

## **MINUTES**

A meeting of the Georgia Piedmont Technical College (GPTC) Board of Directors was held on Thursday, February 23rd, at 9:30AM at the DeKalb Campus.

### **Members present, county represented, and business:**

Sadie Jo Dennard, DeKalb, Georgia Power Metro East Region, Chair  
Dr. Thomas Coleman, DeKalb, Senior Executive, Retired, Vice Chair  
Frank Billue, DeKalb, U.S. DOT, Retired  
Ted R.H. Cummings, President & CEO of Onyx MS  
Delbridge King, Emory University  
Albert Murray, Rockdale, Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles, Retired  
Vivian Harris, Newton County, Michigan Department of Civil Rights, Retired  
Imam Emeritus Plemon El-Amin, DeKalb, World's Pilgrims

### **Members absent, county represented, and business:**

Ellen Warren, Morgan County Commissioner

### **Georgia Piedmont Technical College Staff present:**

Dr. Jabari O. Simama, President  
Dr. Ivan L. Harrell, II, Executive Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs  
Cynthia Edwards, Vice President of Economic Development and Community Engagement  
Dr. W. Anthony Neal, Vice President, Institutional Advancement  
Lolita Morrison, Director of Human Resources  
Keith Sagers, Chief Operating Officer

### **Georgia Piedmont Technical College Staff absent:**

Dr. Mariam Dittmann, Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness and Technology  
Dr. Jacqueline Echols, Vice President, Adult Education  
Mark Komdat, Vice President of Business and Financial Services  
Martha Pacini, Executive Director of Marketing & Communications

## **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Dennard, Chair.

## **II. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda by Ms. Dennard. Motion unanimously passed by members present.

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2016 meeting. Motion unanimously passed by members present.

### **IV. President's Report**

- Dr. Simama gave an abbreviated report since he had provided the latest college updates at the annual State of the College that took place prior to this meeting.
- Dr. Simama thanked everyone for their expressions of condolences to him following the death of his mother.
- Dr. Simama acknowledged board members, Ms. Warren who is recovering from cancer, Ms. Harris who is recovering from a fall and Mr. Murray's wife who is recovering from cancer. He also expressed condolences to Ms. Dennard following the recent passing of her mother.
- Dr. Simama informed everyone that Ms. Warren has contributed a maximum of 3 terms (9 years) and will finish her term as a Board member on June 30, 2017.
- Dr. Simama indicated that Mayor Fred Perriman of Madison, GA will be joining the Board.
- GPTC is working with Clark Atlanta University on establishing an articulation agreement to provide a pathway for GPTC students to complete a Bachelor's degree.

### **V. Budget Report**

Dr. Simama presented the Financial Summary because the VP of Business and Financial Services was not present. The Financial Summary as of January 31, 2017 shows the college at 66% revenues received vs. 51% of expenses. Ms. Dennard motioned to accept the Financial Report presented by the President. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **VI. Staff Reports**

This was an abbreviated meeting and there were no staff reports.

### **VII. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.