

SOUTHEASTERN EARLY COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
February 24, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michele Johnson, Business Representative
Debbie Evans, Business Representative
Bruce Asberry, Board Representative, Vidalia City Schools BOE
Don Betts, Business Representative
Clint Williams, Board Representative, Toombs County
Fred Godbee, Business Representative
Chris Hartley, Business Representative
Henry Price, Board Representative, Montgomery County
Melissa Barrow, Parent Representative, Montgomery County
Garrett Wilcox, Superintendent, Vidalia City Schools
Barry Waller, Superintendent, Toombs County Schools
Stan Rentz, Superintendent, Montgomery County Schools

MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND:

Tommy Smith, Parent Representative, Toombs County Schools
Allen Rice, Business Representative
Andy Kimbell, STC Board Representative
Josh Kelly, Board Representative, Treutlen County
Ronald Baker, Parent Representative, Treutlen County
Kelly Tippett, Parent Representative, Vidalia City Schools
Brad Anderson, Superintendent, Treutlen County Schools

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

David Avery, High School Director, SECCA
Sabrina Campbell, SECCA Coordinator
Holt Barwick, Board Nominee

Don Betts, Board Chair, called the meeting of the Southeastern Early College and Career Academy, Inc. (SECCA) Board of Directors to order at 6:00 pm. Barry Waller offered an invocation, and Don Betts reviewed the school vision and goals. On a motion by Fred Godbee and second by Michele Johnson, the board approved the agenda and the minutes from January 20, 2022.

Don Betts introduced Holt Barwick to the Board of Directors for consideration of his becoming a member of the board. On a motion by Henry Price and second by Fred Godbee, Mr. Barwick was unanimously approved and welcomed as a member of the board.

The Executive Committee shared their recommendation that John Sharpe, currently Vidalia High School Principal, be appointed as SECCA CEO and High School Director beginning in July 2022. Both Shelly Smith, CEO, and David Avery, High School Director, plan to retire June 30 after nine years' service. On a motion by Henry Price and seconded by Michele Johnson, the board unanimously approved the appointment of John Sharpe as the fulltime leader of SECCA beginning in FY23.

Mr. Avery reviewed recent academy events. JROTC held another successful military ball which was well attended. The Automotive Technology classes have been approved for an out-of-state fieldtrip on March 11. The board was notified of two important upcoming events: JROTC accreditation on-site visit March 29 and the annual JROTC awards ceremony on April 12. Board members are encouraged to attend the awards ceremony to be held at STC.

Required annual board training previously scheduled for March 17 has been postponed at the request of the trainer. The board will not meet on March 17 but will meet on April 21.

On a motion by Clint Williams and second by Bruce Asberry, the meeting was adjourned.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting will be held on April 21, 2022.

Don Betts, Chair

Shelly Smith, Secretary