

PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
October 9, 2025

1. Call to Order

Chairman Yaw called the in-person meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

Attendance

Members Present

Senator Gene Yaw
Mr. Abraham Harpster
Dr. Renata Engel
Dr. Steven P. Johnson

Ms. Shannon Massey
Rep. Clint Owlett
Mr. Michael Stefan
Mr. John Young

Members Absent

Mr. Randall Black
Dr. Larry Terry

Also in attendance were Ms. Lynda Livingston and Ann Pepperman, Esq.

2. Public Comment Period

Chairman Yaw welcomed comments from the public on any agenda item.

3. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: June 26, 2025

A motion was made by Rep. Owlett, seconded by Mr. Young, and carried by a unanimous affirmative vote to approve the minutes from the June 26, 2025, meeting as presented.

4. Approve parameters for the 2026-2027 budget request

A motion was made by Dr. Engel, seconded by Mr. Stefan, and carried by a unanimous affirmative vote to approve the 2026-2027 budget request.

5. Approve emeritus status for the recommended candidates

A motion was made by Mr. Harpster, seconded by Dr. Johnson, and carried by a unanimous affirmative vote to approve emeritus status for the recommended candidates, Dr. Kirk Cantor and Mr. Keith Vanderlin.

6. Presentation

- Overview of the prison grant initiatives to reduce recidivism – Dr. Craig Miller, Faculty, History/Political Science.

7. Information

- Investment Update – Mr. Jon Nichols, Vice President for Finance/CFO (attached)
- New Faculty – Ms. Joanna K. Flynn, Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost

8. Approve the election of officers

Mr. Stefan proposed a slate of officers for a 1-year term, effective October 9, 2025, and carried by a unanimous affirmative vote to approve the election of officers:

Senator Gene Yaw, Chair

Mr. Abraham Harpster, Vice Chair

Mr. Randall E. Black, Treasurer

Mr. Jonathan Nichols, Assistant Treasurer

Dr. Michael J. Reed, Secretary

Ms. Lisa L. Mendler, Assistant Secretary

9. Comments from the President

President Reed shared the following with the group:

- Welcomed our new Board members, Dr. Renata Engel and Ms. Shannon Massey
- Thanked Ms. Lynda Livingston for her many years of service on the Board
- Our goal/purpose: to place students in the best position for long-term success by working closely with industry leaders and delivering high-growth opportunities
- Current Enrollment: over 4700 students, over 2100 dual-enrolled students, and over 5100 in the workforce program
- US News & World Report: #1 Most Innovative, #1 Best for Veterans, #3 overall public in all colleges north and #4 when including all privates
- Career Fair: Nearly 390 companies attending to fill thousands of careers and internship positions
- Foundation Auction: Scheduled for Friday, October 10, 2025
- Fall Open House: 18% increase in prospects from ten states; 1500 plus guests; over 500 prospects
- Points of Distinction: Physical Therapy Clinic, LaunchBox, Pilot plant – engineering design, HVAC/Plumbing labs
- Construction Labs and Performance House
- Highlights from our Student Athletes and Alumni Handouts

10. Comments from the Chairman of the Board

Senator Yaw thanked the Board for its continued trust in his leadership. He also encouraged the college to continue its work in maintaining relevance to the needs of business and industry.

11. Public Comments

None

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa L. Mendler

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