

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Wednesday, Jan 21, 2026
Coffee Campus
Planning Room
12:00 PM

ATTENDANCE
MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Brownlee(remote), Mary Crawford(remote), Rebecca Corbett, Ronnie Dean (remote), Dr. Rodney Green, Sue Lane Hughes Janie Jones, Amanda Ramshead (remote), Matt Seale, Rueben Speight, Lisa Sumner (remote), Dr. Mark Sutton (remote), Dr. Joi Williams
MEMBERS ABSENT:
SENIOR STAFF PRESENT: DeAnnia Clements (remote), Thomas Wesley, Michael Williams, Shalonda Sanders, Misty Crofutt, Aaron Mathews, Kelly Peacock, Keren Wynn, Kelly Peacock, Will Bostelman
SENIOR STAFF NOT PRESENT: Casey Thompson, Lidell Greenway

The Meeting was called to order at 12:01 PM by Dr. Rodney Green

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a blessing for the meal was given by Pastor Rueben Speight

Motion to approve Nov 19, 2025, minutes given at 12:18 PM by Dr. Rodney Green first by Rebecca Corbett second by Rueben Speight. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Academic Affairs Updates- Thomas Wesley
Advisory Committee Meetings

- Mar 17- VLD
- Mar 19- CFE

Apprenticeships

- Wiregrass was able to create the first internal apprenticeship program, and we were awarded a 50K grant
- Increased our apprenticeships by 61% with 38 Industry partners
- We are looking to expand more into the northern part of the service areas (CFE/BHI)

Technical/Industrial Programs

- Wiregrass is now offering a Saturday only CDL program- tailored to support students that cannot come during the weekdays
- Electrical Lineman with Pintle Hook Restriction will begin the first cohort midterm Spring Semester

HS Services

- Satisfactory survey target for Fall was 85% with 100% of responders gave 4 out of 5 rating
- NACEP will conduct an accreditation visit on Jan 27th (virtual)

Professional Services

- Frank Barnett (Dean of Prof Services) has been accepted into the LINC Program

Health Sciences/Student Health Clinic

- LPN night program has officially started the Fall semester
- EMT Apprenticeship Cohort (and SGMC) experienced a 100% pass rate on the National Registry Emergency Medical Technician Certification.
- 806 students have used the student health clinic in the first half of FY2026

Enrollment Management Updates- President Clements

- VP of Enrollment Management has been hired. Dr. Todd Jones will start with us on Feb 2, 2026; he brings with him 11 years of prior experience in Student Affairs
- Currently showing about a -5% decline; however, we are still working on Dual Enrollment Students; Typically, it takes about a month to account for their enrollment and that should bring us to our goal
- 13 straight semesters of positive enrollment growth

Recruitment Activities

- Goal was to have 80 recruitment events for 2026; YTD we are already at 76
- Goal for tours was 38; YTD we are already at 28

President's Comments- DeAnnia Clements

- Eggs and issues this past week; Considered the kickoff to the year. Great discussions and a lot of positive things happening in SO GA.
- Chamber Banquet Events- We try to have representation at all events
- 2/3 Lowes Foundation Event- Ribbon Cutting Event with DOC (VLD)
- This celebrates and showcases the Lowes Foundation Trailer that was donated to our college
- Foundation- New Executive Director on board (Will Bostelman)
- Marketing Team- New Director of Marketing (Michael Fleming)

Administrative Services Updates- Keren Wynn

- Dec 31 Report- 50% of the Fiscal Year
- 26.6M Revenue vs. 24.2M Target
- Everything is moving along as anticipated and we are expected to be on track for year end
- Expecting a 7M budget carryover

Adult Ed Updates- Kelly Peacock

- We are at 595 Students enrolled in our Program: on track to meet goal for the year
- Interim from VSU in onboard and ready to go
- IET Program- CDL program was recently approved
- 5K received from Truist Bank to support our IET Program
- Accelerated Academy- Earn GED in 3 days
 - 104 registered and 25 showed up for testing
 - 5 earned their GED
- Fall In Love w/ your Future- Promotion
 - Jan 15- End of February who earns their GED will be entered into a drawing for a prize

Economic Development Update- Michael Williams

Contract Training

- Training Hours- 62K YTD (46% of goal)
- Companies served 82 YTD (78 % of goal)

Continuing Education

- Training hours 24K YTD (52% of goal)
- Students Trained 1,217 (53% of goal)

Other:

- SAFT has been a great partner with the college
- Department of Corrections has seen a lot of events in the past couple of months, so we have seen an increase in lockdowns.
- Lowes Gable Grant gave us 1M towards the mobile Trailer; We are looking for future events with Lowes
- Podcasts- Planning to do two per month; First one is with President Clements and will drop on Feb 4th

Foundation Updates- Will Bostelman

- Raised Funds (YTD 329.8K)
 - North 131K
 - 198 K
- Giving (YTD 213.6K)
 - North 95K
 - South 118.5K
- Corks & Forks Events- March 26th at Hallabrook Hill
 - All should receive invitations for this event in the mail

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Chairman's Comments/Adjournment

Next Meeting: Feb 18, 2026, BHI Campus 12:00 PM

Motion to adjourn by Dr. Rodney Green, first by Matt Seale second by Rebecca Corbett

Meeting adjourned 12:50 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Misty Crofutt

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