



South Carolina State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education

Resolution to Affirm the Mission of South Carolina's Two Year College System

Whereas, the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education is firmly committed to its mission of providing learning opportunities that support the human and economic development of the state.

Whereas, the South Carolina Technical College System founded by the General Assembly in 1961 has as its core mission the support of economic development through human resource development; and

Whereas, the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education has approval or disapproval authority over all post-secondary vocational, technical, and occupational diploma and associate degree programs financed in whole or in part by the State that lead directly to employment; and

Whereas, the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education has under its jurisdiction a system of sixteen comprehensive two-year colleges focused on providing the highest quality post-secondary educational opportunities, thereby meeting the workforce needs of South Carolina's businesses and industries; and

Whereas, the South Carolina Technical College System is guided by its mission to support South Carolina's economic development strategies by providing the most advanced post-secondary vocational, technical, occupational diploma and associate degree programs and college parallel associate degrees possible; and

Whereas, the importance of access to highly technical occupational and career education has never been greater for the people of South Carolina; and

Now Therefore Be it Resolved, that the South Carolina Technical College System affirms its mission of supporting economic development through human resource development; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education affirms that the colleges under its jurisdiction will continue to focus on occupational programs of up to two-years in addition to two-year college transfer programs and will seek to partner with four-year institutions to offer baccalaureate degrees when necessary to meet student needs and economic development requirements; and

Be it Further Resolved, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor, Constitutional Officers, members of the General Assembly, the Coordinating Council for Economic Development, the South Carolina Department of Commerce, economic development partners, senior and research institution university presidents, Commission on Higher Education, Area Commissions and technical college presidents.