

MINUTES

A meeting of the Georgia Piedmont Technical College (GPTC) Board of Directors was held on Thursday, September 14th at 8:30AM at the DeKalb Conference Center.

Members present, county represented, and business:

Sadie Jo Dennard, DeKalb County, Georgia Power Metro East Region, Chair
Dr. Thomas Coleman, DeKalb County, Senior Executive, Retired, Vice Chair
Ted R.H. Cummings, Newton County, President & CEO of Onyx MS
Frank Billue, DeKalb County, U.S. DOT, Retired
Albert Murray, Rockdale County, State Executive, Retired

Members absent, county represented, and business:

Imam Emeritus Plemon El-Amin, DeKalb County, World's Pilgrims
Fred Perriman, Morgan County, Mayor

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Ted Cummings.

II. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Cummings called for nomination to approve the agenda. The agenda was unanimously passed by members present.

III. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Cummings called for motion to approve the minutes. Motion unanimously passed by members present.

IV. President's Report

- Dr. Simama thanked everyone who attended the Board retreat. He acknowledged that the feedback form the survey was positive and everyone was pleased with the joint meeting to include the Trustees. Follow-up is needed in regards to creating a committee for the transportation center and film and new media.
- The Faculty/Staff Institute was held on Friday, September 8th. Dr. Ivan Allen, President of Central GA Technical College was the guest speaker. The Institute had a number of helpful topics that was of interest to many staff members.
- Dr. Simama informed everyone to mark their calendars for the TCSG Leadership Conference being held Nov 5-8th in Savannah. He emphasized the importance of our Board

members to attend and indicated that it's a great opportunity to engage with the State Board members and Board members for other Technical colleges.

- Dr. Simama asked Dr. Harrell to provide an update on enrollment in terms of the school's budget.

- Dr. Harrell stated the current enrollment is 1% above last year's enrollment. Dual Enrollment has achieved 120% of its goal for the Fall semester. Overall the enrollment numbers have increased for the college. The school has achieved 109% of credit hours. Credit hours is the way the school is paid.

- Dr. Simama stated that he wants to have a conversation with the Board members who represent Rockdale, Newton and Morgan county to address Dual Enrollment. The goal is to have more students from these counties enrolled at GPTC via the dual enrollment program and want the Board members to get involved.

Budget Report

- The VP of Business Affairs reported that his office will have quarterly budget report available at the end of September.

V. 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 9:40am.