

**FLORENCE-DARLINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION
Called Meeting
May 7, 2026
5:30 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Clint Moore
Goz Segars
Ershela Sims - WebEx
Paul Seward
Meredith Taylor
Hood Temple
Missy Jay
Leroy Robinson - WebEx
Wanda James – WebEx
Kevin Etheridge

ABSENT:

Others ATTENDING:

Jermaine Ford
Debbie Cheek
Terry Dingle
Cynthia Gray
Andrew Golden
Karen Lee

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Florence-Darlington County Commission for Technical Education was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mr. Clint Moore, Chairman, who stated that the media had been notified in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act Statement, Section 30-04-80-(e).

Chair Moore requested a motion for the Area Commission to move into closed session in accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 30 Public Records, Section 30-4-70(a)(1) for discussion.

A motion was made by Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Segars, to move into closed session. The motion carried.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

3. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Chair Moore requested a motion to return to open session. A motion was made Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Seward to return to open session. The motion carried.

Chair Moore stated that the meeting is now reconvened in open session. Following the discussions held in the closed session, Chair Moore stated there was no action or votes taken in the closed session.

Chair Moore stated that the Commission has no authority or influence on the Foundation regarding any supplement that may be requested of them. It was noted that President, Dr. Ford's resignation was an unconditional resignation effective at close of business, Monday, May 11, 2026.

Chair Moore stated that at this time, the Commission will seek an interim president to manage the day-to-day operations of the College and to address the issues that have been brought forth to the Commission. Chair Moore stated the need to form a search committee to work with the State Tech Office to identify and review candidates for a potential interim president. This will allow the Commission to move forward in the search for a new president. Previously, the Executive Committee served in this role to work with State Office.

Chair Moore requested a motion for the Executive Committee to serve in this role to seek out assistance through State Tech to fill this position. Mr. Temple made the motion, seconded by Mr. Seward. The motion carried.

After further discussion, it was noted that the Commission Executive Committee will meet the first of the week for discussion of placement of an Interim President as of Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

Other discussion was held regarding the Commencement Ceremony, which is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2026. It was decided that the Chair will continue in his role and Dr. Meredith Taylor will do the welcome and introductions. The script will be provided to each for their review.

4. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further discussion, Chair Moore requested a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mr. Temple, seconded by Mr. Seward, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Mrs. Missy Jay

Date Approved