

**SOUTHEASTERN EARLY COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Holt Barwick**, Business Representative  
**Don Betts**, Business Representative  
**Andy Blount**, **Vidalia Board Representative**  
**Fred Godbee**, Business Representative  
**Chris Hartley**, Business Representative  
**Andy Kimbell**, STC Board Representative  
**Henry Price**, Board Representative, Montgomery County  
**Dr. Tim Smith**, Community Representative  
**Barry Waller**, Superintendent, Toombs County Schools

**MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND:**

**Brad Anderson**, Superintendent, Treutlen County Schools  
**Bruce Asberry**, Vidalia City BOR Representative  
**Ronald Baker**, Parent Representative, Treutlen County  
**Holt Barwick**, Business Representative  
**Larry Calhoun**, President, Southeastern Technical College  
**Debbie Evans**, Toombs-Montgomery Chamber  
**Michele Johnson**, SECCA Board Chair, Toombs-Montgomery Chamber  
**Stan Rentz**, Superintendent, Montgomery County Schools  
**Kelly Tippett**, Parent Representative, Vidalia City Schools  
**Garrett Wilcox**, Superintendent, Vidalia City Schools  
**Clint Williams**, Board Representative, Toombs County  
**Andy Woodruff**, Toombs County Parent Representative

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**John Sharpe**, CEO at SECCA, Director of High School Programs  
**Sabrina Campbell**, SECCA Marketing Director  
**Amy Gillies**, CTAE Director of Vidalia High School  
**Alice Heath**, CTAE Director Treutlen County High School

John Sharpe, SECCA CEO, called the meeting of the Southeastern Early College and Career Academy, Inc. (SECCA) Board of Directors to order. On a motion by Henry Price, seconded by Andy Kimbell, the board approved the agenda and the minutes. Motion was approved. The Vision and Goals were reviewed.

Mr. Sharpe, CEO, recommended the approval of Andy Blount to replace Bruce Asberry as the Vidalia High School Board Representative and appoint Dr. Tim Smith and Bruce Asberry as community representatives to the SECCA Board. Motion to approve was made by Fred Godbee and seconded by Don Betts. Motion was approved.

Mr. Sharpe presented the Board an update on the progress of the construction of a new lab and classroom. The architect firm has been selected and building designs will be submitted in late spring of 2024. Mr. Sharpe shared updates on the accreditation process.

Mr. Sharpe went over the Budgeting process to explain how SECCA determines the amount to build each school for each semester.

Students representing each pathway shared with the Board how the class they have taken has benefited them individually and shared their immediate future plans.

On a motion by Fred Godbee and a seconded by Andy Kimbell, the Board was adjourned.

### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next Board meeting will be held on January 30<sup>th</sup> at SECCA from 5:30 to 7:30. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:15. Sabrina Phelps, Program Manager for the Technical Colleges of Georgia, will lead an internal review to help prepare for SECCA's Accreditation in March. Please make plans to attend. Getting feedback and input from Board members is essential to the process.

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Michele Johnson, Chair

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John Sharpe, Secretary