

# Atlantic Technical College & Technical High School

## SAC Minutes - August 27, 2024

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### Attendance:

Members: Quorum Met - Val Arquillano, Paola Belidor, Marcelo Cozzani, Sascha Dastgerdi, Sophia De Los Santos, Philippe Jean-Bart, Natalie Justice, Carol Lindgren, Andrea Nguyen, Neeta Rancourt, Kimberly Rosas-Gonzalez, Codie Roberts, Bevlyn Sagon, Amir Watynski, Sandra Welch, Rochelle Williams, Nicole Willis

Attendees: Nabila Bouqlata, Brian Bush, Cathy Castelli, Dr. Tammy Clabo, Debbie Evangelista, Vicky LaPorte, Simeka Love, Rhonda Matos, Rebecca Miller, Ivan Perez, Miladys Puddie, Felicia Starke, DeShaun Sweet

### Call to Order:

A meeting of the Atlantic Technical College & Technical High School Advisory Council was held in Room 122 of Atlantic Technical College on August 27, 2024. Chair Mayor Sandra Welch called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM. Nicole Willis will record minutes for this meeting.

### Minutes:

**Philippe Jean-Bart** motioned to approve the minutes of May 21, 2024, with no corrections. **Miladys Puddie** seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

### Agenda:

1. Welcome and Introductions – *Mayor Sandra Welch*
2. Approval of Minutes – See above.
3. SAC Bylaws – *Cathy Castelli* – Motion to approve by Sophia De Los Santos. Cody Roberts seconded. The motion passed without opposition.
4. SAC Funds Balance – *Cathy Castelli* - The current balance is \$0.00.
5. School Recognition Funds Proposal Development – ATC is once again an A-Rated school. Ballot proposals were discussed and generated based on our desire to reward the 287 members working on the ATC campus. The A+ Recognition Funds Ballot for 2024-25 was reviewed. All full-time employees are proposed for receipt of the funds.  
Bevlyn Sagon motioned to approve the ballot. The motion was seconded by Sophia De Los Santos. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Directors Update – *Neeta Rancourt*
  - a. Strategic Plan and Updates – Atlantic Technical College has been a college for ten years. Jean Vilus has joined the administrative team as an assistant director on the Arthur Ashe, Jr. Campus. PIPELINE, the fund to reward performance and excellence among nursing education programs at school district postsecondary technical career centers, is one of ATC's funding streams. ATC has the most PN completers (70) in Florida. Awarded over one million dollars based on performance. Atlantic Technical College is still under construction through the SMART project. Updates were provided. Strategic Plan goals are to:  
1) Increase completion rate 2) Increase placement rate 3) Increase licensure rate.
  - b. COE Reaffirmation of Accreditation – *Rebecca Miller*- The COE visit will take place in October. All thirty-eight programs will be reviewed.
7. SAF Update – There no report at this time pending the selection of the SAF Chair.
8. SIP Update – *Cathy Castelli* – *School Improvement Plan*- One of the goals is for 84% of 10<sup>th</sup> Graders to score a level 3 on the FAST.
9. Student Comments
  - a. *Sophia De Los Santos* – Tech Tiger Camp and Tech Tiger Invasion was held for incoming Freshmen. SGA (Student Government Association) is partnering with the Senior Class and City of Coconut Creek on various initiatives. SGA is also requesting local businesses to donate to the Anthony Rozzo Foundation. The high school Practical Nursing students promoted health and wellness providing services to Ms. Kelly's PE class. Club Rush is being held on August 27, 2024. A second one will held later in the school year.

- b. *Paola Belidor* – Machining students were hired after completing internships at Pompano Precision. The students also visited Sintavia. Star Center and the Marine Industries Association of South Florida visited the class. The students also earned Six Sigma Yellow Belt and OSHA 10 certifications. They are currently preparing for the Solidworks certification exam.
  - c. *Kimberly Rosas-Gonzales/Andrea Nguyen* – Web Development students are working toward earning IT Fundamentals and Dreamweaver certifications. The first Business Professionals Association meeting will be held on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Junior Achievement Fellows information sessions will be held on August 28, 2024.
  - d. *Gerald Lopez – Cathy Castelli*- Dental Assisting students are learning about dental hygiene and proper sterilization of instruments. The Medical Assisting students are learning phlebotomy.
10. Assistant Director Reports
- a. *Vicky LaPorte* – ATC Technical High School is once again an A-School. Achieved very high scores on the exams. ATC is also a Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence – Lighthouse School. The award ceremony will be held in December 2024. Enrollment is going very well. 603 magnet students. One-third of the students have come back from private and charter schools. Advanced Placement exams pass rates have increased. The scores for US History and Human Geography were highlighted. A forensic science class, debate club, and Tech Tiger Times newsletter has been added for the 2024-25 school year.
  - b. *Brian Bush and Brian Norris – Health Science/Culinary/Business & IT* – The Practical Nursing program has 20 students. They will finish the program in December 2024. There are currently 14 adult Patient Care Assistant (IET program) students at the Arthur Ashe, Jr. Campus. The May graduates are awaiting the CNA exam results. ATC will collaborate with the Urban League to open an evening PCT program. It is scheduled to start in September. There are 141 new and returning students in Health Science. Clinical rotations are in progress. Ms. Roseway and Ms. Khan have joined the instructional team. The culinary students toured Publix and Cheney Brothers over the Summer. BPA will be attending Washington DC in September. Some of the business classrooms are being renovated. Office of Student Affairs did an exceptional job registering new students and recruiting GED and ESOL students.
  - c. *Dr. Tammy Clabo* – The Plumbing program has started for the new school. All of the technical trades programs are at capacity. There are currently 85 GED graduates. There is a new online learning department in academic studies. A major focus for the ESOL classes is on transitioning the students into academic studies and CTE programs.
11. Business & Economic Development – *Nicole Willis* – The Career Center has begun the year encouraging all visitors to “self-reflect” and be the best version of themselves. The adult Practical Nursing Career Day was held on the first day of school and included presentations by businesses. During the event, Wellpath donated PPE for both campuses. Truist and Cleveland Clinic met with staff to promote services and hiring opportunities. Ring Power will be on campus recruiting on August 28, 2024. BCPS has a new department focused on the development of strategic partnerships. There are two workforce development meetings scheduled. The results will be reported during the next meeting.
12. Business Highlight – *Cathy Castelli* – SAC industry partners will be given an opportunity to provide *business highlights* in future meetings.
13. SESIR Update – *Brian Bush* – Atlantic Technical College rarely has incidents. There are no reports at this time.
14. Announcement – *Vicky LaPorte* – Ms. Laporte delivers bracelets for every high school student birthday and the students love it. The purchase of the bracelet – Funds come from the SAC. *Rebecca Miller* – SAC members will receive invitations for a formal dinner to learn about the programs.
15. Adjournment- Sophia De Los Santos motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 AM. The motion was seconded by Codie Roberts. Motion carried unanimously.

**Next Meeting Date & Time:**

The next meeting will be held on December 3, 2024, in Room 122 of Atlantic Technical College, Main Campus.

Submitted by,

Nicole Willis, Secretary

Approval Date: 12/3/2024