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COLLEGE & CAREER ACADEMY

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2026

MEMBERS' PRESENT
Ms. Lynn Brinson
Mr. Doug Brown
Mr. Mitchell Fagler
Mr. Zac Frye (Vice Chair)
Ms. Angela Hooks
Mr. Aubrey Jones
Ms. Stefanie Mason (Secretary/Treasurer)
Mr. Ken Warnock (Chair)

MEMBERS' ABSENT
Mr. Ben Patterson

EDGE STAFF
Mr. Chip Fleming (EDGE On-Site Coordinator)
Dr. Glenn Deibert (Strategic Initiatives Consultant)

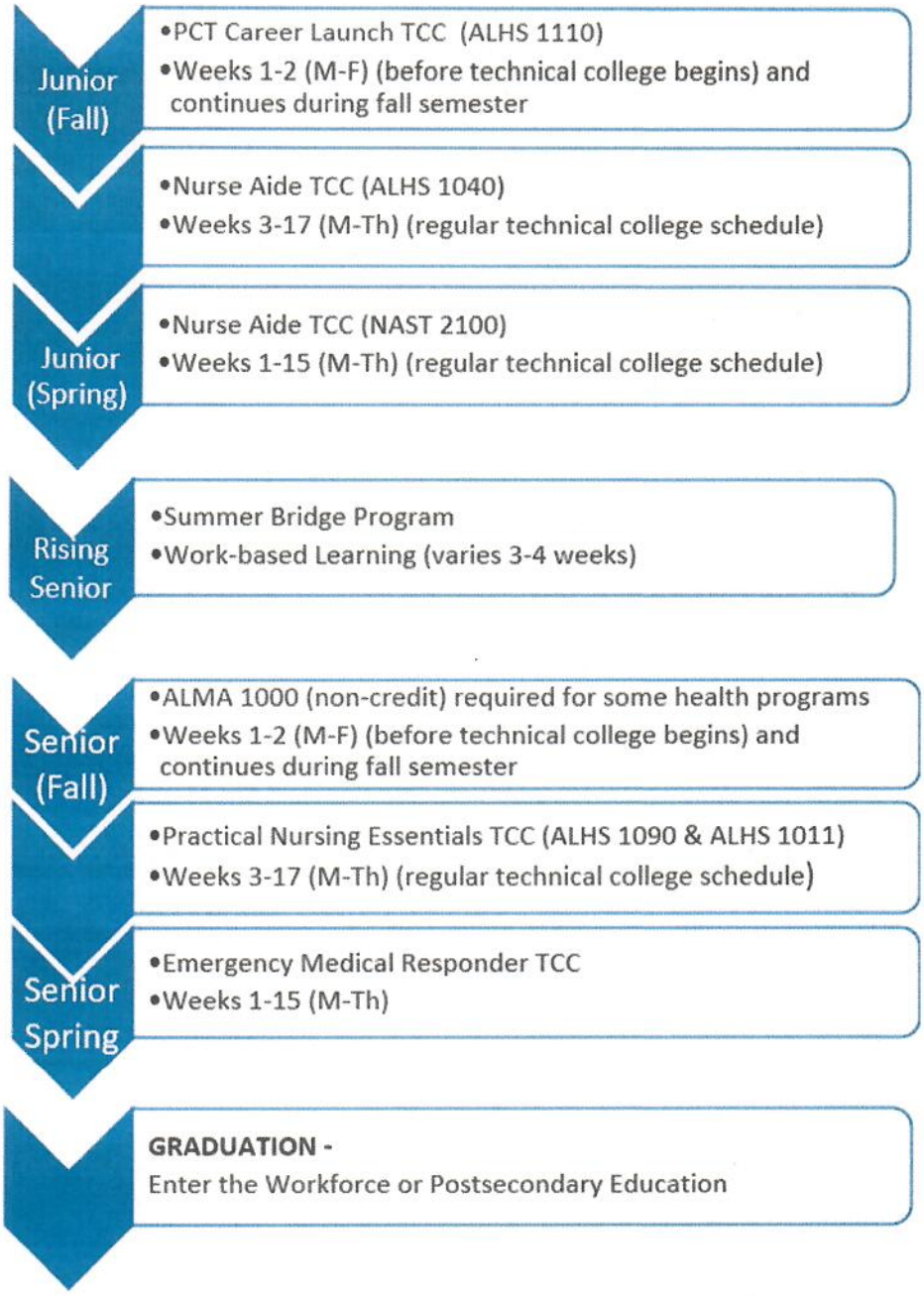
GUESTS
Ms. Martha Anders (Emanuel Medical Center)
Dr. Shannon Lawrence (ECS CTAE Administrator/Young Farmer Teacher)

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME
The EDGE College and Career Academy (CCA) Board of Directors met Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 1:31p.m. Mr. Ken Warnock called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. A quorum of voting members was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Upon a motion to approve by Mr. Zac Frye, a second by Mr. Mitchell Fagler, the Board unanimously approved the agenda for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Upon a motion to approve by Mr. Doug Brown, a second by Mr. Zac Frye, minutes of the March 18, 2026, EDGE Board of Directors' meeting were unanimously approved.

ON-SITE COORDINATOR'S / CONSULTANT'S REPORT
New Health Care TCC Discussions
Ms. Lynn Brinson and Ms. Martha Anders provided an update on health care discussions taking place between EDGE CCA and the Emanuel Medical Center. Ms. Lynn Brinson outlined the recommendation for a health care educational plan that would greatly benefit both students and local employers. One example of the proposed health care track, which can vary depending upon when dual enrollment students start at EDGE, is outlined below:



Ms. Martha Anders stated Emanuel Medical Center and surrounding hospitals all need additional transport staff and students who complete the EMR certificate are eligible to be one of two transport (transfer) personnel required for patient transport. Additionally, having the CNA students complete the EMR and Practical Nursing Essentials technical certificate (core classes) will make them better employees and more successful when continuing their postsecondary education in any health care field of study.

Finally, discussion turned to the Summer Bridge Program. Ms. Martha Anders outlined the areas four students will shadow during the work-based learning program this summer, those

include Radiology, Emergency Room, Respiratory Therapy, Behavioral Health, and Clinical Lab. Students who have already completed the CNA program meet the HR requirements to participate in the Summer Bridge Program.

FY2026 Budget Update

Dr. Glenn Deibert shared the updated operational budget. As of May 31, 2026, the EDGE CCA operating budget expenditures are at 86.92%, the target is 91.67%. Thus, with only one month remaining in FY2026, EDGE CCA is 4.75% under budget. The addition of Southeastern Technical College's partner contributions through facility renovations were added to page two of the budget spreadsheet.

FY2026 Strategic Plan Update

Mr. Chip Fleming reviewed the progress made towards EDGE's FY2026 Strategic Plan and discussed the anticipated changes that will be considered when developing the FY2027 Strategic Plan. Dr. Deibert indicated our strategic plans follow the information outlined in our Five-Year Planning and Implementation Timeline document that will be submitted in our College and Career Academy Grant Application.

Dr. Deibert added that if all goes well, the FY2027 Strategic Plan will be submitted to the Board at our July meeting. The plan will include some changes Mr. Fleming discussed plus will have measurable goals pertaining to dual enrollment student increases, work-based learning participation and pathway completers. After some discussion, the Board decided to utilize the same Board members who helped formulate the FY2026 Strategic Plan to serve on the committee again to help with the development of the FY2027 Strategic Plan.

TCSG Pre-certification of EDGE CCA (Update)

On May 26, 2026, four staff members from the Technical College System of Georgia's (TCSG) Office of Secondary Initiatives completed their EDGE CCA pre-certification visit. After introductions, a presentation by Mr. Fleming, and a tour of the classrooms and labs being used by EDGE CCA, the pre-certification visit concluded with a lengthy question and answer session. The TCSG staff were very complimentary and found all requirements for pre-certification were met by EDGE CCA. At this point, we are simply awaiting official notification of EDGE CCA's pre-certification.

2026 Georgia College and Career Academy Grant Application (Update)

Dr. Deibert stated that EDGE CCA started working on the TCSG College and Career Academy Grant Application early using the 2025 grant requirements as a guide. According to the TCSG staff who conducted our pre-certification, we should start early and continue tweaking the grant application until the submission deadline. The actual 2026 grant application requirements should be distributed in July or shortly thereafter. The grant application usually contains 14 sections; each section must address specific questions and include the criteria outlined in the scoring rubric. Finalists will be asked to make a formal presentation around the middle of November and answer questions from the grant selection committee. Then, the community

who is selected to receive the grant will be asked to attend the TCSG State Board of Directors in December.

Status of New Programs

Mr. Mitchell Fagler provided an overview of the status of each new technical certificate that has been submitted for approval by Southeastern Technical College.

- General Industry Materials Handling Specialist (TCC)
  The new certificate has been approved by the State Board of the TCSG and can be implemented fall semester as planned.

- Education Paraprofessional (TCC)
  The new certificate has been approved by the State Board of the TCSG and can be implemented fall semester as planned.

- Basic Heavy Equipment Operator (TCC)
  The new certificate has been approved by the State Board of the TCSG and can be implemented spring 2027 as planned.

- Basic sUAS-Drone Technology (TCC)
  The new certificate has been approved by the State Board of the TCSG but is still pending approval by the Commission on Colleges (COC) and will be ready to be implemented spring 2027 as planned.

- Firefighter I (TCC)
  The Firefighter I certificate program was officially put on hold until further notice. Mr. Mithcell Fagler indicated the primary reason for not moving forward was the cost of the firefighter fireproof uniforms (turnout gear) and the breakout door required for the program. Mr. Ken Warnock indicated that the County has 50 sets of turnout gear that they should be willing to donate to the College and CDI Doors may donate the Fire Door needed for the classes. Mr. Mitchell Fagler agreed to follow up and see if this will eliminate the previous barriers outlined by STC. He will also help determine the anticipated maximum enrollment so we can approach the County regarding donating the uniforms.

Board Member Certification (Update)

Dr. Deibert distributed an Excel spreadsheet outlining each Board members training hours that counted towards FY2026 Board Certification. All EDGE Board members participated in the required Board training and met the minimum seven (7) hours of board training. Next year, Board members are only required to complete five hours of board training.

David Emanuel Academy (DEA) Update

Mr. Chip Fleming informed the Board that DEA has officially indicated that they wish to join EDGE College and Career Academy. Mr. Fleming confirmed that DEA has approximately 35-40

students who will be registering for courses. There will be a mixture of general core courses and technical/occupational certificates the students will be taking fall semester, most students will be rising juniors and seniors.
Mr. Chip Fleming will be hosting an additional parent/student night tomorrow (June 18).
Beginning fall semester, DEA will be providing an on-site employee 20 hours per week, and they will be housed in building eight (8) to assist with oversight of DEA students.

Election of FY2027 Officers (Action Item)
Mr. Ken Warnock opened the floor for nominations for the EDGE CCA FY2027 offices of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Doug Brown indicated the current slate of officers did a great job during FY2026 and suggested they serve in their same capacity for a second term. With no additional nominations presented, Mr. Mitchell Fagler moved to close the floor for nominations.

A motion was made by Mr. Mitchell Fagler for our current FY2026 officers to serve in their same capacity in FY2027. Those officers being Mr. Ken Warnock (Chair), Mr. Zac Frye (Vice Chair), and Ms. Stefanie Mason (Secretary/Treasurer). The motion was seconded by Mr. Doug Brown and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

EDGE By-Laws (Student Representation)
The Board discussed possibly adding a student representative to the Board as an ex-officio member. After some discussion, the following motion was made.

Upon a motion to approve by Mr. Aubrey Jones, a second by Mr. Zac Frye, the Board moved to edit the EDGE CCA By-Laws adding two student representatives who will serve on the Board as ex-officio members beginning in FY2027. A student representative will be selected from both Swainsboro High School and Emanuel County Institute. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

OPEN DISCUSSION
Annual Plan of Work
Dr. Deibert will present the new FY2027 Annual Plan of Work at our July 23, 2026, board meeting. The FY2027 board meeting schedule will be established using the same criteria used last year with one exception, the July meeting will be scheduled for July 23rd instead of July 15th, one week later than normal. An email will be distributed by Dr. Deibert to the Board prior to the next Board meeting.

Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC)
A brief discussion was held regarding the JROTC programs from Swainsboro High School and Emanuel County Institute being relocated to EDGE CCA. However, the discussion was tabled until more information was available.

FY2027 MOU

Dr. Deibert informed the EDGE CCA board members that there was minimal change required for our annual MOU between our partners. Most signatures have been obtained, only Commissioner Greg Dozier's signature must be secured to finalize the MOU.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next EDGE Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:42p.m.

Submitted by:

Ms. Stefanie Mason, Treasurer/Secretary