



The Spartanburg County Commission for Technical and Community Education Minutes

Date: Monday, October 13, 2025, 4:30 PM

Location: Dr. Benjamin Snoddy Boardroom

Attendees:

Chairman Keller, Vice Chairman Bell, Commissioner K. Fowler, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Hamrick, Commissioner Sarratt, Commissioner King, Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner Anderson, Dr. Mikota, Mr. Burroughs, Ms. Hughes, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Aughinbaugh, Ms. James, Dr. Williams, Mrs. Harris, Dr. Obi, Mrs. Painter

Absent:

Commissioner O'Neill, Commissioner Powell-Baker, Commissioner J. Fowler, Commissioner Hill

Call to Order

Chairman Keller called the meeting to order at 4:39 pm.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Chairman Keller presented the minutes from the September 15, 2025, meeting, which had been previously shared with the Members. Hearing no amendments or objections, he called for a motion to approve the minutes as written.

Motion: Commissioner K. Fowler

Second: Commissioner Anderson

Vote: All in favor

Consent Agenda Items

Chairman Keller presented the Consent Agenda, which previously had been shared with the Members and asked if any Member had edits or questions. Hearing no amendments or objections, Chairman Keller asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion: Commissioner Sarratt

Second: Commissioner K. Fowler

Vote: All in favor

President's Report

Presented by Dr. Michael Mikota, President

Dr. Mikota started the meeting by introducing Dr. William Brothers, SCC's new Chief Academic Officer. Dr. Brothers spoke briefly to the Commission introducing himself, speaking to his educational and experienced background.

Dr. Mikota's report focused on commitment to building capacity and fostering strong partnerships to ensure continued growth and success. Effective management requires both financial resources and community support. On this Columbus Day, the reflection was on the importance of good timing and visionary backing to move forward.

As higher education rapidly evolves, the college faces challenges such as shifting degree structures, workforce alignment, and technology disruptions, including AI. Spartanburg Community College will focus on launching, measuring, and sometimes sunseting programs to meet student and industry needs while maintaining financial health.

Retention and student well-being are priorities, alongside improving placement tracking and ensuring students find meaningful employment. The college also emphasizes agile leadership and strategic planning to remain nimble in a changing educational landscape.

Significant capital projects, like expanding industrial training facilities, particularly in welding, will help meet growing demand and will prevent the inability to accommodate large capacities related to increasing student enrollment.

Spartanburg Community College aims to be a leader by expanding capacity and innovating to serve its large student population effectively.

The floor was opened for questions; none were put forth. Chairman Keller asked for a motion to approve the President's Report.

Motion: Commissioner K. Fowler

Second: Commissioner Anderson

Vote: All in favor

Financial Report

Presented by Ms. Melissa Hughes, Director, Finance

Revenues:

Curriculum is the driving force of the budget at \$17,728,345. Surplus of about \$1.6 million compared to the previous year.

Continuing education revenue of \$814,513 increased approximately \$131,000 year over year.

Auxiliary Revenues (Bookstore, Supplies, Vending): Currently at 126% of budget.

Approximately 78% of System Office allocations totaling \$13,655,274 have been received and the full allocation of \$1,307,816 has been received from the State for Cherokee.

A small portion of revenue has been received from Cherokee County.

“Other” revenue consists mainly of interest on the local government investment pool investment totaling \$631,889 has been received.

Total Revenue: \$34,843,313 which is an increase of about \$3.5 million compared to September 30, 2024.

Expenses:

Full-time salaries totaling \$5,402,136 are trending at 22% of budget; fringe benefits are in line with previous year at \$3,080,553.

Part-time salaries and fringe are at about 13% and 12% respectively of the budget totaling approximately \$1.1M.

Operations & Maintenance (O&M) expenditures at 21% totaling \$4,396,490.

Total expenditures are currently \$19,272,936, showing an increase of \$548,434 compared to previous year.

As of September 30, 2025, SCC received 48% of our budgeted revenues, which is a revenue increase of \$3,570,502 in comparison to September 30, 2024. There are no major issues regarding the budget. Expenditure as a percentage of the budget was 26%, which is 2% less than the previous year.

No major issues reported; recommendation to accept as information.

The floor was opened for questions and/or comments. None were put forth. Chairman Keller asked for a motion to approve the Financial Report.

Motion: Commissioner King

Second: Commissioner K. Fowler

Vote: All in favor

Plant Fund Request List FY2026

Presented by Mr. Ethan Burroughs, Vice President, Finance

\$13.7 in available Plant Funds for FY 2025-2026. A portion of the overage from last fiscal year was transferred to help with these projects. Below is a sample of some of the larger Plant Fund projects:

IT Projects:

- Server room refresh to update infrastructure.

Capital Projects:

- Replacement and upgrade of outdated campus monument signs at three campuses (Tyger River, Giles, and Union). Cherokee monument signs will be addressed during the current building construction.
- Resurfacing of five parking lots on the Giles Campus.
- FF&E costs for the Dan L. Terhune and the Tracy Gaines buildings funded by Plant Fund since MRR funds cannot be used for FF&E (Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment).

Overall, the focus is on upgrading IT infrastructure, modernizing signage for better visibility and marketing, and improving campus facilities and aesthetics.

Chairman Keller asked for a motion to approve the Plant Fund Request List FY2026.

Motion: Commissioner Kennedy

Second: Commissioner Bell

Vote: All in favor

Proposal – Horticulture Pavillion

Presented by Dr. Michael Mikota, President

Dr. Mikota was honored to bring before the Commission a proposal to name the horticulture pavilion after a truly remarkable individual, Mr. Jason Bagwell. Mr. Bagwell retired this June after dedicating over 25 years to Spartanburg Community College, including 18 years as the Horticulture Department Chair.

Mr. Bagwell's impact on the college and community is profound. Mr. Bagwell personally raised over \$100,000 for the pavilion's renovation, and since his retirement, donations have grown to over \$230,000. Under Mr. Bagwell's leadership, nationally recognized programs have been developed, including the best FFA greenhouse and nursery landscape program.

This pavilion upgrade will transform the space into a versatile venue for events and learning. Naming it the Jason Bagwell Horticulture Pavillion will honor his lifelong dedication and the legacy he leaves behind.

Dr. Mikota respectfully asked for the support from the Commission to approve this naming designation. Jason will be honored at the upcoming Arboretum Adventures event on Thursday as a heartfelt recognition of his remarkable service.

Chairman Keller asked for a motion to approve the naming of the horticulture pavilion the Jason Bagwell Horticulture Pavilion.

Motion: Commissioner Sarratt

Second: Commissioner Hamrick

Vote: All in favor

Announcements

Presented by Mr. Tracy Keller, Chairman

The meeting concluded with announcements of Campus/Foundation Events.

Adjournment

Chairman Keller asked for a motion to Adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Kennedy

Second: Commissioner K. Fowler

Vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tracey Hill". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Mrs. Tracey Hill, Secretary