

SOUTHEASTERN EARLY COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
March 24, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Asberry, Community Member
Larry Calhoun, President, Southeastern Technical College
Debbie Evans, Greater Vidalia Chamber
Dr. Rhonda Hightower, Superintendent, Montgomery County Schools
Michele Johnson, SECCA Board Chair, Greater Vidalia Chamber
Andy Kimbell, STC Board Representative
Henry Price, Board Representative, Montgomery County Schools
Dr. Tim Smith, Community Representative
Dr. Susan Stone, Superintendent, Treutlen County Schools
Barry Waller, Superintendent, Toombs County Schools
Andy Woodruff, Toombs County Parent Representative

MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND:

Ronald Baker, Parent Representative, Treutlen County
Holt Barwick, Business Representative
Andy Blount, Vidalia Board Representative
Fred Godbee, Business Representative
Chris Hartley, Business Representative
Dr. Sandi Reid, Superintendent, Vidalia City Schools
Kelly Tippett, Parent Representative, Vidalia City Schools
Clint Williams, Board Representative, Toombs County Schools

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

John Sharpe, CEO at SECCA, Director of High School Programs
Sabrina Campbell, SECCA Marketing Director

Michelle Johnson, SECCA Board Chair, called the meeting of the Southeastern Early College and Career Academy, Inc. (SECCA) Board of Directors to order. John Sharpe gave the invocation. On a motion by Dr. Tim Smith, seconded by Henry Price, to approve the agenda and the minutes. Motion was approved. The Vision and Goals were reviewed.

Barry Waller, Superintendent of Toombs County Schools, gave an update on the hiring process for the new CEO/Director of High School Programs. Because of the uniqueness of SECCA and its partner schools, the position would be opened up to individuals from the four partner schools. The superintendents would begin interviewing in the next few weeks, and hoped to have a recommendation for our board meeting in April.

In the Directors Report, Mr. Sharpe gave a report of the Spring enrollment numbers for SECCA, and shared the historical charge to each school compared to the FTE amount each schools receives from CTAE classes. As a part of our annual Board Training, the process of setting the SECCA budget and how schools are charged was

discussed. STC President, Larry Calhoun, gave an update on the construction of the additional labs and classrooms. Hopefully, construction will begin later this summer.

Mr. Sharpe shared with the Board about the Vantage IQ's Future of Work Summit that will take place on SECCA's campus with students at SECCA on April 30th. An event that evening will be held at the Economic Development Center with interested employers and interested parents.

The Board then heard student testimonials about the impact SECCA Pathways and teachers are having on their career choices. Mr. Sharpe thanked the Board for their work in providing our students so many great opportunities.

The meeting was adjourned.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held in April 28th, 2025.

Michele Johnson, Chair

John Sharpe, Secretary