

SOUTHEASTERN EARLY COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMY, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
November 18, 2025

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Tim Smith, Community Representative  
Dr. Susan Stone, Superintendent, Treutlen County Schools  
Kelly Tippett, Parent Representative, Vidalia City Schools  
Andy Blount, Vidalia Board Representative  
Fred Godbee, Business Representative  
Barry Waller, Superintendent, Toombs County Schools  
Larry Calhoun, President, Southeastern Technical College  
Debbie Evans, Greater Vidalia Chamber  
Andy Woodruff, Toombs County Parent Representative

**MEMBERS UNABLE TO ATTEND:**

Dr. Rhonda Hightower, Superintendent, Montgomery County Schools  
Dr. Sandy Reid, Superintendent, Vidalia City Schools  
Bruce Asberry, Community Member  
Ronald Baker, Parent Representative, Treutlen County  
Henry Price, Board Representative, Montgomery County Schools  
Holt Barwick, Business Representative  
Michele Johnson, SECCA Board Chair, Greater Vidalia Chamber  
Andy Kimbell, STC Board Representative; Business Representative  
Chris Hartley, Business Representative  
Ashley Thornton, Montgomery County Parent Representative  
Clint Williams, Board Representative, Toombs County Schools  
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

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Amy Gillies, SECCA CEO, Director of High School Programs  
Sabrina Campbell, SECCA Marketing Coordinator  
Decarlos Ware, SECCA Instructor  
Lauren Allen, SECCA Instructor  
Candace Williams, SECCA Instructor

**Call to Order**

Mrs. Amy Gillies, CEO, called the meeting of the Southeastern Early College and Career Academy, Inc. (SECCA) Board of Directors to order.

**Invocation**

The invocation was given by Mr. Barry Waller, Superintendent, Toombs County Schools.

### Approval of Agenda and Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Fred Godbee, seconded by Dr. Tim Smith, the agenda and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

### Vision and Goals

Mrs. Gillies reviewed the SECCA Vision and Goals with the Board.

### Director's Report

Mrs. Gillies reported that Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) continue to meet regularly and are going strong across all pathways. She noted the positive collaboration among instructors and the continued focus on student achievement and pathway alignment.

Mrs. Gillies shared that she will be attending the Governor's Workforce Summit and discussed the importance of staying aligned with statewide workforce initiatives to ensure SECCA remains responsive to industry needs.

Mrs. Gillies also provided highlights from the Charter System Foundation Conference. A key takeaway from the conference was the reminder that students, parents, and the community are our customers. During the Chairman of Education Report, school safety was identified as the number one priority, followed by literacy. The impact of absenteeism was also discussed, noting that one missed day of Math equates to approximately 2.5 days of classroom impact, while one missed day of ELA equates to approximately 1.5 days of impact. The phrase "Get to the Yes" was emphasized as a guiding principle in making decisions that are in the best interest of students.

Discussion was held regarding school safety and the associated cost of a School Resource Officer. Mrs. Gillies will continue gathering information related to officer costs and next steps.

Mrs. Gillies presented the SECCA Snapshot, highlighting current data, enrollment trends, and pathway updates. She recognized Mrs. Sabrina Campbell as the marketing leader behind the SECCA Snapshot, noting her creativity and dedication in showcasing the great work happening at SECCA.

Pathway Instructor Highlights were shared for JROTC and Healthcare Dual Enrollment, recognizing the continued growth and student success within both programs.

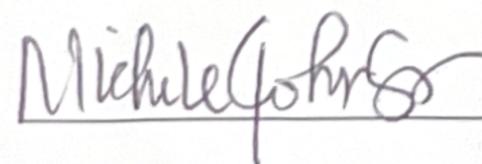
Mrs. Gillies reviewed upcoming Board Meetings and Training scheduled for March 17, 2026. She also reminded the Board that the FLEX Workshop is scheduled for November 20, 2025.

### Adjournment

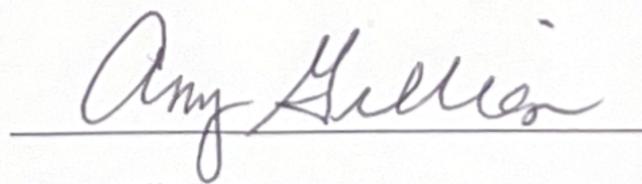
On a motion by Mr. Fred Godbee, seconded by Mr. Andy Woodruff, the meeting was adjourned.

### NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be February 17, 2025.



Michele Johnson, Chair



Amy Gillies, Secretary