

**Minutes of the Special Called Meeting
Horry-Georgetown Technical College Commission
December 1, 2022**

Members Present: Joe T. Branyon, Jr. Fedrick D. Cohens
Dr. Robert J. Farrar Brent D. Groome
Robert P. Hucks J. David McMillan

Marilyn Murphy Fore, President
Cathy L. Myers, Administrative Coordinator

Members Absent: Donald W. Helms, Excused
Y. Melvin Nobles, Excused
Orrie E. West, Excused

Guests: W. Ken Richardson, Horry County Schools Board Chairman,
and Charles Boykin, College Attorney.

Media: None

The Horry-Georgetown Technical College Commission held a special-called meeting on Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. Building 500, Rom 107 on the Grand Strand Campus of Horry-Georgetown Technical College.

A written notice was provided to all media in Horry and Georgetown Counties advising them of the date, time, and place of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Chairman Branyon called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and asked for acceptance of the agenda. ***Motion by Mr. Groome, seconded by Mr. Cohens and carried that the Area Commission accepts the agenda.***

(Vote 6 yes 0 No)

M/S/C

Chairman Branyon turned the meeting over to President Fore.

President Fore introduced Mr. Ken Richardson, Chair of the Horry County School Board. Mr. Richardson gave a detailed update on the Penny Sales Tax. The 1% use and sales tax will generate a little over \$2 billion for revenue for the next 15 years. He reported Horry County is the only school district in South Carolina to split the funds. Horry County Schools 80%, Coastal Carolina University 13.3% and HGTC 6.7%. In closing, he expressed his gratitude for working closely with the HGTC Board over the years as the end of this year concludes his time serving on the Horry County School Board.

Action

Curriculum Change: Certificate Degree in Automotive Technology

President Fore brought forth for approval the offering of a Certificate Degree in Automotive Technology. The college was approached by several companies in our service area expressing the need for trained technicians as there was a significant decline in qualified Automotive Technicians. This new program is being implemented to meet industry needs; and based on a local needs assessment, 109 positions were identified through 2024. The program will consist of 3 semesters and will be located on the Conway Campus. ***Motion made by Mr. Hucks, seconded by Dr. Farrar, and carried that the Area Commission approves the offering of the Certificate Degree in Automotive Technology, effective Fall 2023.***

(Vote 6 yes 0 No)

M/S/C

Curriculum Change: Certificate Degree in Human Resources and Pathway Under AAS Business Administration Degree in Human Resources

President Fore presented for approval the offering of a Certificate Degree in Human Resources and a Pathway under A.A.S. Business Administration Degree in Human Resources. Both the Degree and Pathway will be effective in Fall, 2023. There is a need for both a certificate and a pathway in Human Resources under the A.A.S. Business Administration Degree based on feedback from the community, formal needs assessment, and a newly created advisory board. The local needs assessment identified 50 positions through 2024. The program will be located on the Conway Campus. ***Motion by Mr. Groome, seconded by Mr. Cohens and carried that the Area Commission approves the offering of the new Certificate Degree in Human Resources and the Pathway under A.A.S. Business Administration Degree in Human Resources.***

(Vote 6 yes 0 No)

M/S/C

Use of Fund Balance:

The College proposes using its fund balance monies to offset any remaining balances for students enrolled in career-based credit programs in the spring 2023 semester. Currently the College has more than \$50 million in its unrestricted fund balance monies, in addition to \$0 million from the Penny Tax, and does not expect to proposed use of fund balance monies to exceed \$2.5 million. Lastly, the College generated an additional \$1million from the fall 2022 enrollment increase which will be used to offset use of fund balance monies. ***Motion by Mr. Cohens, seconded by Mr. McMillan and carried that the Area Commission approve the use of up to \$2.5 million of its fund balance monies to continue making the “offer of tuition free specifically for credit-based career programs through the spring 2023 semester.***

(Vote 6 yes 0 No)

M/S/C

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Hucks, seconded by Mr. Groome and carried to go into Executive Session at 3:30 p.m. for the purpose of personnel matters and/or contractual arrangements/negotiations.

(Vote 6 yes 0 No)

M/S/C

Motion by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Dr. Farrar and carried to come out of Executive Session at 3:50 p.m.

(Vote 6 yes 0 No)

M/S/C

Motion by Mr. Hucks, seconded by Dr. Farrar and carried that the Area Commission authorizes the Administration to object to the variance for the property located at 1800 Husted Road, in an effort to protect the interest of our College and Secondary students.

(Vote 6 yes 0 No)

M/S/C

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Groome, seconded by Mr. McMillan and carried to adjourn at 4:06 p.m.

(Vote 6 yes 0 no)

M/S/C

Tommy Branyon, Jr. Chairman

Orrie E. West, Secretary

**Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy L. Myers
Administrative Coordinator**

Date: _____