

**Minutes of the Special Called Meeting
Horry-Georgetown Technical College Commission
September 18, 2026**

Members Present: Joe T. Branyon, Jr.
Fedrick D. Cohens
Robert J. Farrar
J. David McMillan

John G. Cassidy
Richard F. Elliott
Robert P. Hucks, II
Orrie E. West

Members Absent: None

Guests: Kennon Briggs, ACCT Search Consultant
Kandy Peacock, Vice President and Chief Human Resource Officer, SC
Technical College System

Media: None

The Horry-Georgetown Technical College Commission held a Special Called Meeting on Friday, September 18, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the President's Boardroom, H. Neyle Wilson Administration Building, Conway Campus of Horry-Georgetown Technical College

In accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, written notice of the meeting, including the date, time and location, was provided to all media outlets serving Horry and Georgetown Counties.

Chairman Hucks called the meeting to order at 10:22 a.m. and asked for acceptance of the agenda. ***Ms. West made a motion, seconded by Mr. Branyon, and unanimously carried to accept the agenda.***
(8 yes 0 no) ***M/S/C***

Executive Session

Mr. Cohens made a motion, seconded by Mr. Branyon, and unanimously carried to enter Executive Session Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(1) – Discussion of Employment/Appointment of a college President at 10:23 a.m.
(8 yes 0 no) ***M/S/C***

Ms. West made a motion, seconded by Mr. Branyon, and unanimously carried to return to Open Session at 1:37 p.m.
(8 yes 0 no) ***M/S/C***

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Mr. Branyon made a motion, seconded by Ms. West, and unanimously carried that the Horry-Georgetown Technical College (HGTC) Area Commission select Dr. Lori Heafner as the next President to lead the College at a salary to be determined by the Agency Head Salary Commission.

(8 yes 0 no)

M/S/C

Mr. Branyon made a motion, seconded by Ms. West and unanimously carried that the Area Commission authorize the Chair to work with Kandy Peacock, Human Resources and the Agency Head Salary Commission in determining an appropriate salary.

(8 yes 0 no)

M/S/C

There being no further business, Mr. Branyon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elliott, and unanimously carried to adjourn at 1:40 p.m.

(8 yes 0 no)

M/S/C

Robert P. Hucks, II, Chairman

Orrie E. West, Secretary

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

Date: _____