



DATE: June 29, 2026
TO: Horry-Georgetown Technical College
FROM: Robert Hucks, Chair, Area Commission & Chair, Search Committee
RE: Horry-Georgetown Technical College
Presidential Search Update

The Area Commission is pleased to share this brief update on the search to identify the next President of Horry-Georgetown Technical College.

Presidential Profile Development

We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who took the time to complete the online survey. Your thoughtful feedback played an important role in shaping the draft Presidential Profile. The draft profile was carefully reviewed, discussed, and refined by both the Search Committee and the Area Commission ("Commission"). Following this collaborative review process, the Commission formally approved the Presidential Profile on June 24, 2026.

As previously shared, Commission anticipates all finalists visiting the College and interviewing with the Board in September 2026. Each finalist will participate in public forums and all who attend the public forums will have the opportunity to share their feedback. This feedback will go directly to the Commission for their review and consideration. Details about the exact dates, times, and location will be forthcoming, once finalized. To ensure a seamless leadership transition following the retirement of College President Dr. Marilyn Fore, the Commission is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Melissa Batten as Interim President, effective August 1, 2026. Dr. Batten will serve in this role until the next President of Horry-Georgetown Technical College assumes office.

The Presidential Search Committee

The Presidential Search Committee met on June 24 to discuss protocols, procedures, and the timeline that will govern the process. The Search Committee invested a considerable amount of time reviewing, discussing, ultimately approving, and recommending the Presidential Profile to the Commission. The Search Committee will review confidential applications, interview semifinalist candidates, and identify the final candidates to be submitted to the Area Commission for consideration. The Search Committee is comprised of the following members:

Robert Hucks – Chair, HGTC Area Commission & Presidential Search Committee
Rick Elliott – Member, HGTC Area Commission
Bob Farrar – Member, HGTC Area Commission
Fedrick Cohens – Member, HGTC Area Commission
Kathy Richardson – Member, State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education

Larry Miller – President, Greenville Technical College
Tony Chowning – Chair, HGTC Faculty Assembly
Vincent Myers – Manager, HGTC Workforce Development
John Sawyer – Chair, HGTC Foundation
Brian Argo – President & CEO, Conway Medical Center
Jimmy Gray – President, Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce
Clifford Jones – Superintendent, Horry County Schools
Blakely Roof – Chair, Conway Chamber of Commerce Board
Christy Holder – CEO, Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority
Jenna Dukes – Member, Horry County Council & Owner, Cherry Grove Drug
Demetrius Williams – Principal, HCS Early College High School
Gettys Brannon – CEO, South Carolina Boating & Fishing Alliance
Eileen Fleming-Patonay – South Carolina Department of Employment & Workforce
Craig Berkey – President, Palmetto Corp
Tracy Conner – Executive Director, Myrtle Beach Area Golf Course Owners Association

Presidential Profile

The Presidential Profile is now finalized and located at: <https://acctsearches.org/president-horry-georgetown-technical-college-sc/>

How to Apply:

This is a confidential search process. To ensure full consideration, application materials should be received no later than **July 31, 2026**. The position will remain open until filled.

To apply go to <http://www.acctsearches.org> and upload your documents.

Candidates will need to have the following information or materials available to complete the application:

1. A letter of application (not to exceed 5 pages) that succinctly addresses the opportunities and challenges identified in the Position Profile and demonstrates how the candidate's experience and professional qualifications prepare them to serve as the President of Horry-Georgetown Technical College.
2. A current resume including an email address and cellular telephone number.
3. A list of eight references: for example, two to three supervisors, two to three direct reports, and two to three faculty and/or staff members from current and former institutions.

Contact:

We will continue to keep you updated throughout the presidential search process. If you have any questions or suggestions, please reach out to: Mr. Kennon Briggs, ACCT Search Consultant, at kennondb@gmail.com or (919) 621-7988.