomery County Schools
Michele Johnson, SECCA Board Chair, Greater Vidalia Chamber
Kelly Tippet, Parent Representative, Vidalia City Schools
Clint Williams, Board Representative, Toombs County Schools

MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND:

Dr. Rhonda Hightower, Superintendent, Montgomery County Schools
Dr. Sandy Reid, Superintendent, Vidalia City Schools
Dr. Susan Stone, Superintendent, Treutlen County Schools
Barry Waller, Superintendent, Toombs County Schools
Bruce Asberry, Community Member
Ronald Baker, Parent Representative, Treutlen County
Holt Barwick, Business Representative
Andy Kimbell, STC Board Representative; Business Representative
Chris Hartley, Business Representative
Ashley Thornton, Montgomery County Parent Representative
Ellis Strobridge, Vidalia High School Principal
Joshua White, Treutlen County High School Principal
Tracey McNeal, Montgomery County High School Principal
Marissa Morris, Toombs County High School Principal
Larry Calhoun, President, Southeastern Technical College

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Amy Gillies, SECCA CEO, Director of High School Programs
Sabrina Campbell, SECCA Marketing Coordinator

Michelle Johnson, SECCA Board Chair, called the meeting of the Southeastern Early College and Career Academy, Inc. (SECCA) Board of Directors to order. Barry Waller gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Henry Price made a motion to approve the agenda and previous meeting minutes. Dr. Tim Smith seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The SECCA Vision and Goals were reviewed. The Board reaffirmed SECCA's vision of building capacity to produce work-ready students and its goals of increasing apprenticeships and work-based learning opportunities while expanding pathways to a high school diploma for work-ready students.

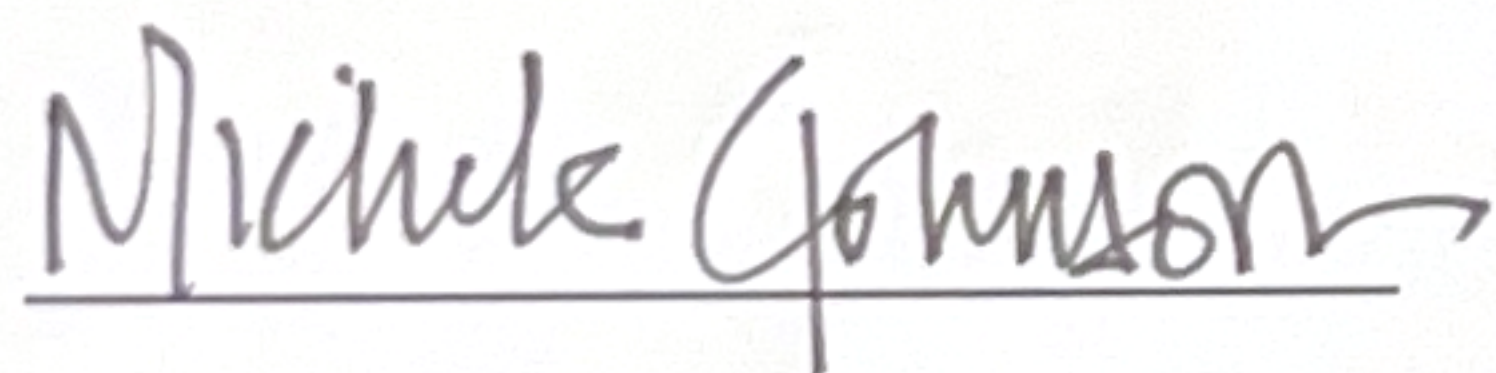
The Board received a pathway and instructor highlight.

Amy Gillies presented the Director's Report, which included an overview of the proposed budget, personnel updates, pathway progress, plans for the SECCA groundbreaking, and upcoming events. Dr. Tim Smith made a motion to approve the budget, and Henry Price seconded the motion. The motion carried. A personnel update was provided announcing that Candace Williams will transition to a full-time position. Updates were also shared on the progress of SECCA pathways and preparations for the groundbreaking ceremony. The Board reviewed upcoming events, including JROTC Camps scheduled for June 1–5 and the GACTE Summer Conference scheduled for June 9–11.

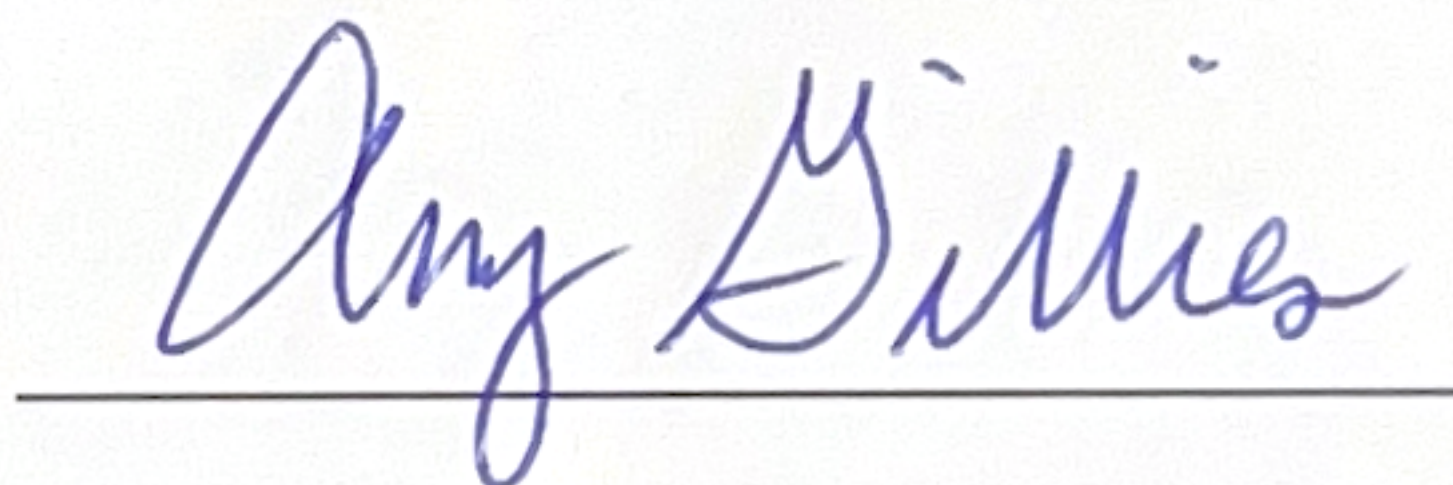
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be August 18, 2026.



Michele Johnson, Chair



Amy Gillies, Secretary