



The Spartanburg County Commission for Technical and Community Education Minutes

Date: Monday, August 17, 2026, 4:30 pm

Location: Dr. Benjamin Snoddy Boardroom

Attendees:

Chairman Keller, Vice Chairman Bell, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Hill, Commissioner K. Fowler, Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner King, Commissioner O'Neill, Commissioner Powell-Baker, Commissioner Sarratt, Commissioner Smith, Dr. Mikota, Dr. Brothers, Mr. Burroughs, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Painter, Ms. Whittenburg, Ms. Hughes, Mr. Lawter, Ms. Roberson

Guests:

Marcia Schenck, Shannon Daugherty, Christian Boschult (Media)

Absent:

Commissioner J. Fowler, Dr. Williams

Call to Order

Chairman Keller called the meeting to order at 4:49 pm.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Chairman Keller presented the minutes from the June 15, 2026 meeting, which had been previously shared with the Members. Hearing no amendments or objections, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written.

Motion: Commissioner Anderson

Second: Commissioner K. Fowler

Vote: All in favor

Years of Service Recognition

Presented by Dr. Mikota

Dr. Mikota recognized Marcia Schenck, Chair of the Department of Computer and Engineering Technologies, and Shannon Daugherty, Network Administrator, for their dedicated service to Spartanburg Community College, marking 50 and 30 years of service, respectively.

Ms. Schenck thanked Dr. Mikota for the recognition and shared that her passion for serving students has been the driving force behind her continued commitment to SCC. Mr. Daugherty reflected on his connection to the College, noting that he is not only an employee but also a proud SCC alumnus. He expressed his appreciation to Dr. Mikota and the Commission for their support and dedication to SCC.

Consent Agenda Items

Chairman Keller presented the Consent Agenda Items, which previously had been shared with the Members and asked if any Member had edits or questions. Hearing no amendments or objections, Chairman Keller asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented.

Motion: Commissioner K. Fowler

Second: Commissioner Anderson

Vote: All in favor

Financial Report

Presented by Ms. Melissa Hughes, Director, Finance

Financial Report FY 25-26

Revenues

Total revenue collected through the end of June: \$77.5 million

Curriculum Revenue

Largest source of revenue

Received \$35.7 million, 99% of the anticipated budget

Transfer of \$1.8 million of summer revenues reflected

Workforce Development & Continuing Education

Revenues exceeded budget expectations at \$3.5 million

Additional revenues driven by increased enrollment in occupational health courses and the introduction of the heavy equipment program

Auxiliary Services

Revenues have surpassed budget projections, \$1.6 million received

Higher-than-expected revenue due to this being the first full year of outsourced textbook sales

State & System Funding

Received full allocation from the system office, exceeding expectations
Received state funding to support employee salary increases

County Funding Updates

Spartanburg County: ~\$13.7 million received
Union County: ~\$257,000 received
Cherokee County: ~\$807,000 received

Other Revenues

Interest earnings from Local Government Investment Pool: ~\$1.7 million

The floor was opened for questions. None were put forth.

Expenses

Total expenditure through the end of June equals \$77.2 million, with overall spending reflecting approximately 106% of the budget.

Salaries & Benefits

Full-Time Salaries are the largest expense category, with ~\$27.9 million spent, which is approximately 96% of the budget. This includes employee bonuses issued to eligible employees in the prior calendar year.

Full-Time Fringe Benefits equals ~\$13.2 million spent, which is approximately 97% of the budget. Part-Time Salaries & Fringe equals 87% of the budget.

Operating Expenses

Operations & Maintenance (O&M) accounts for approximately 100% of the budget utilized.

Transfers

The Commission approved a transfer of up to \$7.5 million, with \$3 million designated for Live to Chase in the next fiscal year and \$4.5 million allocated to the plant fund.

Financial Position Summary

As of June 30, 2026, SCC received 106% of the budgeted revenues, which is a revenue increase of over \$7 million in comparison to June 30, 2025. There are no major issues with the budget. Expenditure as a percentage of the budget was 106%.

Recommendation: The Commission accepts this as information.

At this time, the floor was open for questions. None were put forth.

Chairman Keller asked for a motion to approve the financials.

Motion: Commissioner King

Second: Commissioner Anderson

Vote: All in favor

Financial Report FY 26-27

Revenues

Total revenue collected through the end of July: \$33 million

Year-over-year increase: \$2.6 million

Curriculum Revenue

42% of the budget received

Workforce Development & Continuing Education

~\$373,000 received

Auxiliary Services

~\$115,000 from System Office received

\$14.5 million SBTCE Operations received

\$1.3 million of state Cherokee allocation received

State & System Funding

Received full allocation from the system office, exceeding expectations

Received state funding to support employee salary increases

County Funding Updates

Cherokee County: ~\$12,000 received

Other Revenues

Interest earnings from Local Government Investment Pool: ~\$150,000

Expenses

Total expenditure through the end of July equals \$5.4 million, with overall spending reflecting approximately 7% of the budget.

Salaries & Benefits

Full-Time Salaries and Fringe account for approximately 6% of the budget utilized.

Part-Time Salaries and Fringe account for approximately 1% of the budget utilized.

Operating Expenses

Operations & Maintenance (O&M) accounts for approximately 5% of the budget utilized.

Encumbrances & Allocations

Total encumbrances are approximately \$1.3 million. Travel allocation continues to be tracked separately for visibility and transparency.

Financial Position Summary

As of July 31, 2026, SCC received 41% of the budgeted revenues, which is a revenue increase of \$2.6 million in comparison to June 30, 2025. There are no major issues with the budget. Expenditure as a percentage of the budget was 7%.

Recommendation: The Commission accepts this as information.

At this time, the floor was open for questions. None were put forth.

Chairman Keller asked for a motion to approve the financials.

Motion: Commissioner Kennedy

Second: Commissioner Anderson

Vote: All in favor

Giles New Building Projects

Presented by Mr. Ethan Burroughs

Mr. Burroughs provided an update on plans to replace the Leadbetter Building on the Giles Campus with a new administrative and academic building. Phase one approval has been secured, and architect interviews were conducted several months ago. The Commission viewed renderings and a video presentation showcasing the proposed building's design and location. Mr. Burroughs emphasized that the project remains in early stages and that additional state funding will be needed to advance construction.

At this time, the floor was open for questions. None were put forth.

Chairman Keller thanked Mr. Burroughs for the report.

President's Report

Presented by Dr. Mikota

Dr. Mikota opened his remarks by reflecting on the first day of the academic year and his visits around the Giles Campus, where he had the opportunity to engage with faculty, staff, and students. During his conversations with students, he asked what they were most excited about as well as what concerns or fears they had as they began the semester. Dr. Mikota emphasized the importance of understanding both the aspirations and challenges of students to ensure they feel supported and positioned for success.

This year marks Dr. Mikota's seventh year as President of SCC. He expressed his appreciation to the Commission for its leadership and support throughout one of the most transformational periods in the College's history. Dr. Mikota emphasized that the Commission's work continues to make a meaningful and lasting impact on the communities and students served by SCC.

Dr. Mikota reported that the South Carolina General Assembly approved the 2026-2027 state budget, and none of Governor McMaster's 14 budget vetoes directly affected the South Carolina Technical College System. The approved budget includes a 2% salary increase for state employees and no health insurance premium increase. Within the Technical College System allocation, \$8.5 million was appropriated for instruction and workforce

development programs, with approximately \$595,000 designated for SCC as a percentage of the total allotment. Additionally, approximately \$106 million in non-recurring funding was approved for capital and maintenance projects statewide, including \$7 million for SCC's MRR needs and \$2 million for projects at the Giles Campus. The budget also includes \$95 million in non-recurring and lottery funding for the SCWINS program and \$15 million in non-recurring funding for ReadySC.

Dr. Mikota also reported that SCC will receive a portion of the state's \$10 million nursing initiative funding, as well as a share of the \$8 million allocated for technology enhancements. In addition, the College is expected to benefit from a portion of the needs-based grant funding.

In July, Dr. Mikota began his second term as Chair of the South Carolina Technical College System Presidents' Council. As Chair, his primary goal is to foster greater collaboration among the system's presidents so that the technical colleges are recognized as a unified statewide entity. To support this effort, Dr. Mikota established several leadership committees, including the Strategic Advocacy and Government Relations Committee, chaired by Galen DeHay, President of Tri-County Technical College; the Academic Workforce Innovation Committee, chaired by Vicky Wood, President of Trident Technical College; and the System Collaboration and Operational Excellence Committee.

This summer, SCC hosted students from the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities on campus for GoSci Camp. Dr. Mikota recognized April McCollum, Department Chair for Sciences, for her leadership in coordinating the visit. Additionally, SCC welcomed representatives from BMW and Duke Energy to the Tyger River Campus over the summer to discuss expanding industrial and welding programs to meet the growing workforce demands of the energy sector.

Dr. Mikota also reported on the success of the College's summer Allied Health, Workforce Health, and Nursing pinning ceremonies, which recognized 209 graduates across these programs. He thanked Commissioner Fowler for attending the nursing pinning ceremony and touring the nursing facilities at the Downtown Campus. Commissioner Fowler complimented the nursing program, the quality of the pinning ceremonies, and the state-of-the-art facilities, noting the positive impact of SCC's nursing programs on the community.

Dr. Mikota provided an enrollment update, reporting that current fall enrollment stands at 6,950 students, compared to 6,425 at the same time last year, representing an increase of approximately 8.2%. He noted that this figure does not include workforce training students. He emphasized that opportunities remain to strengthen and streamline the admissions and onboarding processes, expressing optimism that continued improvements will better position the College to support future enrollment growth and student success.

Dr. Mikota highlighted several recent community and industry events, including attending a software development capstone presentation where students developed an online management system for Chaser's Pantry. He also met with Dr. Matthew Woods, Union

County School District Superintendent, to discuss opportunities for collaboration between SCC and Union County Schools. Additionally, Dr. Mikota recognized John Nelson for his service to the SCC Foundation. He also noted SCC's continued partnership with BMW and Draxlmaier who recently celebrated their 30th anniversary.

Dr. Mikota shared that faculty and staff came together during All College to officially begin the academic year. During the event, he introduced the College's annual theme, Kūlia I Ka Nu'u, Strive for the Summit. He explained that the theme reflects a mindset and a shared commitment to excellence, continuous improvement, and the belief that, by working together, the SCC community can achieve far more collectively than individually.

At this time, the floor was open for questions. Commissioner Powell-Baker asked for an update on the Utility Line Worker program at the Union Campus. Mr. Burroughs explained that a grant application has been submitted to the EPA for the program.

Chairman Keller asked for a motion to approve the President's Report.

Motion: Commissioner K. Fowler

Second: Commissioner Anderson

Vote: All in favor

Announcements

Presented by Chairman Keller

Executive Session

Chairman Keller asked for a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body; however, if an adversary hearing involving the employee or client is held, the employee or client has the right to demand that the hearing be conducted publicly.

Nothing contained in this item shall prevent the public body, in its discretion, from deleting the names of the other employees or clients whose records are submitted for use at the hearing.

Motion: Commissioner K. Fowler

Second: Commissioner Sarratt

Vote: All in favor

The meeting entered Executive Session at 5:51 pm.

Chairman Keller asked for a motion to return to Open Session.

A motion was made and seconded.

Vote: All in favor

The meeting returned to Open Session at 6:30 pm.

No action was taken during the Executive Session, and no action is required by the Commission.

Adjourn

Chairman Keller asked for a motion to Adjourn the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded.

Vote: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tracey Hill".

Mrs. Tracey Hill, Secretary