

**FLORENCE-DARLINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION
November 7, 2023
4:30 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ershela Sims
Paul Seward
Kevin Etheridge
Leroy Robinson
Hood Temple
Clint Moore
Meredith Taylor
Missy Jay
Wanda James
William Fleming

ABSENT:

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Jermaine Ford
Karen Lee
Andrew Golden
Chris Taylor
Sheryl Love
Dr. Ed Massey, ACCT Consultant
Bob Sloan, Morning News

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Florence-Darlington County Commission for Technical Education was called to order at 4:30 p.m., by Dr. Ershela Sims, Chairperson, who stated the media had been notified. Chairman Sims welcomed Bob Sloan from the Morning News. Chair Sims welcomed Dr. Ed Massey, ACCT consultant.

II. INVOCATION

Mr. Hood Temple delivered the Invocation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Temple, seconded by Dr. Taylor that the minutes of September 19, 2023, be approved. The motion carried.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Action

1. None

B. Information

Dr. Ford reviewed the Industrial Maintenance Technology Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Program name change to the Mechatronics Associate in Applied Science (AAS). The program has been renamed and revamped to reflect the State Model for Mechatronic. There is an increase in program credit hours from 65 to 75 by deleting 7 credit hours and adding 17 credit hours. The FDTC Curriculum Committee approved the curriculum changes on April 21, 2023. The FDTC Cabinet reviewed the changes on October 24, 2023. An Executive Summary of the changes was distributed to the Commission for review.

Dr. Ford announced that SACSCOC will be on campus this week, November 4-6, 2023, for a site visit to the Mullins Site and Marion County High School for review. Due to the increased growth, the visit is to review that the students are receiving adequate services and equitable opportunities. The SACSCOC will have the report of their visit at the December Annual Meeting.

Dr. Ford reported that on October 24, 2023, a Coker 2 +2 Partnership Signing Agreement was held at the SiMT. This is for Early Childhood Education Program and for Business and IT Programs.

Dr. Ford recognized Ms. Sheryl Love, Executive Director of the FDTC Foundation, for an update. Ms. Love stated that the Gala is sold out and there are over 40 sponsors for the event. She stated that it will be a red-carpet event with "Southern Way Caterer, Columbia, as the caterer and the "Company Band" out of Charlotte is to provide the music. There will be a silent and live auction with a brief program.

Dr. Ford reviewed "Community Day" on November 15, 2023. FDTC will be doing community projects in all three service areas (counties) during this time. A list of the community projects that FDTC employees are participating in was distributed to the Commissioners.

VII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

A. Action

1. None

B. Information

1. Dr. Sims distributed the Committee Listing for Commission review and stated that the Committees will begin to meet. A virtual meeting of the Academic Committee will meet later in November or December to discuss the SACSCOC Project Plan: 2023 – 2026. The Building and Long-Range Planning Committee will meet upon Dr. Ford's receipt of the architect's feasibility study for the Hartsville Campus. Dr. Sims stated that the Finance Committee will be meeting virtually in late November or December to review the bond information and the 2023 audit information.

2. Dr. Sims stated that ACCT consultant, Dr. Ed Massey is in attendance to review the board's self-assessment results in closed session with the board, The Commission completed board's self-assessment. This is a requirement by SACSCOC. The survey was distributed prior to the meeting for completion and administered by the ACCT.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Sims, Chair requested a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session. A motion was made by Mr. Fleming, seconded by Mr. Temple, that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel and contractual matters. The motion carried.

Upon return from Executive Session, a motion was made by Mr. Temple, seconded by Dr. Robinson, to return to regular session. The motion carried.

Dr. Sims stated that from the discussion in the Executive Session, required that two actions items will need approval by the Commission.

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Fleming, to authorize an exploratory period of time to determine the fair-market value of the Melon Street Property via sale vs lease, with a \$10,000 cap for related expenditures. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. James, seconded by Dr. Taylor, that the Commission approve a one-time request of \$1,000 bonus to full-time faculty and staff to be given in December, 2023. The motion carried.

Dr. Sims stated that Dr. Ed Massey, ACCT consultant, reviewed the Commissioners' self-evaluation report. On behalf of the Commission, Dr. Sims thanked Dr. Massey for his presentation.

There being no further business, Dr. Sims requested a motion for adjournment.

I X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Fleming, seconded by Mr. Temple, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Dr. Meredith Taylor

Date Approved