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Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges





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— Blaine Hansen



## Message from the Chair of SACSCOC Board of Trustees



### Continued Commitments and New Opportunities

As you may know, our esteemed president, Dr. Belle S. Wheelan has announced her retirement after two transformative decades leading the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

Her departure coincides with the SACSCOC's 130th anniversary, and its steadfast commitment to educational quality and the students found at member institutions. This is a remarkable testament to the resilience of our organization, as well as the courage and fortitude of Belle, who solidifies her place in SACSCOC history as both the first African American woman and the longest serving leader in the role.

Belle has navigated her time at SACSCOC with her unique leadership style, combining integrity and candor with charm and good humor. I appreciate her example and am privileged to have served as her concluding Board Chair. Her knowledge concerning accreditation and the charm she uses to share it will be missed by all.

Aided by search and selection committees, the Executive Council has approached the presidential selection process with deep respect for this watershed moment in higher education. This transition, while challenging, carries the same mix of anticipation and promise that characterizes our academic calendar—from the uneasy suspense of a new fall semester to the expectant hopes of every spring commencement.

We seek a leader who will honor our organization's advocacy tradition while advancing our mission in an evolving educational landscape. The incoming president must excel in multiple crucial areas: examining accreditation policy, championing institutional autonomy and academic freedom, and fostering partnerships with educational stakeholders worldwide. Our vision includes enhanced support for member institutions, and their respective missions, in their pursuit of academic excellence, student success, and organizational accountability. Despite the uncertainty of change, never has the purpose of SACSCOC and the opportunity that lies ahead for our organization been more clear.

As we celebrate Dr. Wheelan and bid her farewell, we look toward SACSCOC's future with renewed purpose. Our member institutions play a vital role in developing tomorrow's leaders, and our potential impact knows no bounds. Through our innovative peer review process and commitment to academic quality, we will continue advancing student achievement. By embracing change and seeking new opportunities, we position SACSCOC for another century of distinguished service in higher education.

Blaine Hansen

Executive Vice President for Strategic Operations and Public Relations, Less-McRae College  
Chair, SACSCOC Board of Trustees



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— Belle S. Wheelan



## Message from the President of SACSCOC



### A Farewell Message

It doesn't seem like it's been 20 years since I wrote my, "I'm so glad to be here" message for the SACSCOC 2005 Annual Report but it indeed has been. Much has happened over that time: updated Mission and Vision Statements for SACSCOC; a gain in new members including several international members; a loss of members due to removal from membership, mergers, voluntary and mandatory withdrawals, and consolidations; new programs (Small College Initiative, Summer Institute); updates in technology (online submission of documents and development of the Institutional Portal); development and implementation of a Strategic Plan; retirements, resignations, and hiring of new staff members throughout the Commission; and new training programs for peers and Trustees. One thing that has NOT changed though is our unwavering commitment to serving our members.

Throughout my 20 year tenure, it has been my pleasure to travel across the region meeting with faculty, staff, students, administrators, and trustees who make our institutions the gems they are. We continue to attract students from all parts of the country (and world) to the quality programs our member institutions offer, currently resulting in our enrolling more students than any of the other "formerly known as regional" accrediting commissions. That is not an accident. Our standards, developed and approved by our members, are among the most rigorous in the country and signify our commitment to the highest quality of education available.

It has been my honor to represent you at local, regional and national gatherings for the past 20 years. I have enjoyed the support you have shown me and the Commission as a whole and know you will continue to strive for excellence in everything you do. While I will be rooting you on from afar, I will hold wonderful memories of each of you as you continue to assist students in achieving their educational goals.

Thank you for all you have done and will continue to do "to assure the educational quality and improve the effectiveness of our member institutions."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Belle S. Wheelan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'B'.

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.  
President





Congratulations on your retirement, Dr. Wheelan!

Your 20 years of leadership and dedication at SACSCOC have inspired us all.

## A trailblazing career built on a lifetime of service to others

Never underestimate how much one person can touch the lives of so many others. As president of SACSCOC, Belle S. Wheelan has been a dedicated champion of high educational standards and student learning. Thanks to her enduring courage and tenacity, she has played a decisive role in shaping accreditation policies to better support institutional accountability and equity.



Her remarkable career spans more than 40 years, and it includes the roles of faculty member, chief student services office, campus provost, college president and Secretary of Education. She was the first African American and / or woman to serve in several of those roles.

Dr. Wheelan received her bachelor's degree from Trinity University in Texas (1972), with a double major in Psychology and Sociology; her Master's from Louisiana State University (1974) in Developmental Educational Psychology; and her Doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin (1984) in Educational





Dr. Wheelan also received the John E. Roueche National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development's International Leadership Award (2010) and the AACC Leadership Award (2011); the John Hope Franklin Award from Diverse Issues in Higher Education for outstanding leadership in higher education; and the Educational Testing Service (ETS) Terry O'Banion Prize in Education from the League for Innovation in Community Colleges.

She holds and has held membership in numerous local, state and national organizations including Rotary International; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; the American College Testing, Inc., Board of Directors; American Association of Community Colleges, Board of Directors; the Lumina Foundation for Education, Board of Directors; the President's Round Table of the National Council on Black American Affairs; the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame, Board of Directors; Excelencia in Education, Board of Directors;

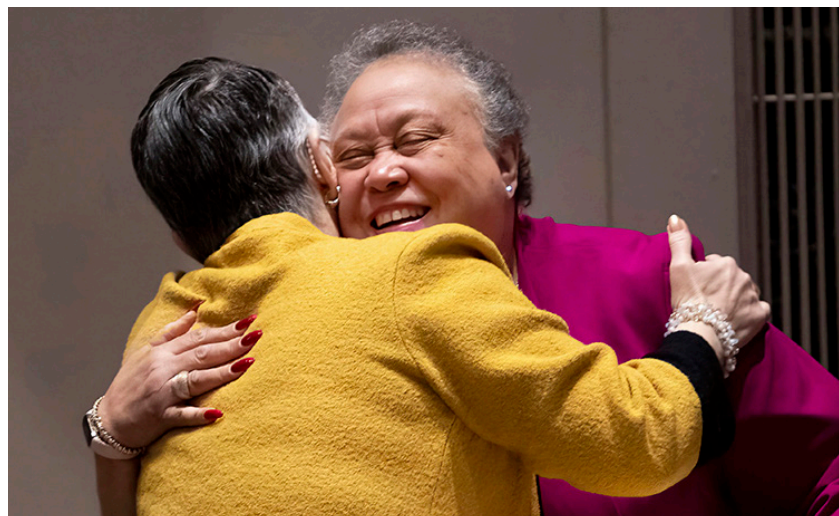
Dr. Wheelan attributes her remarkable success to hard work, endurance, tenacity, and being in the right place at the right time. She recognizes that prayer and loving support from family and friends make anything possible.

We salute you, Dr. Wheelan, and we thank you!



Administration, with a special concentration in community college leadership.

She has numerous awards, including six honorary degrees: the Distinguished Graduate Award from Trinity University (2002) and from the College of Education at the university of Texas at Austin (1992); *Washington Magazine's* 100 Most Powerful Women in Washington, DC (2001); the AAUW Woman of Distinction Award (2002); the Suanne Davis Roueche National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development's Distinguished Lecturer Award (2007).







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# Annual Report

## Philosophical Statement

SACSCOC supports the right of an institution to pursue its own educational mission as inherent in fundamental values of institutional autonomy; the right of faculty members to teach, investigate, and publish freely; and the right of students to access opportunities for learning and for the open expression and exchange of ideas. However, exercising these rights should not substantially interfere with the overriding obligation of an institution to offer a sound educational experience that optimizes student achievement outcomes.



## Changes to SACSCOC Administrative Staff

During 2024, SACSCOC welcomed two members of the administrative staff: Dr. Rae Borden, Director of Legal and Governmental Affairs and Commission Support, and Dr. John R. Donnelly, Vice President.

### Dr. Rae Borden



Dr. Rae Borden serves as the Director of Legal and Governmental Affairs, and Commission Support (OLGA) for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Having started her now 25-year career as an Administrative Assistant with SACSCOC, this role marks Dr. Borden's return to higher education accreditation. Prior to rejoining the organization, Dr. Borden served in a variety of administrative roles, including as the Chief of Staff for Arizona State University's Knowledge Enterprise, as Associate Vice President and Deputy Chief of Staff for Xavier University of Louisiana, and as Administrative

Director to the Provost at Georgia State University. These experiences provided continuous opportunities for Dr. Borden to remain connected to accreditation process and policy in practice because of her involvement and leadership of institutional reviews for her respective universities. As the Director of OLGA, Dr. Borden serves as the staff coordinator for meetings of the Compliance and Reports (C&R) committees and works in concert with the President to support the work of the Executive Council, Board of Trustees, and the College Delegate Assembly. She also oversees the organization's recognition processes for the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

Dr. Borden holds a B.A. in Communications from Southeastern Louisiana University, an MBA in Human Resources Management from Keller Graduate School of Management, and an Ed.D. in Organizational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

## John R. Donnelly



John R. Donnelly currently serves as Vice President at the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) in Decatur, Georgia. He was appointed Vice President in December 2024. In that role he has administrative and management responsibilities for the quality and integrity of SACSCOC policies, processes, and procedures for an assigned portfolio of colleges and universities.

Prior to his current appointment he served as Vice President for Instruction and Student Affairs at Piedmont Virginia Community College in Charlottesville, Virginia from 2010 to 2024. In that role he was the college's Chief Academic and Student Affairs Officer, providing leadership and administrative oversight of academic and student development programs and services. John also served as Provost/Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at Massachusetts Bay Community College in Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts, and Dean of Instruction at the Locust Grove Campus of Germanna Community College in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

John started his career in higher education as an adjunct instructor of history at Germanna Community College and he served full-time there as an Associate Professor of History. He has also been a member of the adjunct faculty in the History Department at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia, and a member of the adjunct faculty at Middlesex Community College in Bedford, Massachusetts. He has taught as an adjunct faculty member in the University of Virginia's School of Education and Human Development.

John has a bachelor's degree in French from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and a bachelor's degree in history from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia. He holds a master's degree in history focusing on pre-modern Europe from Virginia Commonwealth University. He holds a Ph.D. in Higher Education from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia.



## Leadership, Service, and Outstanding Chair Award Recipients

Each year, SACSCOC recognizes leadership and service to the Commission with awards—the James T. Rogers Distinguished Leadership Award, the Carol A. Luthman Meritorious Service Awards, and the Demetria N. Gibbs Outstanding Chair Award.

**The James T. Rogers Distinguished Leadership Award**, named for the former executive director who served the Commission for more than two decades, is the highest public recognition given by the Commission and is reserved for extraordinarily distinctive and effective leadership. One individual received this honor. The **Carol A. Luthman Meritorious Service Awards**, named for a former staff member who served the Commission for more than thirty years and who was also staff liaison to the SACSCOC Board, are presented to individuals whose volunteerism and commitment to the best principles of the academy and of accreditation personify the ideals of the Commission. Five people received this award. Also named for a former staff member, the **Demetria N. Gibbs Outstanding Chair Award** is given to a review committee chair who has demonstrated exceptional leadership in working with committee members. One individual received this award. Recipients of this year's awards are listed in the following paragraphs.

### Demetria N. Gibbs Outstanding Chair Award Recipient

**Jane M. McGuire**, Accreditation Specialist, Northeast State Community College, Franklin, TN



*Pictured Left to Right: Blaine Hansen, Jane M. McGuire, and Belle S. Wheelan*

### James T. Rogers Distinguished Leadership Award Recipient

**William T. Luckey, Jr.**, President, Lindsey Wilson College, Columbia, KY

*William T. Luckey, Jr. is not photographed*

### Carol A. Luthman Meritorious Service Award Recipients

**Scott A. Bennett**, Vice President of Administration and Finance,  
University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL

**John S. Capps**, President, Central Virginia Community College,  
Lynchburg, VA

**Marguerite S. Giguette**, Interim Provost and Sr. Vice President,  
Academic Affairs, Xavier University of Louisiana, New  
Orleans, LA

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Coastal Alabama Community College, Bay Minette, AL

**Jacqui R. Steadman Smith**, Vice President for Business and Finance,  
Milligan University, Milligan, TN



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# SACSCOC Activities

## Accreditation Actions

The following table describes the type and number of accreditation actions taken by the SACSCOC Board of Trustees during the past ten-year period.

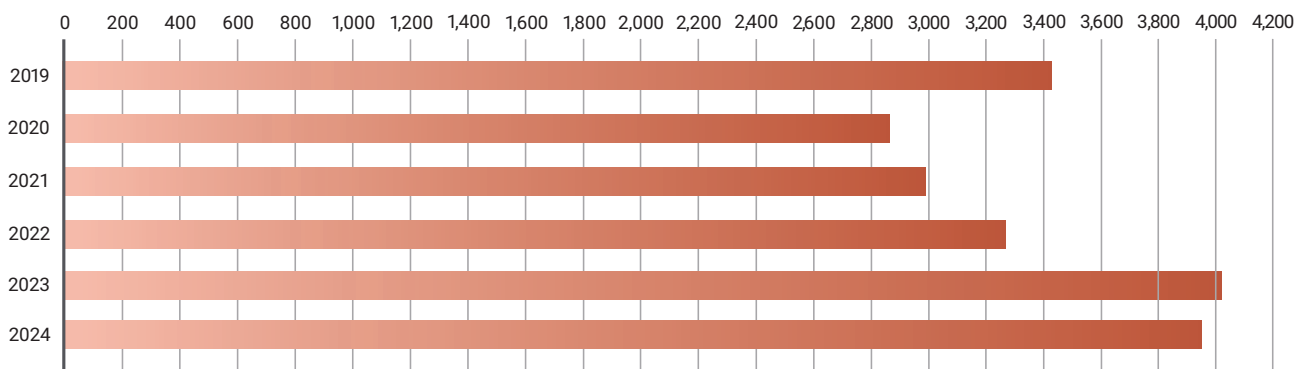
TYPE OF ACTION	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Totals
Reaffirmation of accreditation	83	80	71	73	72	43	106	66	64	79	737
Denial of reaffirmation & imposition/continuation of sanction	1	8	3	3	4	8	3	3	14	1	48
Initial candidacy/renewal of accreditation	1	3	3	0	1	2	4	2	1	1	18
Initial accreditation	3	1	3	1	0	2	0	4	1	2	17
Removal from candidacy/denial of accreditation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Approval of change of degree level	14	12	11	18	18	12	16	13	12	9	135
Approval of other substantive change	12	14	37	18	14	7	69	49	94	97	411
Deny approval of substantive change	11	8	7	3	5	1	22	0	9	10	76
Substantive change review by a committee	65	52	59	43	44	52	33	41	32	38	459
Review of unreported substantive change	23	25	27	24	26	*	*	*	*	*	125
Review of Monitoring & Referral Reports	169	197	174	154	249	136	127	131	128	154	1619
Review of Fifth-Year Interim Reports	79	81	75	77	88	71	71	68	75	62	747
Removal from sanction	4	10	9	11	9	11	13	7	6	5	85
Imposition/continuation of Warning	17	13	8	6	11	14	5	3	2	3	82
Imposition/continuation of Probation	3	3	2	1	3	5	0	0	0	0	17
Imposition/continuation of Probation w/ good cause	4	11	5	6	7	0	4	1	4	1	43
Action on removal from accreditation	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	4
Appeals of adverse actions	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>4626</b>

\* The Office of Substantive Change processes unreported substantive changes as late notifications unless Board of Trustee approval is necessary.

Please note the number of unreported substantive changes referred to the Board of Trustees appears on the following page.

## Substantive Change Information

### Total Number of Submissions (2019–2024)



Footnote: In the 2020 data, accreditation verification requests and submissions determined not to be a substantive change are excluded. The 2023 data includes 69 submissions rejected by the system and/or withdrawn by institution.

### Types of Substantive Changes Submissions (2019–2024)

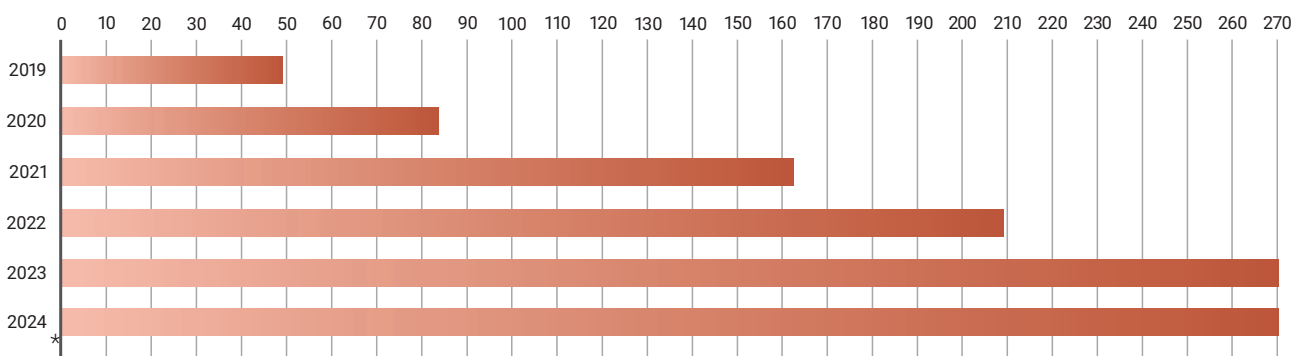
Submission Type*	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Approval	1,322	1,571	1,919	1,942	2,376	2,525
Prospectus <sup>†</sup>		†	†	†	†	†
Notification	1,131	1,249	1,026	1,266	1,571	1,317
For C&R Review	40	42	142	62	86	108
Teach-out Plans <sup>^</sup>	976	836	1,291	1,415	1,794	1,880

\* Submissions by type do not sum to the total number of submissions because many submissions contain multiple types.

<sup>†</sup> In the 2020 data, accreditation verification requests and submissions determined not to be a substantive change are excluded.

<sup>^</sup> Teach-out Plans are included in the total approvals, and include OCIS and Program closure, Institutional Contingency Teach out plans, and Institutional Closures.

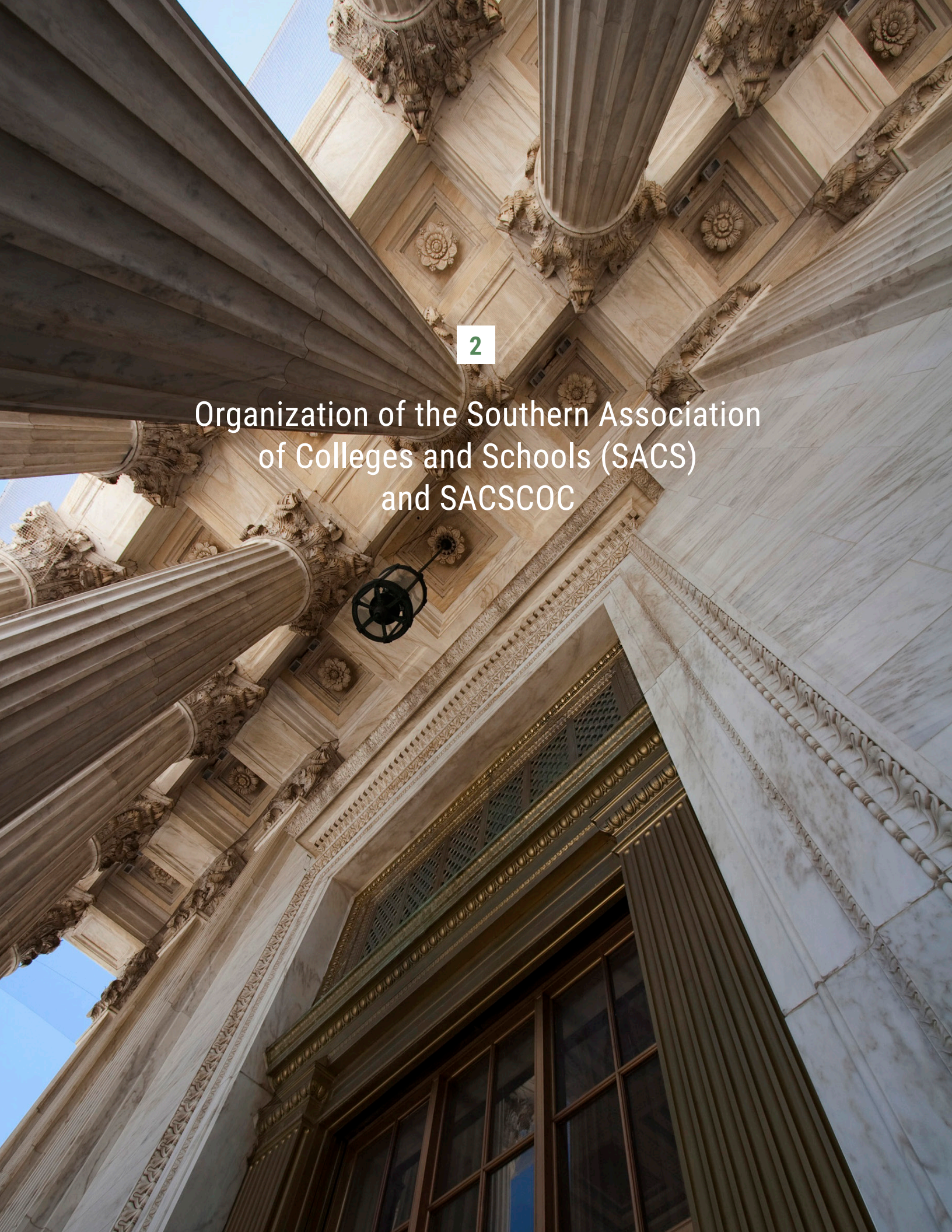
### Number of Unreported Substantive Change Cases (2019–2024)



\* Fourteen requests were made in 2023 for policies and procedures for referral to the SACSCOC Board of Trustees. Each request may contain multiple unreported substantive changes. Data are for the calendar year January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023



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Sessions of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees,  
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## Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)–June 13, 2024

The SACSCOC Board of Trustees met in Executive Session and was called to order by Chair Blaine Hansen on Thursday, June 13, 2024.

Kemba Chambers, Vice Chair, called the roll. The following Board members were in attendance: Javaune Adams-Gaston, President, Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA; Charlise Anderson, Managing Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Research Planning and Assessment, Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee; David Armstrong, President, Saint Thomas University, Miami Gardens, Florida; Roslyn C. Artis, President, Benedict College, Columbia, South Carolina; Michele Atkins, Assistant Provost for Accreditation and Research, Union University, Jackson, Tennessee; David Barnett, Executive Vice President and CFO, Brenau University, Gainesville, Georgia; Ginger Bishop, Assistant Provost, Director of Institutional Effectiveness, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Christopher Blake, President, Middle Georgia State University, Macon, Georgia; Zarina Blakenbaker, President-Northwest Campus, Tarrant County College District, Fort Worth, TX; Connie Book, President, Elon University, Elon, NC; Frances Bradford, Senior Vice President, State Government Relations, McGuire Woods Consulting, Richmond, VA (Public Representative); Eric Bruntmyer, President and CEO, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, TX; Katie Busby, Director of Institutional Research, Effectiveness and Planning, University of Mississippi, University, Mississippi; Christopher Campbell, Campbell Shatley, PLLC, Asheville, North Carolina (Public Representative); Kemba Chambers, Interim President, H. Councill Trenholm

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The following Board members were not in attendance: Lawrence Barrett, President, Florida Gateway College, Lake City, Florida; Charles Cagle, Lewis Thomason Law Firm, Nashville, Tennessee (Public Representative); Hesham El-Rewini, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Marymount University, Arlington, Virginia; Andrew T. Hsu, President, College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina; James L. Hurley, President, Tarleton State University, Stephenville, TX; John F. Keener, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness/ Registrar, Randolph College, Lynchburg; Cynthia S. Kelley, President, Madisonville Community College, Madisonville, Kentucky; Lori King-Taylor, Trinity Performance Solutions, Madison, Alabama (Public Representative); Lisa E. Long, Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs, Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama; Virginia; Angela S. Martin, Vice President for Financial Planning and Chief Budget Officer, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY; Nancy Neal, Retired School Nurse, Lubbock, Texas (Public Representative); Norma Perez, Vice Chancellor for Instructional Services and Chief Academic Officer, Houston Community College, Houston, Texas; Dionne Rosser-Mims, Campus Vice Chancellor, Troy University, Phenix City, Alabama; Eric Schneider, Vice Provost of Institutional Effectiveness, Wingate University, Wingate, North Carolina; General Sally Selden, Provost and Dean of the College, The Citadel, Charleston, SC; William Serrata, President, El

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SACSCOC staff present during the meeting were: Belle S. Wheelan, President; Crystal A. Baird, Vice President; Donna J. Barrett, Director of Institutional Finance; Rae Borden, In-Coming Director of Legal and Governmental Affairs, and Commission Support; Lynn S. Crosby, Vice President; Nuria M. Cuevas, Vice President; Patricia L. Donat, Senior Vice President; Rosalind Fuse-Hall (recorder), Director of Legal and Governmental Affairs, and Commission Support; Sandra Jordan, Chief of Staff; Stephanie L. Kirschmann, Vice President; Geoffrey C. Klein, Vice President; Shelia C. Luke, Coordinator of Commission Support; Jay Marr, Vice President; J. Matthew Melton, Vice President; Patricia Parrish, Vice President; Kelli Randall, Vice President; Kevin W. Sightler, Director of Substantive Change; and Denise Y. Young, Vice President.

The Board approved the minutes of the December 2023 meeting of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees. The Board received for information the minutes of the December 2023 and March 2024 meetings of the Executive Council.

## Report from the Chair

Chair Hansen reported the following vacancies and new appointments to the board:

- The Mississippi delegation identified a Public Representative who agreed and then resigned; therefore the position remains open. Also, Dr. Tyrone Jackson, President of Mississippi Delta Community College accepted a CEO position outside of the region, therefore vacating

his seat. The Delegation is working on these replacements.

- Mr. Leo Hamilton, Public Representative for Louisiana, resigned due to health issues. Mr. Ronnie Slone, CEO/Owner of the Slone Group, a consulting firm, was appointed as the replacement.
- Dr. Kirk Peterson resigned his position at Chowan University and thus vacated his seat on the board; Dr. Christine Robinson, Assistant Provost, UNC Charlotte, was appointed as the replacement.
- Dr. Carine Feyten resigned from the Board. Dr. Zarina Blankenbacker, President, Tarrant County College, Northwest Campus, was appointed as the replacement.
- Dr. Kevin Rolle, Chief of Staff, Alabama State University, was appointed to the At-large vacancy in the Alabama delegation.
- Dr. Juan Mejia, President, Tyler Junior College, was appointed to the At-large vacancy in the Texas delegation.
- Dr. Keith Wade resigned from the board. He was a member of the Executive Council, therefore, Dr. David Armstrong, President of St. Thomas University was appointed to the Executive Council. Staff is working with the Florida delegation to fill the vacancy resulting from Dr. Armstrong's appointment to the Executive Council.

The Chair further reported the Class of 2023 of arbitrators eligible for re-election to an additional three-year term. The Class of 2026 will be:

- William Abare, Jr., President *Emeritus*, St. Augustine, FL
- Maurice Eftink, Assoc. Provost *Emeritus*, Univ. of Mississippi
- Holly French Hart, Provost, Bossier Parish Comm. College, AL
- Chris Riley, Assist. Provost, Abilene Christian Univ., TX

The Chair further reported the appointment of the following Executive Council members to board committees:

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- Angela Martin, Chair
- David Barnett
- Jeremy McMillen

***Investment Committee:***

- Matteel Knowles, Chair
- Elizabeth Normandy
- Marcia Conston

The Chair further reported that during its session on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, the Executive Council approved or considered the following:

- The Council reviewed the proposed FY 2025 SACSCOC budget and recommended it for action by the Board of Trustees. Dr. Wheelan addressed the budget in her report.
- The Differentiated Review Process for the Class of 2027 is underway. Institutions participating in this process must express their interest by July 1. In October, a peer review group will recommend that the Executive Council approve the participation of those institutions that have met the criteria and those approved will be notified before Orientation in December.
- The Executive Council received staff reports on the following:
  1. a final view of the new cycle 2024-29 SACSCOC Strategic Plan.
  2. an update on the Office of Data Management which
  3. an update on the activities in the Substantive Change Office, which includes several procedural changes to ensure clarity and efficiency within the process and
  4. an update on The Office of Training and Research.
- The Council received a report from the SACSCOC Investment Committee, reviewing investments managed by Fifth-Third Institutional Services.

Chair Hansen reported that, in March 2024, the Executive Council received Dr. Wheelan's letter of intent to retire in July 2025, on the 20th anniversary of her hire at SACSCOC. Considering the information, the Executive Council made two separate motions for approval by the Board.

1. The Board approved an exception to extend the terms of the following Executive Council members for one year to serve during the presidential transition to ensure consistency in the process: Blaine Hansen (as Chair), Kemba Chambers (as Vice Chair), David Barnett, Kimberly Hall, Matteel Knowles, Jeremy McMillen, Charles Munns, Felecia Nave, and Kristine Strickland.
2. The Board approved a \$1 million withdrawal from the endowment account in a special distribution to cover the anticipated costs of the presidential search and transition. Any residual funds from the distribution will be returned to the endowment account.

The Chair further reported that several policy revisions were reviewed and approved by the Executive Council at its March 2024 meeting to align with the U.S. Department of Education report due in July. Additional policy revisions were forwarded to the Board of Trustees at this meeting for approval. (See discussion of policies below.)

Chair Hansen called on SACSCOC legal counsel, Mr. Patrick McKee, for a report to the Board. Mr. McKee reported that the arbitration for St. Augustine University has been scheduled. A report on the outcome of the arbitration will be provided to the Board in December.

## **President's Report**

Following Mr. McKee's report, the Chair recognized President Belle Wheelan for her report. Dr. Wheelan expressed her appreciation to all Board members for their dedication and service and for their support throughout her presidency. The following



recommendations were presented for approval by the Board.

1. The Board approved the proposed FY2025 budget.
2. The Board approved a retention incentive for employees that reach the age of 60-65 and given 20 years of service to SACSCOC to receive post-employment insurance benefits.
3. The Board approved the authorization of the President to approve requests from member institutions regarding an exception to Standard 9.4 (Institutional credits for undergraduate degrees) and Standard 9.5 (Institutional credits for graduate/professional degrees) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. The requests are necessary for institutions to assist students attending institutions that announce a closure, and the exceptions are limited to one year in duration.

Dr. Wheelan also shared that an *ad hoc* committee would be formed to assist in further refining the SACSCOC position statement on Three-Year Baccalaureate Degree Programs.

### **Report From The Executive Council On Revised Policies And Other Documents Referred To The Board For Review And Approval, For Action**

Chair Hansen informed the Board that the Executive Council reviewed proposed changes to nine (9) SACSCOC policies, one (1) Bylaw change, and two (2) Interpretation of standards from the *Principles of Accreditation*. A summary document of the specific changes to the policies was provided to members of the Board in Diligent.

The Board approved the following policies as presented for action.

1. Revision Interpretation of Standard 12.6 (Student debt and financial literacy). (for approval)

2. Revision Interpretation of Core Requirement 8.1 (Student achievement). (for approval)
3. Revision of *Appeals Procedures of the College Delegate Assembly policy*. (for approval)
4. Revision of *Disclosure of Accrediting Documents and Actions of SACSCOC policy*. (for approval)
5. Revision of *Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation & Removal from Membership policy*. (for approval)
6. Revision to *Ethical Obligation of Evaluators policy*. (for approval)
7. Revision of *Ethical Obligation of SACSCOC Board of Trustees policy*. (for approval)
8. Revision of *Fifth-Year Interim Review policy*. (for approval)
9. Revision *Separate Accreditation policy*. (for approval)
10. Revision of *Substantive Change Policy & Procedures*. (for approval)

The Board tabled (until December 2024) action on the following policy pending additional clarification on the proposed change pertaining to materials developed by artificial intelligence (AI) tools. Relatedly, the Board recommended that an *ad hoc* committee be formed to further explore the use and implications of AI within SACSCOC processes more broadly.

11. Revision of *Integrity & Institutional Obligations to SACSCOC policy*. (for approval)

The Board approved the following change to the Bylaws in a two-step process. First, the Board approved a suspension of the 10-day notice requirement for changes to the Bylaws for this deletion. Second, the Board approved the deletion of the geographical section of the Bylaws to align with federal regulations.

12. Deletion of Geographical Reference in Bylaws. (for approval)

## SACSCOC Actions on Accreditation

The SACSCOC Board of Trustees took the following actions regarding the accreditation status of institutions reviewed. The following list includes the names of institutions required to submit additional monitoring reports.

### The Board reaffirmed accreditation for the following institution(s):

- **Alamance Community College**, Graham, NC
- **Athens Technical College**, Athens, GA
- **Broward College**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- **Central Piedmont Community College**, Charlotte, NC
- **Central Virginia Community College**, Lynchburg, VA
- **Chattahoochee Technical College**, Marietta, GA
- **Cleveland State Community College**, Cleveland, TN
- **College of The Albemarle**, Elizabeth City, NC
- **College of Biblical Studies-Houston**, Houston, TX
- **College of the Mainland**, Texas City, TX
- **Daytona State College**, Daytona Beach, FL
- **Eastern Florida State College**, Melbourne, FL
- **Florida State College at Jacksonville**, Jacksonville, FL
- **Georgia Gwinnett College**, Lawrenceville, GA
- **Indian River State College**, Fort Pierce, FL
- **Jefferson State Community College**, Birmingham, AL
- **L. E. Fletcher Technical Community College**, Schriever, LA
- **Lenoir Community College**, Kinston, NC
- **Louisiana State University at Eunice**, Eunice, LA
- **Mountain Gateway Community College**, Clifton Forge, VA

- **Richmond Community College**, Hamlet, NC
- **Rockingham Community College**, Wentworth, NC
- **St. Johns River State College**, Palatka, FL
- **Sampson Community College**, Clinton, NC
- **Sandhills Community College**, Pinehurst, NC
- **Seminole State College of Florida**, Sanford, FL
- **Snead State Community College**, Boaz, AL
- **South Piedmont Community College**, Polkton, NC
- **South Plains College**, Levelland, TX
- **Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College**, Bowling Green, KY
- **Southern Crescent Technical College**, Griffin, GA
- **Tarrant County College District**, Fort Worth, TX
- **Valencia College**, Orlando, FL
- **Victoria College**, Victoria, TX
- **Virginia Western Community College**, Roanoke, VA
- **Western Piedmont Community College**, Morganton, NC

### The Board reaffirmed accreditation for the following institution(s) and requested a Monitoring Report within twelve (12) months:

- **Augusta Technical College**, Augusta, GA
- **Coastal Bend College**, Beeville, TX
- **Enterprise State Community College**, Enterprise, AL
- **Montgomery Community College**, Troy, NC
- **Rust College**, Holly Springs, MS

### The Board granted initial accreditation to the following institution:

- **Central Louisiana Technical Community College**, Alexandria, LA

**The Board granted Candidacy and authorized an Accreditation Committee to visit the following institution(s):**

- **Reid State Technical College**, Evergreen, AL

**The Board continued accreditation following review of off-campus instructional sites as part of the Fifth Year Interim Review:**

- **Ashland Community and Technical College**, Ashland, KY—Reviewed off-campus instructional sites located in Kentucky conducted as a part of the Fifth-Year Interim Review at: Boyd County Career & Technical Education Center, Ashland; Boyd County High School, Ashland; Fairview High School, Ashland; Ashland; Greenup Area Technical Center, Greenup; and Greenup County High School, Greenup.
- **Big Sandy Community and Technical College**, Prestonsburg, KY—Reviewed off-campus instructional sites located in Kentucky conducted as a part of the Fifth-Year Interim Review at: Floyd County Area Technology Center, Martin; Johnson Central Career and Technical Center, Paintsville; and Martin County Area Technology, Inez.
- **Galen College of Nursing**, Louisville, KY—Reviewed off-campus instructional sites located in Texas conducted as part of the Fifth-Year Interim Review at: Houston Campus, Houston; and Dallas Campus, Dallas.
- **Piedmont Technical College**, Greenwood, SC—Reviewed off-campus instructional sites located in South Carolina conducted as a part of the Fifth-Year Interim Review at: Abbeville County Career Center, Abbeville; Cambridge Academy, Greenwood; and Greenwood Christian School, Greenwood.

**The Board continued accreditation resulting from a Substantive Change Committee on-site review of the previously approved change:**

- **Allen University, Columbia, SC**—Reviewed membership at Level V to offer the Doctor of Ministry in Religion (approved June 2023).
- **Baylor College of Medicine**, Houston, TX—Reviewed a branch campus in Texas at Baylor College of Medicine School of Medicine—Temple (approved December 2021).
- **Bluefield University**, Bluefield, VA—Reviewed an off-campus instructional site at the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine-Auburn (VCOM-Auburn) in Auburn, Alabama (approved December 2022).
- **Brewton-Parker College**, Mount Vernon, GA—Reviewed membership at Level III, offering the Master of Arts (M.A.) in Ministry and the Master of Arts (M.A.) in Biblical and Theological Studies (approved December 2022).
- **Concordia University Texas**, Austin, TX—Reviewed a change in governance from the bylaws of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS/CUS) to its own Board of Regents (BOR) (approved December 2022).
- **Dyersburg State Community College**, Dyersburg, TN—Reviewed the acquisition of off-campus instructional sites located in Tennessee at: Crockett County High School, Alamo; Dresden High School, Dresden; Henry County Adult Learning Center (to be renamed DSCC Henry County Center), Paris; Gleason High School, Gleason; Greenfield High School, Greenfield; Haywood High School, Brownsville; Henry County High School, Paris; Tennessee Technology Center, Brownsville; Weakley County Center for Adult Continuing Education, Dresden; and Westview High School, Martin; all formerly affiliated with Jackson State Community College (a SACSCOC accredited institution) by Dyersburg

State Community College (a SACSCOC accredited institution) (approved June 2023).

- **East Texas Baptist University**, Marshall, TX—Approved the merger/consolidation between East Texas Baptist University (a SACSCOC accredited institution) and B. H. Carroll Theological Seminary (a non-SACSCOC accredited institution), and continued accreditation and reviewed membership at Level VI, offering several doctoral programs.
- **Florence-Darlington Technical College**, Florence, SC—Reviewed an off-campus instructional site located at Academy for Career and Technology in Mullins, South Carolina (approved December 2022).
- **Galen College of Nursing**, Louisville, KY—Reviewed multiple off-campus instructional sites at the Galen College of Nursing at: Wichita (branch campus), Wichita, Kansas; and Salt Lake City (branch campus) Salt Lake City, Utah (approved June 2022).
- **Houston Community College**, Houston, TX—Reviewed membership at Level II to offer (1) the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Healthcare Management and (2) the Bachelor of Applied Technology (BAT) in Artificial Intelligence & Robotics (approved December 2022).
- **Jackson State Community College**, Jackson, TN—Reviewed the acquisition of an off-campus instructional site at Gibson County Center in Trenton, Tennessee currently affiliated with Dyersburg State Community College (a SACSCOC accredited institution) by Jackson State Community College (a SACSCOC accredited institution) (approved June 2023).
- **Jacksonville State University**, Jacksonville, AL—Reviewed an off-campus instructional site located at the Longleaf Building, Jacksonville, Alabama (approved December 2023).
- **Jacksonville State University**, Jacksonville, AL—Reviewed an off-campus instructional site located at the South Complex in Jacksonville, Alabama (approved December 2023).
- **Jarvis Christian University**, Hawkins, TX—Reviewed membership at Level III to offer the Master of Business Administration degree and the Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice (approved December 2021).
- **Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center**, New Orleans, LA—Reviewed an off-campus instructional site located at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Alexandria, Alexandria, LA (approved June 2023).
- **Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center**, New Orleans, LA—Reviewed an off-campus instructional site located at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center—Shreveport, Shreveport, LA (approved August 2022).
- **Lubbock Christian University**, Lubbock, TX—Reviewed membership at Level V to offer the Post-Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Clinical Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) (approved June 2023).
- **Roanoke College**, Salem, VA—Reviewed membership at Level III to offer Master of Business Administration (MBA) (approved December 2022).
- **South Louisiana Community College**, Lafayette, LA—Reviewed the Prison Educational Program (PEP) at the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office Public Safety Complex off-campus instructional site (OCIS) in Scott, Louisiana (approved September 2023).
- **Southeastern Community College**, Whiteville, NC—Reviewed off-campus instructional sites located in North Carolina at: South Columbus High School, Tabor City; Whiteville High School, Whiteville; and East Columbus High School, Waccamaw (approved June 2023).
- **Stephen F. Austin State University**, Nacogdoches, TX—Reviewed a change in governance from the institution's own Board of Regents to the University of Texas System Board of Regents (approved June 2023).



- **University of the Cumberlands**, Williamsburg, KY—Reviewed an off-campus instructional site located at Williamsburg Independent High School in Williamsburg, Kentucky (approved June 2023).
- **University of South Carolina Upstate**, Spartanburg, SC—Reviewed membership at Level V, offering the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)(approved June 2023).
- **The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio**, San Antonio, TX—Reviewed an off-campus instructional site located at Wonderland of the Americas in San Antonio, Texas (approved June 2023).
- **The University of Virginia's College at Wise**, Wise, VA—Reviewed membership at Level III to offer the Master of Education (approved December 2022).

**The Board accredited at a new degree level for the following institutions:**

- **Alvin Community College**, Alvin, TX—Approved membership at Level II to offer the Bachelor of Applied Sciences in Business Administration and Management degree (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Northwest Vista College**, San Antonio, TX—Approved membership at Level II to offer the Bachelor of Applied Technology in Cloud Computing (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Voorhees University**, Denmark, SC—Approved membership at Level V to offer the Doctor of Educational Leadership degree (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.

**The Board approved for a substantive change at the following institutions:**

- **Ashland Community and Technical College**, Ashland, KY—Approved by extensive review of an off-campus instructional site at Little Sandy Correctional Complex in Sandy Hook, KY (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Ashland Community and Technical College**, Ashland, KY—Approved by extensive review of an off-campus instructional site located in Kentucky at: West Carter High School, Olive Hill (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Cabarrus College of Health Sciences**, Concord, NC.—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site in North Carolina at: The Plaza Building, Concord (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Central Texas College**, Killeen, TX—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site located in Texas at: Gatesville/Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Alfred Hughes Unit, Gatesville; Gatesville/Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Patrick O'Daniel Unit, Gatesville; and Gatesville/Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Dr. Lane Murray Unit, Gatesville (intended implementation: September 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Central Texas College**, Killeen, TX—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site located in Texas at: Gatesville/Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Christina Melton Crain Unit, Gatesville (intended implementation: September 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.

- **College of Coastal Georgia**, Brunswick, GA—Approved by extensive review of an off-campus instructional site located in Georgia at Coastal Teaching Kitchen, Brunswick (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Dallas College**, Dallas, TX—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site located in Texas at: Keith Bell Opportunity Central, Forney (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Dallas College**, Dallas, TX—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site in Texas at: Legacy High School, Richardson (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Dallas College**, Dallas, TX—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site in Texas at: Inspired Vision Academy Secondary, Dallas (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Dallas College**, Dallas, TX—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site located in Texas at: Berkner High School, Richardson (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Dallas College**, Dallas, TX—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site located in Texas at: Richardson High School, Richardson (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Elaine P. Nunez Community College**, Chalmette, LA—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site located in Louisiana at: East Jefferson High School, Metairie; and West Jefferson High School, Harvey (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Elaine P. Nunez Community College**, Chalmette, LA—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site located in Louisiana at: Bonnabel Magnet Academy High School, Kenner (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Elaine P. Nunez Community College**, Chalmette, LA—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site located in Louisiana at: Cuillier Career Center, Marrero (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Elaine P. Nunez Community College**, Chalmette, LA—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site located in Louisiana at: New Orleans Career Center Site, New Orleans (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Emory University**, Atlanta, GA—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site in Georgia at: Medical Science in Anesthesiology Center, Atlanta (intended implementation: February 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Emory University**, Atlanta, GA—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site in Georgia at: Emory Decatur Hospital Campus, Decatur (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Ferrum College**, Ferrum, VA—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site in Virginia at: Ferrum College at Franklin County Fire Training Facility, Ferrum (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive

Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.

- **Ferrum College**, Ferrum, VA—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site in Virginia at: Ferrum College at Virginia Technical Institute, Altavista (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Ferrum College**, Ferrum, VA—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site in Virginia at: Ferrum College at Build Smart Institute, Roanoke (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Hazard Community and Technical College**, Hazard, KY—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at Lee Adjustment Center, Beattyville, KY (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Hillsborough Community College**, Tampa, FL—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site located in Florida at: Spoto High School, Riverview (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Horry-Georgetown Technical College**, Conway, SC—Approved by extensive review off-campus instructional sites in South Carolina at: Carver Bay Early College & Career High School, Hemingway; and North Myrtle Beach High School, Little River (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Kentucky State University**, Frankfort, KY—Approved a prospectus for a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological and Agricultural Engineering (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Kentucky State University**, Frankfort, KY—Approved by extensive review off-campus instructional sites in Kentucky at: Frankfort High School, Frankfort; Carter G. Woodson Academy, Lexington; and Owen County High School, Owenton (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Kentucky State University**, Frankfort, KY—Approved a prospectus for a Bachelor of Science degree in Manufacturing Engineering (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Kilgore College**, Kilgore, TX—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site in Texas at: White Oak High School, White Oak (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **L. E. Fletcher Technical Community College**, Schriever, LA—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at Elayn Hunt Correctional Center in St. Gabriel, LA (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Loyola University New Orleans**, New Orleans, LA—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at Rayburn Correctional Center in Washington Parish, Louisiana; and approved a Prison Education Program (PEP) (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Midway University**, Midway, KY—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site located in Kentucky at: Woodford County High School, Versailles (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.

- **Northeast Alabama Community College**, Rainsville, AL—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site in Alabama at Skyline High School, Rainsville (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Northeastern Technical College**, Cheraw, SC—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site in South Carolina located at: McBee Campus, McBee (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Northeastern Technical College**, Cheraw, SC—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site located in South Carolina at: Dillon High School, Dillon; and Lake View High School, Lake View (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Northeastern Technical College**, Cheraw, SC—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site located in South Carolina at: Dillon McLeod Campus, Dillon (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Richard Bland College**, South Prince George, VA—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site located in Virginia at: Prince George High School, Prince George (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **River Parishes Community College**, Gonzales, LA—Approved by extensive review off-campus instructional sites located in Louisiana at: Donaldsonville High School, Donaldsonville; Apple Digital Academy, Sorrento (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Robeson Community College**, Lumberton, NC—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at Lumberton Correctional Institution in Lumberton, NC (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Savannah Technical College**, Savannah, GA—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site located in Georgia at: Groves High School, Garden City (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Southside Virginia Community College**, Alberta, VA—Approved by extensive review of off-campus instructional sites located in Virginia at: Baskerville Correctional Center, Baskerville; Nottoway Correctional Center, Burkeville; and State Farm Correctional Center, State Farm; and approval of a Prison Education Program (PEP) offered at each site (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Spartanburg Community College**, Spartanburg, SC—Approval by extensive review of off-campus instructional sites in South Carolina at: Boiling Springs High School, Boiling Springs; Gettys D. Broome High School, Spartanburg; and Spartanburg High School, Spartanburg (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Texas A&M University-San Antonio**, San Antonio, TX—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site in Texas at Texas A&M University System RELIS Academic Alliance, Bryan (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Trinity Valley Community College**, Athens, TX—Approved by extensive review of an off-campus instructional site located in Texas at: Tyler ISD



Career and Technology Center, Tyler (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.

- **Trinity Valley Community College**, Athens, TX—Approved by extensive review of an off-campus instructional site in Texas at Lindale High School, Lindale (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **University of North Texas**, Denton, TX—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site located in Texas: at Discovery Park, Denton (intended implementation: January 2004). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **University of West Georgia**, Carrollton, GA—Approved by extensive review of off-campus instructional sites in Georgia at: Hays State Prison, Trion; and the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta; and (2) approval of a Prison Education Programs (PEP) (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **West Kentucky Community and Technical College**, Paducah, KY—Approved by extensive review of off-campus instructional sites located in Kentucky at: Western Kentucky Correctional Complex, Fredonia; and Kentucky State Penitentiary, Eddyville. A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Wilson Community College**, Wilson, NC—Approved by extensive review of an off-campus instructional site located in North Carolina at: Lee Technology Center, Wilson (intended implementation: July 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.

#### The Board approved the prospectus for the merger/consolidation of the following institution:

- **Old Dominion University**, Norfolk, VA—Approved the merger of Old Dominion University and Eastern Virginia Medical School (both SACSCOC accredited institutions) to be called Old Dominion University (intended implementation: July 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.

#### The Board removed the following institution from Warning:

- **LeTourneau University**, Longview, TX

#### The Board requested the following institutions submit a Monitoring Report within six (6) months:

- **Ashland Community and Technical College**, Ashland, KY (2 separate Monitoring Reports)
- **Big Sandy Community and Technical College**, Prestonsburg, KY
- **Georgia Highlands College**, Rome, GA
- **Jones County Junior College**, Ellisville, MS
- **Northeast Alabama Community College**, Rainsville, AL
- **Saint John Vianney College Seminary**, Miami, FL
- **Texas A&M University-Texarkana**, Texarkana, TX
- **University of Virginia**, Charlottesville, VA

#### The Board requested the following institutions submit a Monitoring Report within twelve (12) months:

- **Augusta University**, Augusta, GA
- **Bethel University**, McKenzie, TN
- **Dalton State College**, Dalton, GA
- **Emory & Henry College**, Emory, VA

- **Germanna Community College**, Locust Grove, VA
- **Johnson C. Smith University**, Charlotte, NC
- **Laurel Ridge Community College**, Middletown, VA
- **Mary Baldwin University**, Staunton, VA
- **Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary**, Cordova, TN
- **Northeast Texas Community College**, Mt. Pleasant, TX
- **St. Edward's University**, Austin, TX
- **Trinity Valley Community College**, Athens, TX (2 separate Monitoring Reports)
- **Universidad de las Americas - A.C.**, Mexico City, D.F. CP,
- **The University of Alabama in Huntsville**, Huntsville, AL
- **University of Holy Cross**, New Orleans, LA
- **The University of the South**, Sewanee, TN

### Sanctions and Other Negative Actions

For further information regarding SACSCOC Board sanctions, see the SACSCOC policy, "Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership." Also, for the specific standard or requirement cited below, refer to SACSCOC's *Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement*. Both documents can be found on SACSCOC's website at <https://www.sacscoc.org>.

#### The Board denied a substantive change the following institutions:

- **L. E. Fletcher Technical Community College**, Schriever, LA—Denied approval of a Prison Education Program (PEP) because the institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure it has the capacity to comply with the following standard of the *Principles of Accreditation* as it relates to

the substantive change: Standard 14.5 (Policy compliance).

- **Regent University**, Virginia Beach, VA—Denied approval of a prospectus for a Bachelor of Applied Science in Information Systems Technology because the institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure that it has the capacity to comply with the following standards of the *Principles of Accreditation* as they relate to the substantive change: Core Requirement 9.1 (Program content), Core Requirement 9.2 (Program length), and Standard 10.4 (Academic governance).
- **Robeson Community College**, Lumberton, NC—Denied approval of a Prison Education Program (PEP) because the institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure it has the capacity to comply with the following standard of the *Principles of Accreditation* as it relates to the substantive change: Standard 14.5 (Policy compliance).

#### The Board denied authorization of a Candidacy Committee for the following institution:

- **North American University**, Stafford, TX—For failure to comply with Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources), Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility), and Standard 13.6 (Federal and state responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

#### The Board placed the following institution(s) on Warning:

- **Dillard University**, New Orleans, LA—For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 11.1 (Library and learning/information resources) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **King University**, Bristol, TN—For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement

13.1 (Financial resources) and Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.

- **South University**, Savannah, GA—For six months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 4.1 (Governing board characteristics) and Standard 4.2.b (Board/administration distinction and shared governance) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.

#### The Board continued on Warning the following institutions:

- **High Point University**, High Point, NC—For twelve months for failure to comply with Standard 8.2.a (Student outcomes: educational programs) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Southwestern Adventist University**, Keene, TX—For twelve months for failure to comply with Standard 8.2.a (Student outcomes: educational programs) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.

- **The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary**, Fort Worth, TX—For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources) and Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.

In accordance with the “Standing Rules: Board of Trustees, Executive Council, and the College Delegate Assembly,” members of the Board abstained from a vote on the accreditation status of their respective institutions, affiliated institutions, and any other identified or recognized conflicts of interest.

The Chair thanked the chairs, Board members, evaluators and Special Readers for their collective reviews and recommendations for their institutional peers, and reminded all that the deliberations, decisions, and names of readers of the cases are confidential.

There being no further business, Chair Hansen adjourned the meeting.

## Minutes of the Executive Session of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)—December 8, 2024

The SACSCOC Board of Trustees met in Executive Session and was called to order by Chair Blaine Hansen on Sunday, December 8, 2024.

Kemba Chambers, Vice Chair, called the roll. The following Board members were in attendance: Javaune Adams-Gaston, President, Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA; Charlise Anderson, Managing Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Research Planning and Assessment,

Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee; David Armstrong, President, Saint Thomas University, Miami Gardens, Florida; Michele Atkins, Assistant Provost for Accreditation and Research, Union University, Jackson, Tennessee; Lawrence Barrett, President, Florida Gateway College, Lake City, Florida; Ginger Bishop, Assistant Provost, Director of Institutional Effectiveness, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Christopher Blake,

President, Middle Georgia State University, Macon, Georgia; Zarina Blakenbaker, President-Northwest Campus, Tarrant County College District, Fort Worth, TX; Connie Book, President, Elon University, Elon, NC; Frances Bradford, Senior Vice President, State Government Relations, McGuire Woods Consulting, Richmond, VA (Public Representative); Eric Bruntmyer, President and CEO, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, TX; Katie Busby, Director of Institutional Research, Effectiveness and Planning, University of Mississippi, University, Mississippi; Charles Cagle, Lewis Thomason Law Firm, Nashville, Tennessee (Public Representative); Christopher Campbell, Campbell Shatley, PLLC, Asheville, North Carolina (Public Representative); W. Scott Cole, Partner, GrayRobinson Law Firm, Orlando, FL (Public Representative); Marcia Conston, President, Tidewater Community College, Norfolk, Virginia; Karrie Dixon, Chancellor, Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, NC; David Garza, President, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Monterrey, N.L., Mexico (International Representative); Molly M. Goldwasser, Associate Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina; Brent Gregory, President, East Central Community College, Decatur, Mississippi; Kimberly B. Hall, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement & Effectiveness, South College, Knoxville, Tennessee; Tracy D. Hall, President, Southwest Tennessee Community College, Memphis, Tennessee; Blaine J. Hansen, Executive Vice President, Strategic Operations and Public Relations, Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, North Carolina; Tina S. Holland, President, Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Andrew T. Hsu, President, College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina; John F. Keener, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness/Registrar, Randolph College, Lynchburg, VA; Cynthia S. Kelley, President, Madisonville Community College, Madisonville, Kentucky; Shannon L. Kennedy, Rappahannock

Community College, Glens, Virginia; Lori King-Taylor, Trinity Performance Solutions, Madison, Alabama (Public Representative); Sundra Kinney, Associate Provost for Program Quality and Institutional Accreditation Liaison, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, Florida; Timothy D. Letzring, Senior Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida; Lisa E. Long, Chief Operating and Transformation Officer and Board Liaison, Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, AL; John Marsden, President, Midway University, Midway, Kentucky; Angela S. Martin, Vice President for Financial Planning and Chief Budget Officer, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY; William McKee, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs, Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee; Jeremy McMillen, President, Grayson College, Denison, Texas; Stanton McNeely III, President, University of Holy Cross, New Orleans, LA; Juan E. Mejia, President and CEO, Tyler Junior College, Tyler, TX; Dewayne Middleton, President, Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Wesson, MS; Jacqueline Lee Mok, Vice President for Academic, Faculty, and Student Affairs, The University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX; Charles L. Munns, Vice Admiral, USN (ret.), Aiken, South Carolina (Public Representative); Nancy Neal, Retired School Nurse, Lubbock, Texas (Public Representative); Elizabeth L. Normandy, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Planning & Accreditation, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Pembroke, North Carolina; Debbie Norris, Vice President for Planning & Graduate Dean, Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi; Norma Perez, Vice Chancellor for Instructional Services and Chief Academic Officer, Houston Community College, Houston, Texas; Robert Pervine, Senior Associate Provost, Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky; Loraine Phillips, Associate Provost for Academic Effectiveness, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia;



Jennifer Restrepo, Assistant Vice President for Academic Planning & Accountability, Florida International University, Miami, Florida; Christine Robinson, Assistant Provost, Institutional Effectiveness and Analytics, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, NC; Kevin A. Rolle, Chief of Staff, Alabama State University, Montgomery, AL; Dionne Rosser-Mims, Campus Vice Chancellor, Troy University, Phenix City, Alabama; Eric Schneider, Vice Provost of Institutional Effectiveness, Wingate University, Wingate, North Carolina; Jacqueline B. Screws, President, Chattahoochee Valley Community College, Phenix City, Alabama; General Sally Selden, Provost and Dean of the College, The Citadel, Charleston, SC; William Serrata, President, El Paso County Community College District, El Paso, TX; Ronnie Slone, President, The Slone Group, LLC, Metairie, LA (Public Representative); Kristine Strickland, Chancellor, L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College, Schriever, Louisiana; Mrinal M. Varma, Provost & Senior Vice Chancellor, Auburn University at Montgomery, Montgomery, Alabama; C. Reynold Verret, President, Xavier University of Louisiana, New Orleans, LA; Connie Walton, Provost, Grambling State University, Grambling, Louisiana; Burton J. Webb, President, University of Pikeville, Pikeville, Kentucky; and Joel D. Welch, President, Western Piedmont Community College, Morganton, North Carolina.

The following Board members were not in attendance: Roslyn C. Artis, President, Benedict College, Columbia, South Carolina; David Barnett, President, Brenau University, Gainesville, Georgia; Andrea D. Daniel, President, Athens Technical College, North Athens, Georgia; T. Hampton Hopkins, President, Baptist Health Sciences University, Memphis, TN; James L. Hurley, President, Tarleton State University, Stephenville, TX; Matteel D. Knowles, Vice President for Student Services, Greenville Technical College,

Greenville, South Carolina; Laura Leatherwood, President, Blue Ridge Community College, Blue Ridge, North Carolina; Mary McKinley, Partner, Forvis Accounting Firm, LLP, Louisville, KY (Public Representative); Felecia M. Nave, Faculty Member, Alcorn State University, Lorman, Mississippi; Randell Trammell, Chief Executive Officer, Georgia Center for Civic Engagement, Cartersville, GA (Public Representative); and Angela Turner Ford, Senator, Mississippi State Senate District 16, West Point, MS (Public Representative)

SACSCOC staff present during the meeting were: Belle S. Wheelan, President; Patricia Agard, Executive Assistant; Crystal A. Baird, Vice President; Donna J. Barrett, Director of Institutional; Rae L. Borden, Director, Legal and Governmental Affairs, and Commission Support; Lynne S. Crosby, Vice President; John R. Donnelly, Vice President; Nuria M. Cuevas, Vice President; Patricia L. Donat, Vice President; Sandra J. Jordan, Chief of Staff; Geoffrey C. Klein, Vice President; Jay D. Marr, Vice President; J. Matthew Melton, Vice President; Patricia "Trish" A. Parrish, Vice President; Kelli V. Randall, Vice President; Kevin W. Sightler, Director of Substantive Change; Denise Y. Young, Vice President; and Robin E. Zúñiga, Coordinator of Substantive Change.

SACSCOC Legal Counsel, Patrick W. McKee and Patrick F. McKee were also in attendance.

The Board approved the minutes of the June 2024 meeting of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees. The Board received for information the minutes of the June 2024 and October 2024 meetings of the Executive Council.

## Report from the Chair

Chair Hansen reported the following new appointments to the board:

- Dr. Dewayne Middleton, President of Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson, Mississippi, will serve as the Track A state

representative, and Senator Angela Turner-Ford of the Mississippi State Senate District 16 will serve as the Public Representative.

The Chair further reported that during its session on Friday, December 6, 2024, the Executive Council approved or considered the following:

- The Council received an update on the FY 2025 SACSCOC budget. Dr. Wheelan addressed the budget in her report.
- The Council received a report from the SACSCOC Investment Committee, reviewing investments managed by Fifth-Third Institutional Services.
- The Council received a report from the Audit and Finance Committee regarding the FY23 audit.
- The Differentiated Review Process for the Class of 2027 has occurred. Chair Hansen addressed the process outcomes later in the meeting.
- The Executive Council received staff reports on the following:
  1. The Small College Initiative will take place in April at a location to be determined.
  2. an update on the next phase of the 2024-29 SACSCOC Strategic Plan.
  3. an update on applicant and candidate activity
  4. an update on the Office of Computer Operations.
  5. an update on the Substantive Change Office.
  6. an update on The Office of Training and Research.

The Chair noted the policy revisions that were forwarded to the Board of Trustees at this meeting for approval. (See discussion of policies below.)

Chair Hansen reported that, following a rigorous RFP process in the fall, the Executive Council selected Isaacson, Miller Executive Search to manage the SACSCOC presidential search process.

The process is well underway. Periodic updates will be provided to the Board of Trustees as the search progresses.

Chair Hansen called on SACSCOC legal counsel, Mr. Patrick McKee, for a report to the Board. Mr. McKee reported on the outcome of the arbitration involving Saint Augustine's University. There were no other legal matters on which to report.

Chair Hansen expressed appreciation to the members of the Board of Trustees who are stepping down or whose terms are ending: Michele Atkins, David Garza, Tina Holland, Andrew Hsu, Jacqueline Mok, Nancy Neal, Debbie Norris, Chris Campbell, and Randell Trammell.

## President's Report

Chair Hansen recognized President Belle Wheelan for her report. The following information items were presented to the Board.

1. An *ad hoc* committee appointed by the President in July 2024 explored the use of generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) in SACSCOC accreditation activity. The committee developed a new Artificial Intelligence guideline that was approved by the Executive Council at this meeting.
2. An *ad hoc* committee appointed by the President in July 2024 to further refine the SACSCOC position statement on Three-Year Baccalaureate Degree Programs developed a Reduced Credit Undergraduate Degree guideline for consideration by the Executive Council. The Council requested additional clarification concerning the name of the credential and the course credit threshold. Approval of the guideline was, therefore, tabled pending further clarification from the committee.
3. New staff hires
4. Federal agency updates

## Report of the Nominating Committees

The SACSCOC Board of Trustees reviewed the slate of nominees presented by the Commission's Nominating Committee, chaired by Dr. Thomas "Tim" Hynes, President *Emerita*, Clayton State University in Morrow, Georgia, and approved the following list of individuals to serve as members of the 2024 SACSCOC Executive Council: Blaine Hansen, Vice President for Planning and External Relations, Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, North Carolina (Chair); Kemba Chambers, President, H. Councill Trenholm State Community College, Montgomery, Alabama (Vice Chair); David Armstrong, President, Saint Thomas University, Miami Gardens, Florida; David Barnett, Executive Vice President and CFO, Brenau University, Gainesville, Georgia; Marcia Conston, President, Tidewater Community College, Norfolk, Virginia; Kimberly B. Hall, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement & Effectiveness, South College, Knoxville, Tennessee; Matteel Knowles, Vice President for Student Services, Greenville Technical College, Greenville, South Carolina; Angela Martin, Vice President for Financial Planning and Chief Budget Officer, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky; Jeremy McMillen, President, Grayson College, Denison, Texas; Charles "Chuck" Munns (Ret. Vice Admiral, US Navy), Aiken, South Carolina (Public Representative); Felecia Nave, Faculty Member, Alcorn State University, Lorman, Mississippi; Elizabeth Normandy, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Planning and Accreditation, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Pembroke, North Carolina; and Kristine Strickland, Chancellor, L. E. Fletcher Technical Community College, Schriever, Louisiana. The Board approved the slate for the Executive Council.

The reports from the Nominating Committee for the Commission regarding nominees to the SACSCOC Board of Trustees, the Appeals

Committee of the College Delegate Assembly, the Hearing Officer, and the Roster of Arbitrators were presented as information and forwarded to the College Delegate Assembly for approval. Chair Hansen thanked the members of the Executive Council for coordinating the nominating processes in their respective states. The recommended nominations for the Committees on Compliance and Reports (C&R) chairs were also approved by the board.

## Differentiated Review Process

Chair Hansen updated the Board members regarding the institutions in the Class of 2027 approved to participate in the Differentiated Review Process. Institutions have been informed of their status and directed to send Leadership Teams to the Orientation Session that occurs concurrently with the SACSCOC Annual Meeting.

Further, the Chair noted that the Differentiated Review Eligibility Committee served as the committee that developed the policy to ensure consistency in the application of the policy occurred as intended. The board was reminded of the staggered Committee terms that began in 2023. The Class of 2027 will begin their terms next year.

## Report From The Executive Council On Revised Policies And Other Documents Referred To The Board For Review And Approval, For Action

Chair Hansen informed the Board that the Executive Council reviewed two (2) new guidelines, proposed changes to six (6) SACSCOC policies and one (1) Interpretation of Standard 12.6 (Student debt and financial literacy) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A summary document of the specific changes to the policies was provided to members of the Board in Diligent. Chair

Hansen gave a brief overview of all policies and asked for a motion after each policy.

The Board approved the following policies as presented for action.

1. Revision Interpretation of Standard 12.6 (Student debt and financial literacy). (for approval)
2. Reinstatement and revision of Accelerated Process for Institutions Accredited by an Institutional Accreditor Recognized by the USDE (for approval)
3. Artificial Intelligence Guideline (for information)
4. Approval of new Change in Membership (for approval)
5. Revision of Differentiated Review Process (DRP) (for approval)
6. Revision of Integrity and Institutional Obligations to SACSCOC (for approval)
7. Discontinuation of Joint and Dual Academic Awards (for approval)
8. Revision of Substantive Change Policy & Procedures. (for approval)

The Board tabled (until March) action on the following guideline pending additional guidance from staff and the *ad hoc* committee.

9. Reduced Credit Undergraduate Degree Guideline (for information)

### **SACSCOC Actions on Accreditation**

The SACSCOC Board of Trustees took the following actions regarding the accreditation status of institutions reviewed. The following list includes the names of institutions required to submit additional monitoring reports.

#### **The Board reaffirmed accreditation for the following institution(s):**

- **Appalachian State University**, Boone, NC

- **Austin Peay State University**, Clarksville, TN
- **Bryan College**, Dayton, TN
- **Campbellsville University**, Campbellsville, KY
- **The Citadel**, Charleston, SC
- **Clayton State University**, Morrow, GA
- **Dallas Theological Seminary**, Dallas, TX
- **East Texas A&M University**, Commerce, TX (formerly Texas A&M University—Commerce)
- **Emory University**, Atlanta, GA
- **Erskine College**, Due West, SC (revised action taken in January 2025)
- **Florida Atlantic University**, Boca Raton, FL
- **Florida State University**, Tallahassee, FL
- **Georgia College & State University**, Milledgeville, GA
- **Georgia Southwestern State University**, Americus, GA
- **Howard Payne University**, Brownwood, TX
- **Jacksonville State University**, Jacksonville, AL
- **Jarvis Christian University**, Hawkins, TX
- **Longwood University**, Farmville, VA
- **Louisiana State University and A&M College**, Baton Rouge, LA
- **Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport**, Shreveport, LA
- **Maryville College**, Maryville, TN
- **Mississippi State University**, Mississippi State, MS
- **Mississippi University for Women**, Columbus, MS
- **Murray State University**, Murray, KY
- **North Carolina State University**, Raleigh, NC
- **St. Mary's University**, San Antonio, TX
- **Seminary of the Southwest**, Austin, TX
- **University of Florida**, Gainesville, FL
- **University of Houston - Victoria**, Victoria, TX



- **University of Mary Hardin-Baylor**, Belton, TX
- **University of Mobile**, Mobile, AL
- **The University of North Carolina at Greensboro**, Greensboro, NC
- **University of West Georgia**, Carrollton, GA
- **Virginia Commonwealth University**, Richmond, VA

**The Board reaffirmed accreditation for the following institution(s) and requested a Monitoring Report within six (6) months:**

- **South University**, Savannah, GA

**The Board reaffirmed accreditation for the following institution(s) and requested a Monitoring Report within twelve (12) months:**

- **Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University**, Huntsville, AL
- **Barry University**, Miami Shores, FL
- **Delta State University**, Cleveland, MS
- **University of Dallas**, Irving, TX

**The Board granted initial accreditation to the following institution:**

- **Kentucky College of Art and Design, Inc.**, Louisville, KY

**The Board authorized a Candidacy Committee to visit the following institution:**

- **Williamson College**, Franklin, TN

**The Board granted Candidacy and authorized an Accreditation Committee to visit the following institution:**

- **Rabdan Academy**, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

**The Board continued accreditation following review of off-campus instructional site as part of the Fifth Year Interim Review:**

- **Somerset Community College**, Somerset, KY—Reviewed off-campus instructional sites located in Kentucky at: Corbin Area Technical Center, Corbin; Eastern Kentucky University, Manchester Campus; Valley Oak Center, Somerset; and Whitley County High School/Area Technical Center, Williamsburg.

**The Board continued accreditation resulting from a Substantive Change Committee on-site review of the previously approved change:**

- **Coker University**, Hartsville, SC—Reviewed membership at Level V to offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)(approved December 2022).
- **College of Charleston**, Charleston, SC—Reviewed membership at Level V to offer the Doctor of Mathematics with Computation (approved June 2023).
- **Galen College of Nursing**, Louisville, KY —Reviewed an off campus instructional site located at Galen College of Nursing, Las Vegas, NV (approved December 2023).
- **Galen College of Nursing**, Louisville, KY—Reviewed membership at Level V to offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice (approved December 2022).
- **Kentucky State University**, Frankfort, KY—Reviewed off-campus instructional sites in Kentucky at: Frankfort High School, Frankfort; Carter G. Woodson Academy, Lexington; and Owen County High School, Owenton (approved June 2024).
- **McMurry University**, Abilene, TX—Reviewed off-campus instructional sites in Texas at: Fortis Academy, Liberty Hill; and Southwest Christian School-Lakeside Campus, Fort Worth (approved December 2023).
- **Mississippi Valley State University**, Itta Bena, MS—Reviewed a Prison Education Program

off-campus instructional sites in Mississippi: Bolivar County Regional Correctional Facility, Cleveland; and Delta Correctional Facility, Greenwood (approved December 2023).

- **Mississippi Valley State University**, Itta Bena, MS—Reviewed off-campus instructional sites located in Mississippi at: Bolivar County Regional Correction Facility, Cleveland; and Delta Correctional Facility, Greenwood (approved December 2023).
- **Navarro College**, Corsicana, TX—Reviewed membership at Level II to offer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (approved December 2022).
- **Oglethorpe University**, Atlanta, GA—Reviewed membership at Level III to offer the Master of Business Administration (approved June 2023).
- **St. Philip's College**, San Antonio, TX—Reviewed membership at Level II to offer the Bachelor of Applied Technology in Cybersecurity degree (approved December 2023).
- **Snead State Community College**, Boaz, AL—Reviewed an off-campus instructional site at the Southern Museum of Flight in Birmingham, Alabama (approved December 2022).
- **University of North Carolina at Pembroke**, Pembroke, NC—Reviewed membership at Level V to offer the Doctor of Nurse Practice (DNP) (approved December 2023).

#### The Board accredited at a new degree level the following institutions:

- **Dallas International University**, Dallas, TX—Approved membership at Level I to offer the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Agribusiness (intended implementation: January 2025). The institution will continue its accreditation at Level V. A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Miles College**, Fairfield, AL—Approved membership at Level III to offer the Master of Science in Management (MSM) with concentration in Sports Management (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive

Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.

- **Truett McConnell University**, Cleveland, GA—Approved membership at Level V to offer the Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) (effective August 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **University of Mount Olive**, Mount Olive, NC—Approved membership at Level V to offer the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership (effective August 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.

#### The Board approved a substantive change for the following institutions:

- **Anderson University**, Anderson, SC—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at Anderson University (College of Engineering), Anderson, SC (intended implementation: August 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **AdventHealth University**, Orlando, FL—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site located at AdventHealth University, Tampa, FL (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Baptist University of Florida**, Graceville, FL—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at the Miami location, effective January 1, 2025. A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Baptist University of Florida**, Graceville, FL—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at the Broward location, effective January 1, 2025. A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.

- **Big Sandy Community and Technical College**, Prestonsburg, KY—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at Big Sandy Federal Prison, Inez, KY (intended implementation: March 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Big Sandy Community and Technical College**, Prestonsburg, KY—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at the Southeast State Correctional Complex, Wheelwright, KY (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Blue Ridge Community College**, Weyers Cave, VA—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at Rocktown High School, Harrisonburg, VA (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Bluefield University**, Bluefield, VA—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at Bluefield VCOM Carolinas (intended implementation: June 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Campbellsville University**, Campbellsville, KY—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at Monroe County Medical Center, Tompkinsville, KY, and approved the Paramedic certificate program to be offered (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Carson-Newman University**, Jefferson City, TN—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at Lakeway Christian Academy, Jefferson City, TN (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Central Georgia Technical College**, Warner Robins, GA—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site located at Dooly State Prison, Unadilla, GA, effective January 8, 2025. A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Dallas International University**, Dallas, TX—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at Dallas International University BOBI Agribusiness Institute, Kampala, Uganda (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Emmanuel University**, Franklin Springs, GA—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at Free Chapel College, Gainesville, GA (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Galen College of Nursing**, Louisville, KY—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at Galen College of Nursing, Aurora, CO (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Galen College of Nursing**, Louisville, KY—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at the Galen College of Nursing in Orlando, FL, branch campus (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Keiser University**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site located at Hanoi Center, Hanoi, Vietnam (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Keiser University**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site in Hue City, Vietnam (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.

- **Keiser University**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site located at Ho Chi Minh City - District 3 Site in Vietnam (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Keiser University**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site in Colombo, Sri Lanka (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Keiser University**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site in Kandy, Sri Lanka (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Keiser University**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site in Kurunegala, Sri Lanka (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Keiser University**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site in Negombo, Sri Lanka (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Keiser University**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site in Guayaquil, Ecuador (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Keiser University**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site in Jakarta, Indonesia (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Keiser University**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at in Lima, Peru (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Keiser University**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at Centro Comercial La Alzambra Avenida La Alzambra 29660 (Puerto Banus), Marbella, Spain (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Keiser University**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site in Mumbai, India (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Keiser University**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site located at the Santa Cruz Site, in Plurinational State, Santa Cruz, Bolivia (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Kentucky State University**, Frankfort, KY—Approved to offer the Master of Science in Biological and Agricultural Engineering (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Lincoln Memorial University**, Harrogate, TN—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at LMU-Lexington at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, KY (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Louisiana State University at Eunice**, Eunice, LA—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at Eunice High School, Eunice, LA (intended implementation: January



2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.

- **Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport**, Shreveport, LA—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at Lafayette, LA, for the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) (intended implementation: May 2026). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Madisonville Community College**, Madisonville, KY—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at the Green River Correctional Complex, Central City, KY (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Middle Georgia State University**, Macon, GA—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at Dublin City Schools College and Career Center, Dublin, GA, (intended implementation: August 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Middle Georgia State University**, Macon, GA—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at R. Wayne Lowe Synergy Innovation Complex, Warner Robins, GA (intended implementation: August 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Northeast Alabama Community College**, Rainsville, AL—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at Moon Lake Village, Mentone, AL (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Northshore Technical Community College**, Lacombe, LA—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at St. Tammany Academic Center, Covington, LA (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Owensboro Community and Technical College**, Owensboro, KY—Approved by extensive review off-campus instructional sites at HealthForce One Mobile Lab 1 and HealthForce One Mobile Lab 2; both sites located in Owensboro, KY (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Pensacola State College**, Pensacola, FL—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at Pensacola State College Aviation Maintenance Training Facility, Pensacola, FL (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Robeson Community College**, Lumberton, NC—Approved by extensive review off-campus instructional sites in North Carolina at: Fairmont High School, Fairmont; and Saint Paul's High School, St. Paul (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **San Jacinto Community College District**, Pasadena, TX—Approved by extensive review off-campus instructional sites in Texas at: Atascocita High School, Atascocita; Humble High School, Humble; Kingwood High School, Houston; Kingwood Park High School, Houston; and Summer Creek High School, Houston (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Surry Community College**, Dobson, NC—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at The Pilot Center, Pilot Mountain, NC (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Surry Community College**, Dobson, NC—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at The Center for Public Safety, Mt. Airy, NC (intended implementation: August

2024). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.

- **Surry Community College**, Dobson, NC—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at the Elkin Center, Mt. Airy, NC (intended implementation: August 2024). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Technical College of the Lowcountry**, Beaufort, SC—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at Ridgeland Correctional Institution, Ridgeland, SC (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **The University of Alabama**, Tuscaloosa, AL—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at Dauphin Island Sea Lab, Dauphin Island, AL (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **The University of Texas at Dallas**, Richardson, TX—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site located at Collin College Technical Campus, Allen, TX (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Virginia Wesleyan University**, Virginia Beach, VA—Approved by extensive review off-campus instructional sites located in Virginia at St. Brides Correctional Center, Chesapeake; and Indian Creek Correctional Center, Chesapeake (intended implementation: July 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **University of the Incarnate Word**, San Antonio, TX—Approved by extensive review off-campus instructional sites located in Texas at Randolph Air Force Base, JBSA-Randolph; Fort Sam Houston, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston; and Lackland Air Force Base, JBSA-Lackland (intended

implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.

- **Wiregrass Georgia Technical College**, Valdosta, GA—Approved by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at Coffee Campus Commercial Truck Driving and Diesel Technology Center, Douglas, GA (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.

#### **The Board approved the acquisition by the following institution:**

- **McMurry University**, Abilene, TX—Approved the acquisition of Hardin-Simmons University's assets in the Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing, a SACSCOC accredited institution, (intended implementation: January 2025). A Substantive Change Committee was authorized to visit the institution.

#### **The Board removed the following institutions from Warning:**

- **Cape Fear Community College**, Wilmington, NC
- **South University**, Savannah, GA

#### **The Board removed the following institution(s) from Probation for Good Cause and requested the institution submit a Fifth-Year Follow-Up Report:**

- **Saint Leo University**, Saint Leo, FL

#### **The Board requested the following institution(s) submit a Monitoring Report within six (6) months:**

- **Baptist University of Florida**, Graceville, FL
- **Florida Southern College**, Lakeland, FL
- **Motlow State Community College**, Tullahoma, TN

The Board requested the following institution(s) submit a Monitoring Report within twelve (12) months:

- **Alice Lloyd College**, Pippa Passes, KY
- **Anderson University**, Anderson, SC
- **Florida Memorial University**, Miami Gardens, FL
- **Mitchell Community College**, Statesville, NC
- **Nashville State Community College**, Nashville, TN
- **Oakwood University**, Huntsville, AL
- **Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College**, Cumberland, KY
- **Southside Virginia Community College**, Alberta, VA
- **Southwestern Christian College**, Terrell, TX
- **T.A. Lawson State Community College**, Birmingham, AL
- **Talladega College**, Talladega, AL
- **Tougaloo College**, Tougaloo, MS
- **University of the Incarnate Word**, San Antonio, TX
- **Virginia Highlands Community College**, Abingdon, VA

### Sanctions and Other Negative Actions

For further information regarding SACSCOC Board sanctions, see the SACSCOC policy, “Sanctions, Denial of Reaffirmation, and Removal from Membership.” Also, for the specific standard or requirement cited below, refer to SACSCOC’s *Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement*. Both documents can be found on SACSCOC’s website at <https://www.sacscoc.org>.

The Board denied a substantive change for the following institutions:

- **Georgetown College**, Georgetown, KY—Denied approval to offer the Master of Arts in Clinical Addiction Counseling (intended implementation:

August 2025) because the institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure that it has the capacity to comply with the following standards of the *Principles of Accreditation* as they relate to the substantive change: Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources) and Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility).

- **Georgetown College**, Georgetown, KY—Denied approval to offer the Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and a Master of Arts in Clinical Addiction Counseling Dual Degree (effective August 2025) because the institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure that it has the capacity to comply with the following standards of the *Principles of Accreditation* as they relate to the substantive change: Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources) and Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility).
- **Georgetown College**, Georgetown, KY—Denied approval to offer a Master of Education in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and a Master of Education in Professional School Counseling (intended implementation: August 2025) because the institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure that it has the capacity to comply with the following standards of the *Principles of Accreditation* as they relate to the substantive change: Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources) and Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility).
- **Georgetown College**, Georgetown, KY—Denied approval to offer the Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (intended implementation: August 2025) because the institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure that it has the capacity to comply with the following standards of the *Principles of Accreditation* as they relate to the substantive change: Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources) and Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility).

- **Georgetown College**, Georgetown, KY—Denied approval to offer the Master of Education in Professional School Counseling degree (intended implementation: August 2025) because the institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure that it has the capacity to comply with the following standards of the *Principles of Accreditation* as they relate to the substantive change: Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources) and Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility).
- **McLennan Community College**, Waco, TX—Denied approval of a level change because the institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure it has the capacity to comply with the following standards of the *Principles of Accreditation* as it relates to the substantive change: Standard 6.2.a (Faculty qualifications), Standard 6.2.b (Program faculty), Standard 8.2.a (Student outcomes: educational programs), Standard 10.4 (Academic governance) and Standard 13.7 (Physical resources).
- **Wytheville Community College**, Wytheville, VA—Denied approval by extensive review an off-campus instructional site at Wytheville Community College Workforce, Education, and Skills Training Center (WCC WEST), Marion, VA (intended implementation: January 2025), because the institution did not provide an acceptable plan and supporting documentation to ensure it has the capacity to comply with the following standards of the *Principles of Accreditation* as it relates to the substantive change: Standard 6.2.b (Program faculty), Standard 8.2.a (Student outcomes: educational programs), Standard 12.2 (Student support services staff), Standard 13.7 (Physical resources), and Standard 14.5.a (Policy compliance: 'Reaffirmation of Accreditation and Subsequent Reports')

#### **The Board denied reaffirmation, continued in accreditation, and placed the following institution on Warning:**

- **University of Lynchburg**, Lynchburg, VA—For twelve months failure to comply with Core Requirement 13.2 (Financial documents), Standard 7.3 (Administrative effectiveness), Standard 8.2.a (Student outcomes: educational programs), Standard 8.2.c (Student outcomes: academic and student services) and Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.

#### **The Board denied reaffirmation, continued in accreditation and placed the following institutions on Probation for Good Cause:**

- **Georgetown College**, Georgetown, KY—For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 4.1 (Governing board characteristics), Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources), and Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was authorized to visit the institution.

#### **The Board denied authorization of a Candidacy Committee for the following institution:**

- **Kingdom College**, Headland, AL—For failure to comply with Core Requirement 6.1 (Full-time faculty), Core Requirement 11.1 (Library and learning/information resources), Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources), Standard 6.2.b (Program faculty), Standard 8.2.b (Student outcomes: general education), Standard 8.2.c (Student outcomes: academic and student services), Standard 11.2 (Library and learning/information staff) and Standard 11.3 (Library and learning/information access) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.



### The Board placed the following institution(s) on Warning:

- **Jacksonville University**, Jacksonville, FL—For twelve months for failure to comply with Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.
- **Northeastern Technical College**, Cheraw, SC—For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 6.1 (Full-time faculty), Core Requirement 8.1 (Student achievement), Standard 5.4 (Qualified administrative/academic officers), Standard 6.2.b (Program faculty), and Standard 8.2.a (Student outcomes: educational programs) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.

### The Board continued on Warning the following institution:

- **Kentucky State University**, Frankfort, KY—For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 13.2 (Financial documents), Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility), Standard 13.4 (Control of finances), Standard 13.5 (Control of sponsored research/external funds) and Standard 13.6 (Federal and state responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was not authorized to visit the institution.

### The Board continued the following institutions on Probation for Good Cause:

- **Christian Brothers University**, Memphis, TN—For twelve months for failure to comply with Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was authorized to visit the institution.
- **Guilford College**, Greensboro, NC—For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources) and

Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was authorized to visit the institution.

- **Virginia Union University**, Richmond, VA—For twelve months for failure to comply with Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial Resources), Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility), Standard 13.4 (Control of finances), and Standard 13.6 (Federal and state responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. A Special Committee was authorized to visit the institution.

### The Board removed the following institution from membership:

- **Saint Augustine's University**, Raleigh, NC—For failure to comply with Core Requirement 4.1 (Governing board characteristics), Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources), Core Requirement 13.2 (Financial documents), Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility), Standard 13.4 (Control of finances), Standard 13.5 (Control of sponsored research/external funds) and Standard 13.6 (Federal and state responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*.

In accordance with the "Standing Rules: Board of Trustees, Executive Council, and the College Delegate Assembly," members of the Board abstained from a vote on the accreditation status of their respective institutions, affiliated institutions, and any other identified or recognized conflicts of interest.

The Chair thanked the chairs, Board members, evaluators and Special Readers for their collective reviews and recommendations for their institutional peers, and reminded all that the deliberations, decisions, and names of readers of the cases are confidential.

There being no further business, Chair Hansen adjourned the meeting.

# Minutes of the Business Meeting of the College Delegate Assembly of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges—December 10, 2024

The College Delegate Assembly of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) held its Annual Business Meeting at the Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas. Chair Blaine J. Hansen, Executive Vice President for Strategic Operations & Public Relations, Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, NC, called the meeting to order. Dr. Kemba K. Chambers Vice Chair, President, H. Councill Trenholm State Community College, Montgomery, AL, served as Vice Chair.

Chair Hansen introduced the meeting's speaker, Dr. Belle S. Wheelan, SACSCOC President, who presented the "State of the Commission."

Following Dr. Wheelan's presentation, Chair Hansen convened the business portion of the session and reported on the actions taken by the Executive Council and the SACSCOC Board of Trustees during their respective meetings held December 6-8, 2024. (Refer to the December 8, 2024, meeting of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees for the minutes describing these actions.) Hearing no objections to the agenda for the College Delegate Assembly meeting, the agenda was adopted as posted.

## Report from the Nominating Committee of SACSCOC

Chair Hansen explained the process for nominating individuals to the SACSCOC Board of Trustees. It is an open process whereby the chief executive officers (college delegates) are invited to submit nominees to their respective elected

state's Executive Council members who, in turn, submit a slate of nominees to the SACSCOC Nominating Committee.

Vice Chair Chambers read the report of the SACSCOC Nominating Committee. The College Delegate Assembly elected the following individuals to serve on the 2025 SACSCOC Board of Trustees:

### Class of 2027

(Terms beginning January 1, 2025, and concluding December 31, 2027)

- **Roslyn Clark Artis**, President, Benedict College, Columbia, SC (for re-election)
- **Lawrence Barrett**, President, Florida Gateway College, Lake City, FL (for re-election)
- **Michael T. Benson**, President, Coastal Carolina University, Conway, SC
- **Charles Cagle**, Partner/Shareholder, Education Law and Government Relations Practice Group, Nashville, TN (for re-election)
- **Kemba Chambers**, President, H. Councill Trenholm State Community College (for re-election through 2025), Montgomery, AL
- **Noal Cochran**, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, William Carey University, Hattiesburg, MS
- **Marcia Conston**, President, Tidewater Community College, Norfolk, VA (for re-election)
- **Eric Cummings**, Director of Academic Program Review, Assessment, and Accreditation, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

- **Karrie Dixon**, Chancellor, North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC (for re-election)
- **John Fitzpatrick**, Founder, Educate Texas and President, Ferry Partners, LLC, Austin, TX
- **Marilyn Murphy Fore**, President, Horry Georgetown Technical College, Conway, SC (for election)
- **Montserrat Fuentes**, President, St. Edward's University, Austin, TX
- **Brent Gregory**, President, East Central Community College, Decatur, MS (for re-election)
- **Blaine Hansen**, Executive Vice President for Strategic Operations and Public Relations, Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, NC (for re-election through 2025)
- **Mateel Knowles**, Vice President for Student Services, Greenville Technical College, Greenville, SC, (for re-election through 2025)
- **John Marsden**, President, Midway University, Midway, KY (for re-election)
- **Candi McElheny**, Assistant Provost/ Accreditation Liaison, Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University, Baton Rouge, LA (for election)
- **Jeremy McMillen**, President, Grayson College, Denison, TX, (for re-election through 2025)
- **Charles Munns**, Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy (Retired), Aiken, SC, (for re-election through 2025)
- **Felecia Nave**, Faculty, Alcorn State University, Lorman, MS, (for re-election through 2025)
- **Bentley Ponder**, Deputy Commissioner for System Reform and Research, Department of Early Care and Learning, Atlanta, GA
- **Muthanna Abdul Razzaq**, President, American University in the Emirates, Dubai, UAE (for election)

- **Dionne Rosser-Mims**, Vice Chancellor, Troy University, Phenix City, AL (for re-election)
- **Sally Shuping-Russell**, Chair, Carolina Research Ventures, Chapel Hill, NC
- **Joel Welch**, President, Western Piedmont Community College, Morganton, NC (for re-election)

**The College Delegate Assembly elected the following individuals to the Appeals Committee of the College Delegate Assembly and the Appeals Hearing Officer:**

**Appeals Committee, Class of 2027**

**Marcia Hawkins**, Retired, (Former President of Union Commonwealth University), Rowlett, TX

**Jay Morgan**, President, Morehead State University, Morehead, KY

**Patricia Sims**, President, J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College, Huntsville, AL

**Thomas 'Tim' Hynes, Jr.**, President *Emeritus*, Clayton State University, Morrow, GA

**Appeals Hearing Officer, Class of 2027**

**Corlis Cummings**, Vice President, Business and Operations, Clayton State University, Morrow, GA

Chair Hansen noted that the Nominating Committee submitted the name of Dr. John Capps, President, Central Virginia Community College, Lynchburg, VA to serve on the SACS Board of Trustees. The nomination was approved.

Chair Hansen referred the membership to the list of SACSCOC Board of Trustees elected on Sunday, December 8, 2024, to serve on the 2025 Executive Council, noting that the Board of Trustees approved a one-year term extension for several of the Executive Council members to

remain on the Board to facilitate the presidential search and transition. The report was presented to the College Delegate Assembly as information. He recognized and thanked the following members of the 2024 SACSCOC Nominating Committee: Thomas "Tim" Hynes, President *Emeritus*, Clayton State University, Morrow, GA (Chair); Brenda Kays, President, Kilgore College, Kilgore, TX, Natalie Harder, President, Coker University, Hartsville, SC, Tim McNamara, Dean of Arts and Sciences and Professor of Psychology, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, and Michael Woods, President, Woods Operating Company, Shreveport, LA.

## **Report of SACSCOC on the Accreditation of Institutions**

Vice Chair Chambers read the reports from the SACSCOC Board of Trustees regarding accreditation actions taken on June 13, 2024, and December 8, 2024. The reports were provided as information. (Refer to the June 13, 2024, and December 8, 2024, respective Minutes of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees.)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned after announcing that the College Delegate Assembly would reconvene in Nashville, Tennessee, December 6-9, 2025, at the Music City Center and Omni Nashville. The meeting adjourned sine die.



## Appeals Proceedings of SACSCOC College Delegate Assembly

On December 3, 2023, the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) took action to remove Saint Augustine's University, Raleigh, North Carolina, from membership, citing failure to comply with Core Requirement 4.1 (Governing board characteristics), Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources), Core Requirement 13.2 (Financial documents), Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibility), Standard 13.4 (Control of finances), and Standard 13.6 (Federal and state responsibilities) of the *Principles of Accreditation*. On January 19, 2024, the institution appealed the decision of the Board.

The SACSCOC Appeals Committee and representatives of Saint Augustine's University convened on February 20, 2024, at a hearing in response to the institution's appeal of the Board's decision. On February 27, 2024, both parties were notified that the Appeals Committee had affirmed the decision of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees to remove the institution from membership finding (1) the Board's decision to be reasonable, not arbitrary, and based on the standards cited; and (2) that the institution failed to produce evidence that it had new, verifiable financial information material to the adverse action which was not available at the time of the Board's December review. Further, the Appeals Committee found that the institution failed to meet the provisions of Good Cause.

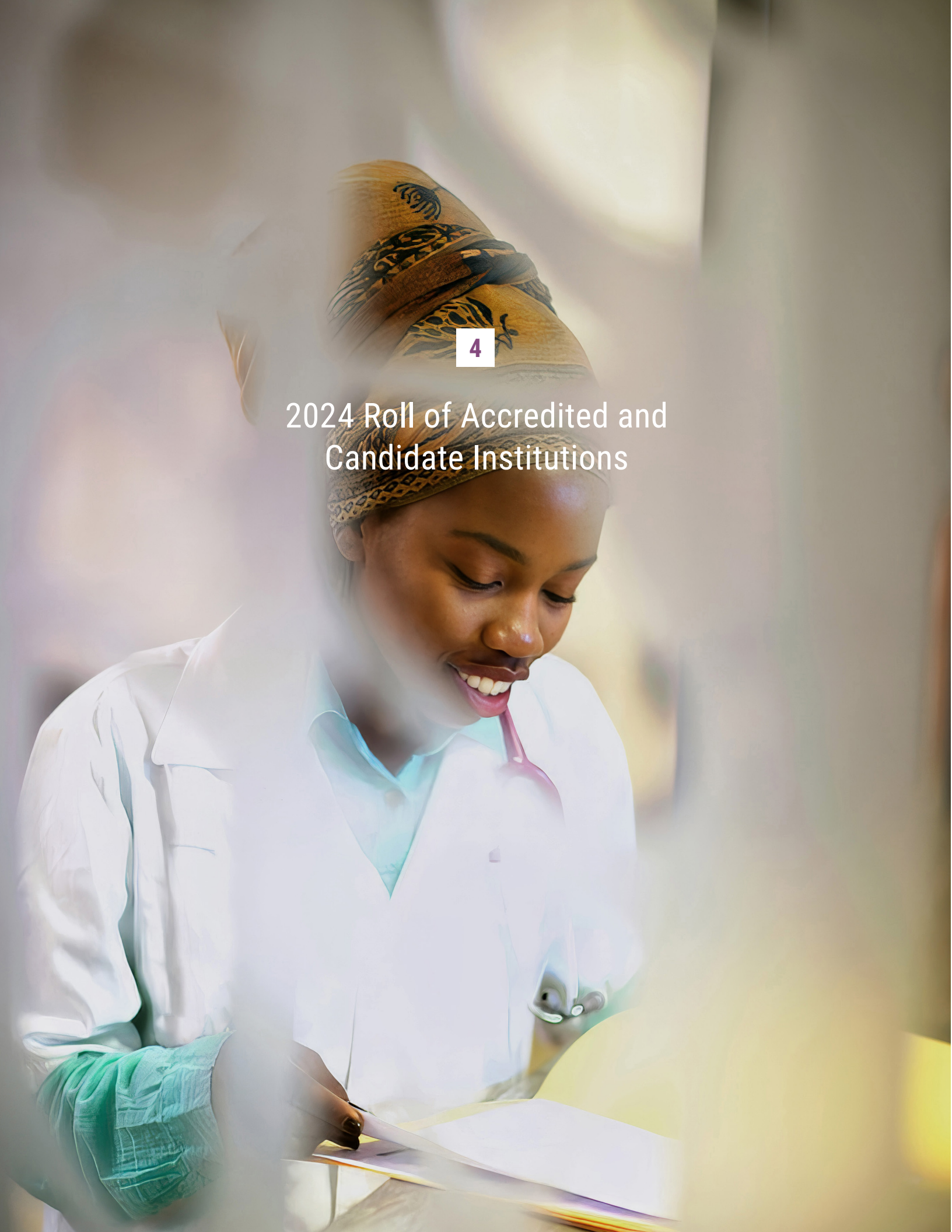
### Arbitration

Pursuant to 34 CFR Section 602.20(e) and 20 U.S.C. 1099b(e), SACSCOC member institutions

agree to submit any dispute involving the final denial, withdrawal, or termination of its accreditation to initial arbitration prior to any other legal action. On March 8, 2024, Saint Augustine's University notified the SACSCOC President of the institution's intent to pursue arbitration of the Appeals Committee's decision. On June 28, 2024, representatives of SACSCOC and Saint Augustine's University convened with the arbitrators in response to the institution's request. On July 21, 2024, SACSCOC and Saint Augustine's University were notified of the unanimous decision of the arbitrators to reverse the decision of the SACSCOC Appeals Committee of the College Delegate Assembly, finding that the institution should have been permitted to present new and verifiable financial information during the Appeals Hearing as it related to Core Requirement 4.1 (Governing board characteristics), Core Requirement 13.1 (Financial resources), Core Requirement 13.2 (Financial documents), Standard 13.3 (Financial responsibilities), Standard 13.4 (Control of finances), and Standard 13.6 (Federal and state responsibilities).

Subsequent to the decision of the arbitrators, Saint Augustine's University remained an accredited institution on Probation for Good Cause, and a review of its ongoing compliance with the cited standards was remanded to the Committees on Compliance and Reports (C&R) for review in December 2024.:

## 2024 Roll of Accredited and Candidate Institutions



## Institutions Awarded Initial Membership in 2024

**Central Louisiana Technical Community College**, Alexandria, LA

**Kentucky College of Art and Design, Inc.**, Louisville, KY

## Member Institutions with a Change of Status in 2024

**McMurry University**, Abilene, TX [Acquisition of Hardin-Simmons University's assets in Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing, a SACSCOC accredited institution]

**Old Dominion University**, Norfolk, VA [Merger of Old Dominion University and Eastern Virginia Medical School (both SACSCOC accredited institutions) to be called Old Dominion University]

## Institutions Awarded Candidacy in 2024

**Rabdan Academy**, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

**Reid State Technical College**, Evergreen, AL



*Pictured Left to Right*

**Dr. Crystal Baird**, SACSCOC Vice President

**Dr. Naji Al Seiari**, Dean of Faculty & Research and Innovation Division Director

**Mr. James Anthony Morse**, Academy President

**Dr. Belle Wheelan**, SACSCOC President

**Dr. Saleha Omer Alseiari**, Division Director—Academic Accreditation & Assessment and Vocational Quality Standards

**Ms. Rebecca Gallagher**, SACSCOC Administrative Assistant



## Profile of Member and Candidate Institutions by State and by Degree Level as of December 31, 2024

State	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	TOTAL
Alabama	22	1	7	0	9	12	51
Florida	0	32	11	1	12	18	74
Georgia	22	13	14	5	10	14	78
Kentucky	16	7	7	2	13	7	52
Louisiana	14	2	5	1	11	9	42
Mississippi	15	1	4	0	6	6	32
North Carolina	59	4	24	0	11	13	111
South Carolina	15	4	8	3	16	5	51
Tennessee	14	2	12	0	18	15	61
Texas	37	31	18	2	30	30	148
Virginia	24	4	16	1	12	14	71
International	0	0	4	0	2	2	8
Candidate	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>781</b>

Institutions are classified by their highest degree level offered. The levels are as follows:

<b>Level I</b>	Associate degree	<b>Level IV</b>	Master's degree and Educational Specialist
<b>Level II</b>	Baccalaureate degree	<b>Level V</b>	Three or fewer Doctorate degrees
<b>Level III</b>	Master's degree	<b>Level VI</b>	Four or more Doctorate degrees

## Profile of Member and Candidate Institutions by State and by Governance as of December 31, 2024

State	Public	Private, Not For Profit	Private, For Profit	TOTAL
Alabama	37	13	1	51
Florida	40	32	2	74
Georgia	49	29	0	78
Kentucky	24	24	2	50
Louisiana	0	11	0	41
Mississippi	24	8	0	32
North Carolina	75	36	0	111
South Carolina	29	22	0	51
Tennessee	24	36	1	61
Texas	101	49	2	152
Virginia	40	29	1	70
International	1	5	2	8
Candidate	2	0	0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>781</b>



## 2024 Roll of Accredited and Candidate Institutions

Institutions accredited by SACSCOC are listed below by state and include the initial date of accreditation, the date of next reaffirmation, governance type, the degree level, and the types of degrees offered. For a candidate institution, the date of initial candidacy is listed. Candidates have a maximum of four years to attain initial membership from that date. For specific information regarding the current status of institutions, access the SACSCOC Membership Directory at <http://sacscoc.org/institutions/>

### Notes to the reader:

- The following abbreviations and symbols are used in the tables that follow:  
Under Governance, "P" = Public; "Pr, NFP" = Private, Not For Profit; and "Pr, FP" = Private, For Profit Institutions are classified by their highest degree level offered. The levels are as follows:  
Level I: Associate Degree—A  
Level II: Baccalaureate degree—B  
Level III: Master's degree—M  
Level IV: Master's degree and Educational Specialist—ES  
Level V: Three or fewer Doctoral degrees—D  
Level VI: Four or more Doctoral degrees—D
- One asterisk by the initial accreditation date indicates that the initial accreditation date is that of a merged/consolidated entity approved in 2024. The institution(s) will have been accredited prior to the date listed but as a different institution. In either case, the institution would have been accredited prior to the date listed but as a different entity.
- Two asterisks by the next reaffirmation date indicate that the institution's current reaffirmation was either denied or delayed and, therefore, could not be updated.
- Three asterisks in the next reaffirmation date column indicate a Candidate Institution that does not have a reaffirmation date yet.
- If a name change occurred in 2024, the former name follows the current name and is indicated in italics.

## Alabama

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Air University	Maxwell AFB	01/01/2004	2029	P	V	A M D
Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University	Huntsville	01/01/1963	2034	P	VI	A B M E S D
Alabama State University	Montgomery	01/01/1966	2030	P	VI	A B M E S D
Amridge University	Montgomery	01/01/1989	2025	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Athens State University	Athens	01/01/1955	2031	P	III	B M
Auburn University	Auburn University	01/01/1922	2033	P	VI	B M E S D
Auburn University at Montgomery	Montgomery	01/01/1968	2028	P	V	B M E S D
Bevill State Community College	Jasper	01/01/1998	2030	P	I	A
Birmingham-Southern College	Birmingham	01/01/1922	2024	Pr, NFP	III	B M

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Bishop State Community College	Mobile	01/01/1992	2025	P	I	A
Calhoun Community College	Tanner	01/01/1968	2032	P	I	A
Central Alabama Community College	Alexander City	01/01/1969	2025	P	I	A
Chattahoochee Valley Community College	Phenix City	01/01/1976	2033	P	I	A
Coastal Alabama Community College	Bay Minette	01/01/2016	2026	P	I	A
Columbia Southern University	Orange Beach	01/01/2022	2027	Pr, FP	V	A B M ES D
Enterprise State Community College	Enterprise	01/01/1969	2034	P	I	A
Faulkner University	Montgomery	01/01/1971	2029	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Gadsden State Community College	Gadsden	01/01/2003	2028	P	I	A
George C. Wallace Community College—Dothan	Dothan	01/01/2000	2032	P	I	A
George Corley Wallace State Community College	Selma	01/01/1974	2030	P	I	A
H. Council Trenholm State Community College	Montgomery	01/01/2014	2029	P	I	A
Huntingdon College	Montgomery	01/01/1928	2030	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
J. F. Drake State Community and Technical College	Huntsville	01/01/2012	2027	P	I	A
Jacksonville State University	Jacksonville	01/01/1935	2034	P	V	B M ES D
Jefferson State Community College	Birmingham	01/01/1968	2034	P	I	A
Lurleen B. Wallace Community College	Andalusia	01/01/2003	2028	P	I	A
Marion Military Institute	Marion	01/01/1926	2025	P	I	A
Miles College	Fairfield	01/01/1969	2033	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Northeast Alabama Community College	Rainsville	01/01/1969	2025	P	I	A
Northwest-Shoals Community College	Muscle Shoals	01/01/1994	2029	P	I	A
Oakwood University	Huntsville	01/01/1958	2033	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Reid State Technical College	Evergreen	6/13/2024	***	P	I	A
Samford University	Birmingham	01/01/1920	2027	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M ES D
Shelton State Community College	Tuscaloosa	01/01/1994	2029	P	I	A
Snead State Community College	Boaz	01/01/1941	2034	P	I	A
Southern Union State Community College	Wadley	01/01/1994	2027	P	I	A
Spring Hill College	Mobile	01/01/1922	2026	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Stillman College	Tuscaloosa	01/01/1953	2030	Pr, NFP	II	B
T.A. Lawson State Community College	Birmingham	01/01/2005	2030	P	I	A
Talladega College	Talledega	01/01/1931	2029	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Troy University	Troy	01/01/2004	2031	P	V	A B M ES D
Tuskegee University	Tuskegee	01/01/1933	2028	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
United States Sports Academy	Daphne	01/01/1983	2028	Pr, NFP	V	B M D

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The University of Alabama	Tuscaloosa	01/01/1897	2025	P	VI	B M E S D
The University of Alabama at Birmingham	Birmingham	01/01/1970	2025	P	VI	B M D
The University of Alabama in Huntsville	Huntsville	01/01/1970	2026	P	VI	B M D
University of Mobile	Mobile	01/01/1968	2034	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
University of Montevallo	Montevallo	01/01/1925	2031	P	IV	B M E S D
University of North Alabama	Florence	01/01/1934	2033	P	V	A B M E S D
University of South Alabama	Mobile	01/01/1968	2033	P	VI	B M E S D
The University of West Alabama	Livingston	01/01/1938	2033	P	V	A B M E S D
Wallace State Community College	Hanceville	01/01/1978	2025	P	I	A

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AdventHealth University	Orlando	01/01/1996	2031	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Ave Maria University	Ave Maria	01/01/2010	2025	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
The Baptist College of Florida	Graceville	01/01/1981	2028	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Barry University	Miami Shores	01/01/1947	2034	Pr, NFP	VI	B M E S D
Beacon College	Leesburg	01/01/2003	2028	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Bethune-Cookman University	Daytona Beach	01/01/1947	2030	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Broward College	Ft. Lauderdale	01/01/1965	2034	P	II	A B
Chipola College	Marianna	01/01/1957	2028	P	II	A B
College of Central Florida	Ocala	01/01/1964	2026	P	II	A B
College of Florida Keys	Key West	01/01/1968	2032	P	II	A B
Daytona State College	Daytona Beach	01/01/1963	2034	P	II	A B
Eastern Florida State College	Cocoa	01/01/1965	2034	P	II	A B
Eckerd College	St. Petersburg	01/01/1966	2031	Pr, NFP	II	B
Edward Waters University	Jacksonville	01/01/1979	2025	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Daytona Beach	01/01/1968	2032	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Everglades University	Boca Raton	01/01/2010	2025	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Flagler College	St. Augustine	01/01/1973	2029	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	Tallahassee	01/01/1935	2028	P	VI	B M D
Florida Atlantic University	Boca Raton	01/01/1967	2034	P	VI	A B M E S D
Florida College	Temple Terrace	01/01/1954	2027	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Florida Gateway College	Lake City	01/01/1966	2030	P	II	A B
Florida Gulf Coast University	Fort Myers	01/01/1999	2025	P	V	A B M D

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Florida Institute of Technology	Melbourne	01/01/1964	2025	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M ES D
Florida International University	Miami	01/01/1974	2031	P	VI	A B M ES D
Florida Memorial University	Miami Gardens	01/01/1951	2032	Pr, NFP	IV	A B M ES
Florida National University	Hialeah	01/01/1997	2032	Pr, FP	III	A B M
Florida Polytechnic University	Lakeland	01/01/2017	2032	P	III	A B M
Florida Southern College	Lakeland	01/01/1935	2028	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
Florida SouthWestern State College	Fort Myers	01/01/1966	2032	P	II	A B
Florida State College at Jacksonville	Jacksonville	01/01/1969	2034	P	II	A B
Florida State University	Tallahassee	01/01/1915	2034	P	VI	A B M ES D
Gulf Coast State College	Panama City	01/01/1962	2031	P	II	A B
Hillsborough Community College	Tampa	01/01/1971	2027	P	II	A B
Hodges University	Fort Myers	01/01/1997	2023**	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Indian River State College	Fort Pierce	01/01/1965	2034	P	II	A B
Jacksonville University	Jacksonville	01/01/1950	2033	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Keiser University	Fort Lauderdale	01/01/1991	2027	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Lake-Sumter State College	Leesburg	01/01/1966	2031	P	II	A B
Larkin University	Miami	01/01/2022	2027	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Lynn University	Boca Raton	01/01/1967	2031	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Miami Dade College	Miami	01/01/1965	2025	P	II	A B
Miami Regional University	Miami Springs	01/01/2022	2027	Pr, FP	V	A B M D
New College of Florida	Sarasota	01/01/2004	2030	P	III	A B M
North Florida College	Madison	01/01/1963	2025	P	II	A B
Northwest Florida State College	Niceville	01/01/1967	2031	P	II	A B
Nova Southeastern University	Fort Lauderdale	01/01/1971	2027	Pr, NFP	VI	B M ES D
Palm Beach Atlantic University	West Palm Beach	01/01/1972	2028	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Palm Beach State College	Lake Worth	01/01/1942	2032	P	II	A B
Pasco-Hernando State College	New Port Richey	01/01/1974	2030	P	II	A B
Pensacola State College	Pensacola	01/01/1956	2028	P	II	A B
Polk State College	Winter Haven	01/01/1967	2031	P	II	A B
Ringling College of Art and Design	Sarasota	01/01/1979	2026	Pr, NFP	II	B
Rollins College	Winter Park	01/01/1927	2025	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Saint John Vianney College Seminary	Miami	01/01/1970	2027	Pr, NFP	III	B M
St. Johns River State College	Palatka	01/01/1963	2034	P	II	A B
Saint Leo University	Saint Leo	01/01/1967	2031	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M ES D
St. Petersburg College	St. Petersburg	01/01/1931	2028	P	II	A B



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Saint Thomas University	Miami Gardens	01/01/1968	2033	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
Santa Fe College	Gainesville	01/01/1968	2033	P	II	A B
Seminole State College of Florida	Sanford	01/01/1969	2034	P	II	A B
South Florida State College	Avon Park	01/01/1968	2032	P	II	A B
Southeastern University, Inc.	Lakeland	01/01/1986	2031	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M E S D
State College of Florida, Manatee—Sarasota	Bradenton	01/01/1963	2025	P	II	A B
Stetson University	DeLand	01/01/1932	2032	Pr, NFP	V	B M E S D
Tallahassee Community College	Tallahassee	01/01/1969	2025	P	II	A B
University of Central Florida	Orlando	01/01/1970	2026	P	VI	A B M E S D
University of Florida	Gainesville	01/01/1913	2034	P	VI	A B M E S D
University of Miami	Coral Gables	01/01/1940	2028	Pr, NFP	VI	B M E S D
University of North Florida	Jacksonville	01/01/1974	2029	P	VI	B M D
University of South Florida	Tampa	06/12/2020	2025	P	VI	A B M E S D
The University of Tampa	Tampa	01/01/1951	2025	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
The University of West Florida	Pensacola	01/01/1969	2025	P	V	A B M D
Valencia College	Orlando	01/01/1969	2034	P	II	A B
Warner University	Lake Wales	01/01/1977	2032	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Webber International University	Babson Park	01/01/2011	2026	Pr, NFP	III	A B M

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Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	Tifton	12/03/2017	2027	P	II	A B
Agness Scott College	Decatur	01/01/1907	2025	Pr, NFP	II	B M
Albany State University	Albany	01/01/2016	2030	P	IV	A B M E S
Albany Technical College	Albany	01/01/2005	2031	P	I	A
Andrew College	Cuthbert	01/01/1927	2026	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Athens Technical College	Athens	01/01/1988	2034	P	I	A
Atlanta Metropolitan State College	Atlanta	01/01/1976	2033	P	II	A B
Atlanta Technical College	Atlanta	01/01/2005	2030	P	I	A
Augusta Technical College	Augusta	01/01/1988	2034	P	I	A
Augusta University	Augusta	01/01/2012	2026	P	VI	A B M D
Berry College	Mount Berry	01/01/1929	2028	Pr, NFP	IV	B M E S
Brenau University	Gainesville	01/01/1929	2032	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M E S D
Brewton-Parker College	Mount Vernon	01/01/1962	2031	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Central Georgia Technical College	Warner Robins	01/01/2013	2026	P	I	A

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Chattahoochee Technical College	Marietta	01/01/2009	2034	P	I	A
Clark Atlanta University	Atlanta	01/01/1990	2026	Pr, NFP	VI	B M ES D
Clayton State University	Morrow	01/01/1971	2034	P	III	A B M
Coastal Pines Technical College	Waycross	01/01/2014	2029	P	I	A
College of Coastal Georgia	Brunswick	01/01/1967	2032	P	II	A B
Columbia Theological Seminary	Decatur	01/01/1983	2033	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Columbus State University	Columbus	01/01/1963	2026	P	V	A B M ES D
Columbus Technical College	Columbus	01/01/1990	2025	P	I	A
Covenant College	Lookout Mountain	01/01/1971	2027	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Dalton State College	Dalton	01/01/1969	2033	P	II	A B
East Georgia State College	Swainsboro	01/01/1975	2031	P	II	A B
Emmanuel University	Franklin Springs	01/01/1967	2027	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Emory University	Atlanta	01/01/1917	2034	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M ES D
Fort Valley State University	Fort Valley	01/01/1951	2030	P	IV	A B M ES
Georgia College and State University	Milledgeville	01/01/1925	2034	P	V	A B M ES D
Georgia Gwinnett College	Lawrenceville	01/01/2009	2034	P	II	A B
Georgia Highlands College	Rome	01/01/1972	2028	P	II	A B
Georgia Institute of Technology	Atlanta	01/01/1923	2025	P	VI	B M D
Georgia Military College	Milledgeville	01/01/1940	2027	P	II	A B
Georgia Northwestern Technical College	Rome	01/01/2008	2033	P	I	A
Georgia Piedmont Technical College	Clarkston	01/01/1986	2033	P	I	A
Georgia Southern University	Stateboro	12/03/2017	2025	P	VI	A B M ES D
Georgia Southwestern State University	Americus	01/01/1932	2024	P	IV	A B M ES
Georgia State University	Atlanta	01/01/2015	2029	P	VI	A B M ES D
Gordon State College	Barnesville	01/01/1941	2027	P	II	A B
Gwinnett Technical College	Lawrenceville	01/01/1991	2027	P	I	A
Kennesaw State University	Kennesaw	01/01/2014	2029	P	VI	A B M ES D
LaGrange College	LaGrange	01/01/1946	2033	Pr, NFP	V	A B M ES D
Lanier Technical College	Gainesville	01/01/2011	2027	P	I	A
Life University	Marietta	01/01/1986	2031	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Luther Rice College and Seminary, Inc.	Lithonia	01/01/2020	2025	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Mercer University	Macon	01/01/1911	2026	Pr, NFP	VI	B M ES D
Middle Georgia State University	Macon	01/01/2012	2026	P	V	A B M D
Morehouse College	Atlanta	01/01/1932	2029	Pr, NFP	II	B
Morehouse School of Medicine	Atlanta	01/01/1986	2031	Pr, NFP	V	M D
North Georgia Technical College	Clarkesville	01/01/2008	2033	P	I	A
Oconee Fall Line Technical College	Sandersville	01/01/2016	2031	P	I	A
Ogeechee Technical College	Statesboro	01/01/2014	2029	P	I	A
Oglethorpe University	Atlanta	01/01/1950	2027	Pr, NFP	III	B M

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Piedmont College	Demorest	01/01/1965	2027	Pr, NFP	V	B M E S D
Point University	West Point	01/01/1990	2026	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Reinhardt University	Waleska	01/01/1953	2028	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
The Savannah College of Art and Design	Savannah	01/01/2005	2030	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Savannah State University	Savannah	01/01/1951	2031	P	III	A B M
Savannah Technical College	Savannah	01/01/1991	2027	P	I	A
Shorter University	Rome	01/01/1923	2032	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
South Georgia State College	Douglas	01/01/2012	2026	P	II	A B
South Georgia Technical College	Americus	01/01/2011	2026	P	I	A
South University	Savannah	01/01/2009	2034	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Southeastern Technical College	Vidalia	01/01/2009	2033	P	I	A
Southern Crescent Technical College	Griffin	01/01/2009	2034	P	I	A
Southern Regional Technical College	Thomasville	01/01/2015	2031	P	I	A
Spelman College	Atlanta	01/01/1932	2031	Pr, NFP	II	B
Thomas University	Thomasville	01/01/1984	2026	Pr, NFP	IV	A B M E S
Toccoa Falls College	Toccoa Falls	01/01/1983	2029	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Truett McConnell University	Cleveland	01/01/1966	2030	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
The University of Georgia	Athens	01/01/1909	2032	P	VI	A B M E S D
University of North Georgia	Dahlonega	01/01/2012	2026	P	VI	A B M E S D
University of West Georgia	Carrollton	01/01/1936	2034	P	VI	A B M E S D
Valdosta State University	Valdosta	01/01/1929	2031	P	VI	A B M E S D
Wesleyan College	Macon	01/01/1919	2025	Pr, NFP	III	B M
West Georgia Technical College	Waco	01/01/2008	2033	P	I	A
Wiregrass Georgia Technical College	Valdosta	01/01/2010	2025	P	I	A
Young Harris College	Young Harris	01/01/1938	2031	Pr, NFP	III	B M

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Alice Lloyd College	Pippa Passes	01/01/1952	2028	Pr, NFP	II	B
Asbury Theological Seminary	Wilmore	01/01/1984	2025	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Asbury University	Wilmore	01/01/1940	2029	Pr, NFP	IV	A B M E S
Ashland Community and Technical College	Ashland	01/01/2003	2028	P	I	A
Bellarmino University	Louisville	01/01/1968	2028	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Berea College	Berea	01/01/1926	2026	Pr, NFP	II	B
Big Sandy Community and Technical College	Prestonsburg	01/01/2003	2028	P	I	A

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Bluegrass Community and Technical College	Lexington	01/01/2005	2030	P	I	A
Brescia University	Owensboro	01/01/1933	2029	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Campbellsville University	Campbellsville	01/01/1949	2034	Pr, NFP	V	A B M E S D
Centre College	Danville	01/01/1904	2026	Pr, NFP	II	B
Clear Creek Baptist College	Pineville	01/01/1999	2025	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond	01/01/1928	2027	P	VI	A B M E S D
Elizabethtown Community and Technical College	Elizabethtown	01/01/2004	2029	P	I	A
Frontier Nursing University	Versailles	01/01/2004	2029	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Galen College of Nursing	Louisville	01/01/2013	2028	Pr, FP	V	A B M D
Gateway Community and Technical College	Florence	01/01/2008	2033	P	I	A
Georgetown College	Georgetown	01/01/1919	2022**	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Hazard Community and Technical College	Hazard	01/01/2002	2027	P	I	A
Henderson Community College	Henderson	01/01/1960	2032	P	I	A
Hopkinsville Community College	Hopkinsville	01/01/1965	2032	P	I	A
Jefferson Community and Technical College	Louisville	01/01/2005	2030	P	I	A
Kentucky Christian University	Grayson	01/01/1984	2030	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Kentucky College Art Design	Louisville	12/01/2034	2034	Pr, NFP	II	B
Kentucky State University	Frankfort	01/01/1939	2029	P	V	A B M D
Kentucky Wesleyan College	Owensboro	01/01/1948	2028	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Lindsey Wilson College	Columbia	01/01/1951	2033	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary	Louisville	01/01/1973	2030	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Madisonville Community College	Madisonville	01/01/2001	2027	P	I	A
Maysville Community and Technical College	Maysville	01/01/2004	2029	P	I	A
Midway University	Midway	01/01/1949	2025	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Morehead State University	Morehead	01/01/1930	2031	P	V	A B M E S D
Murray State University	Murray	01/01/1928	2034	P	V	A B M E S D
Northern Kentucky University	Highland Heights	01/01/1973	2029	P	V	A B M D
Owensboro Community and Technical College	Owensboro	01/01/2003	2026	P	I	A
Somerset Community College	Somerset	01/01/2003	2029	P	I	A
Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College	Bowling Green	01/01/2009	2034	P	I	A
Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College	Cumberland	01/01/2001	2027	P	I	A
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	Louisville	01/01/1968	2033	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D



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Spalding University	Louisville	01/01/1938	2027	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M E S D
Sullivan University	Louisville	01/01/1979	2025	Pr, FP	V	A B M D
Thomas More University	Crestview Hills	01/01/1959	2030	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Transylvania University	Lexington	01/01/1915	2032	Pr, NFP	II	B
Union Commonwealth University	Barbourville	01/01/1932	2025	Pr, NFP	IV	A B M E S
University of the Cumberlands	Williamsburg	01/01/1931	2026	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M E S D
University of Kentucky	Lexington	01/01/1915	2033	P	VI	A B M E S D
University of Louisville	Louisville	01/01/1915	2027	P	VI	A B M E S D
University of Pikeville	Pikeville	01/01/1931	2032	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
West Kentucky Community and Technical College	Paducah	01/01/2003	2028	P	I	A
Western Kentucky University	Bowling Green	01/01/1926	2025	P	VI	A B M E S D

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Baton Rouge Community College	Baton Rouge	01/01/2004	2029	P	I	A
Bossier Parish Community College	Bossier City	01/01/1983	2028	P	I	A
Centenary College of Louisiana	Shreveport	01/01/1925	2028	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Central Louisiana Technical Community College	Alexandria	01/01/2024	2029	P	A	
Delgado Community College	New Orleans	01/01/2011	2026	P	I	A
Dillard University	New Orleans	01/01/1938	2030	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Elaine P. Nunez Community College	Chalmette	01/01/1992	2027	P	I	A
Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University	Baton Rouge	01/01/1994	2029	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Grambling State University	Grambling	01/01/1949	2030	P	V	A B M E S D
L. E. Fletcher Technical Community College	Schriever	01/01/2009	2034	P	I	A
Louisiana Christian University	Pineville	01/01/1923	2031	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Louisiana Delta Community College	Monroe	01/01/2013	2026	P	I	A
Louisiana State University and A&M College	Baton Rouge	01/01/2015	2034	P	VI	B M E S D
Louisiana State University at Alexandria	Alexandria	01/01/1960	2025	P	II	A B
Louisiana State University at Eunice	Eunice	01/01/1967	2034	P	I	A
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center	New Orleans	01/01/1931	2025	P	VI	A B M D
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport	Shreveport	01/01/2009	2034	P	VI	B M D
Louisiana State University in Shreveport	Shreveport	01/01/1975	2025	P	V	B M E S D

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Louisiana Tech University	Ruston	01/01/1927	2025	P	VI	A B M E S D
Loyola University New Orleans	New Orleans	01/01/1929	2026	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
McNeese State University	Lake Charles	01/01/1954	2027	P	V	A B M E S D
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary	New Orleans	01/01/1965	2026	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Nicholls State University	Thibodaux	01/01/1964	2026	P	IV	A B M E S
Northshore Technical Community College	Lacombe	01/01/2020	2025	P	I	A
Northwestern State University of Louisiana	Natchitoches	01/01/1941	2027	P	V	A B M E S D
Notre Dame Seminary	New Orleans	01/01/1951	2027	Pr, NFP	III	B M
River Parishes Community College	Gonzales	01/01/2004	2029	P	I	A
Saint Joseph Seminary College	Saint Benedict	01/01/1956	2033	Pr, NFP	II	B
South Louisiana Community College	Lafayette	01/01/2013	2029	P	I	A
Southeastern Louisiana University	Hammond	01/01/1946	2025	P	V	A B M E S D
Southern University and A&M College at Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge	01/01/1938	2030	P	V	A B M E S D
Southern University Law Center	Baton Rouge	01/01/2015	2030	P	V	D
Southern University at New Orleans	New Orleans	01/01/1970	2030	P	III	A B M
Southern University at Shreveport	Shreveport	01/01/1975	2031	P	I	A
Sowela Technical Community College	Lake Charles	01/01/2014	2029	P	I	A
Tulane University	New Orleans	01/01/1903	2032	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
University of Holy Cross	New Orleans	01/01/1972	2027	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
The University of Louisiana at Lafayette	Lafayette	01/01/1925	2030	P	VI	A B M D
The University of Louisiana at Monroe	Monroe	01/01/1941	2029	P	VI	A B M E S D
University of New Orleans	New Orleans	01/01/1958	2025	P	VI	A B M D
Xavier University of Louisiana	New Orleans	01/01/1938	2031	Pr, NFP	V	B M D

## Mississippi

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Alcorn State University	Lorman	01/01/1948	2031	P	V	A B M E S D
Belhaven University	Jackson	01/01/1946	2027	Pr, NFP	V	A B M E S D
Blue Mountain Christian University	Blue Mountain	01/01/1927	2025	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Coahoma Community College	Clarksdale	01/01/1975	2031	P	I	A
Copiah-Lincoln Community College	Wesson	01/01/1936	2025	P	I	A
Delta State University	Cleveland	01/01/1930	2034	P	V	A B M E S D
East Central Community College	Decatur	01/01/1939	2032	P	I	A
East Mississippi Community College	Scooba	01/01/1949	2027	P	I	A

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Hinds Community College	Raymond	01/01/1928	2027	P	I	A
Holmes Community College	Goodman	01/01/1934	2026	P	I	A
Itawamba Community College	Fulton	01/01/1955	2028	P	I	A
Jackson State University	Jackson	01/01/1948	2031	P	VI	B M E S D
Jones County Junior College	Ellisville	01/01/1940	2028	P	I	A
Meridian Community College	Meridian	01/01/1942	2032	P	I	A
Millsaps College	Jackson	01/01/1912	2032	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Mississippi College	Clinton	01/01/1922	2033	Pr, NFP	V	B M E S D
Mississippi Delta Community College	Moorhead	01/01/1930	2028	P	I	A
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	Perkinston	01/01/1929	2030	P	I	A
Mississippi State University	Mississippi State	01/01/1926	2034	P	VI	B M E S D
Mississippi University for Women	Columbus	01/01/1921	2034	P	V	A B M D
Mississippi Valley State University	Itta Bena	01/01/1968	2033	P	III	B M
Northeast Mississippi Community College	Booneville	01/01/1956	2031	P	I	A
Northwest Mississippi Community College	Senatobia	01/01/1953	2027	P	I	A
Pearl River Community College	Poplarville	01/01/1929	2026	P	I	A
Reformed Theological Seminary	Jackson	01/01/1977	2032	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Rust College	Holly Springs	01/01/1970	2034	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Southwest Mississippi Community College	Summit	01/01/1958	2030	P	I	A
Tougaloo College	Tougaloo	01/01/1953	2029	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
University of Mississippi	University	01/01/1895	2029	P	VI	B M E S D
University of Mississippi Medical Center	Jackson	01/01/1991	2032	P	VI	B M D
The University of Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg	01/01/1929	2026	P	VI	B M E S D
William Carey University	Hattiesburg	01/01/1958	2029	Pr, NFP	VI	B M E S D

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Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Alamance Community College	Graham	01/01/1969	2034	P	I	A
Appalachian State University	Boone	01/01/1942	2034	P	V	B M E S D
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College	Asheville	01/01/1969	2025	P	I	A
Barton College	Wilson	01/01/1955	2029	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Beaufort County Community College	Washington	01/01/1973	2029	P	I	A
Belmont Abbey College	Belmont	01/01/1936	2030	Pr, NFP	III	B M

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Bladen Community College	Dublin	01/01/1976	2033	P	I	A
Blue Ridge Community College	Flat Rock	01/01/1973	2029	P	I	A
Brevard College	Brevard	01/01/1949	2031	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Brunswick Community College	Bolivia	01/01/1983	2029	P	I	A
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences	Concord	01/01/1995	2030	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute	Hudson	01/01/1969	2027	P	I	A
Campbell University	Buies Creek	01/01/1941	2031	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Cape Fear Community College	Wilmington	01/01/1971	2027	P	I	A
Carolinas College of Health Sciences	Charlotte	01/01/1995	2030	P	II	A B
Carteret Community College	Morehead City	01/01/1974	2030	P	I	A
Catawba College	Salisbury	01/01/1928	2025	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Catawba Valley Community College	Hickory	01/01/1969	2025	P	I	A
Central Carolina Community College	Sanford	01/01/1972	2028	P	I	A
Central Piedmont Community College	Charlotte	01/01/1969	2034	P	I	A
Chowan University	Murfreesboro	01/01/1956	2029	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Cleveland Community College	Shelby	01/01/1975	2032	P	I	B M D A
Coastal Carolina Community College	Jacksonville	01/01/1972	2028	P	I	A
College of The Albemarle	Elizabeth City	01/01/1968	2034	P	I	A
Craven Community College	New Bern	01/01/1971	2027	P	I	A
Davidson College	Davidson	01/01/1917	2027	Pr, NFP	II	B
Davidson-Davie Community College	Thomasville	01/01/1968	2033	P	I	A
Duke University	Durham	01/01/1895	2029	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Durham Technical Community College	Durham	01/01/1971	2027	P	I	A
East Carolina University	Greenville	01/01/1927	2033	P	VI	B M E S D
Edgecombe Community College	Tarboro	01/01/1973	2029	P	I	A
Elizabeth City State University	Elizabeth City	01/01/1947	2031	P	III	B M
Elon University	Elon	01/01/1947	2033	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Fayetteville State University	Fayetteville	01/01/1947	2032	P	V	A B M D
Fayetteville Technical Community College	Fayetteville	01/01/1967	2031	P	I	A
Forsyth Technical Community College	Winston-Salem	01/01/1968	2033	P	I	A
Gardner-Webb University	Boiling Springs	01/01/1948	2027	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Gaston College	Dallas	01/01/1967	2032	P	I	A
Greensboro College	Greensboro	01/01/1926	2025	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Guilford College	Greensboro	01/01/1926	2027	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Guilford Technical Community College	Jamestown	01/01/1969	2025	P	I	A
Halifax Community College	Weldon	01/01/1975	2031	P	I	A
Haywood Community College	Clyde	01/01/1973	2029	P	I	A
High Point University	High Point	01/01/1951	2026	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D

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Isothermal Community College	Spindale	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A
James Sprunt Community College	Kenansville	01/01/1973	2029	P	I	A
Johnson C. Smith University	Charlotte	01/01/1933	2027	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Johnston Community College	Smithfield	01/01/1977	2033	P	I	A
Lees-McRae College	Banner Elk	01/01/1953	2025	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Lenoir Community College	Kinston	01/01/1968	20234	P	I	A
Lenoir-Rhyne University	Hickory	01/01/2013	2028	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Livingstone College	Salisbury	01/01/1944	2031	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Louisburg College	Louisburg	01/01/1952	2026	Pr, NFP	I	A
Mars Hill University	Mars Hill	01/01/1926	2032	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Martin Community College	Williamston	01/01/1972	2029	P	I	A
Mayland Community College	Spruce Pine	01/01/1978	2025	P	I	A
McDowell Technical Community College	Marion	01/01/1975	2031	P	I	A
Meredith College	Raleigh	01/01/1921	2031	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Methodist University	Fayetteville	01/01/1966	2029	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Mid-Atlantic Christian University	Elizabeth City	01/01/1999	2025	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Mitchell Community College	Statesville	01/01/1955	2028	P	I	A
Montgomery Community College	Troy	01/01/1978	2034	P	I	A
Montreat College	Montreat	01/01/1960	2030	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Nash Community College	Rocky Mount	01/01/1976	2031	P	I	A
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University	Greensboro	01/01/1936	2031	P	VI	B M D
North Carolina Central University	Durham	01/01/1938	2029	P	V	B M D
North Carolina State University	Raleigh	01/01/1928	2034	P	VI	A B M D
North Carolina Wesleyan College	Rocky Mount	01/01/1966	2030	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Pamlico Community College	Grantsboro	01/01/1977	2033	P	I	A
Pfeiffer University	Misenheimer	01/01/1942	2023**	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Piedmont Community College	Roxboro	01/01/1977	2033	P	I	A
Pitt Community College	Winterville	01/01/1969	2033	P	I	A
Queens University of Charlotte	Charlotte	01/01/1932	2032	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Randolph Community College	Asheboro	01/01/1974	2030	P	I	A
Richmond Community College	Hamlet	01/01/1969	2034	P	I	A
Roanoke-Chowan Community College	Ahoskie	01/01/1976	2033	P	I	A
Robeson Community College	Lumberton	01/01/1975	2030	P	I	A
Rockingham Community College	Wentworth	01/01/1968	2034	P	I	A
Rowan-Cabarrus Community College	Salisbury	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A
Saint Augustine's University	Raleigh	01/01/1942	2023**	Pr, NFP	II	B M
Salem College	Winston-Salem	01/01/1922	2031	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Sampson Community College	Clinton	01/01/1977	2034	P	I	A



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Sandhills Community College	Pinehurst	01/01/1968	2034	P	I	A
Shaw University	Raleigh	01/01/1943	2032	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
South Piedmont Community College	Polkton	01/01/1977	2034	P	I	A
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary	Wake Forest	01/01/1978	2032	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Southeastern Community College	Whiteville	01/01/1967	2032	P	I	A
Southwestern Community College	Sylva	01/01/1971	2027	P	I	A
Stanly Community College	Albemarle	01/01/1979	2025	P	I	A
Surry Community College	Dobson	01/01/1969	2025	P	I	A
Tri-County Community College	Murphy	01/01/1975	2030	P	I	A
University of Mount Olive	Mount Olive	01/01/1960	2031	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
The University of North Carolina—Asheville	Asheville	01/01/1958	2033	P	III	B M
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Chapel Hill	01/01/1895	2027	P	VI	B M ES D
The University of North Carolina at Charlotte	Charlotte	01/01/1957	2033	P	VI	B M ES D
The University of North Carolina at Greensboro	Greensboro	01/01/1921	2034	P	VI	B M ES D
University of North Carolina at Pembroke	Pembroke	01/01/1951	2030	P	V	B M D
University of North Carolina School of the Arts	Winston-Salem	01/01/1970	2026	P	III	B M
The University of North Carolina at Wilmington	Wilmington	01/01/1952	2033	P	VI	B M D
Vance Granville Community College	Henderson	01/01/1977	2033	P	I	A
Wake Forest University	Winston-Salem	01/01/1921	2026	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
Wake Technical Community College	Raleigh	01/01/1970	2025	P	I	A
Warren Wilson College	Swannanoa	01/01/1952	2025	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Wayne Community College	Goldsboro	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A
Western Carolina University	Cullowhee	01/01/1946	2027	P	VI	B M ES D
Western Piedmont Community College	Morganton	01/01/1968	2034	P	I	A
Wilkes Community College	Wilkesboro	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A
William Peace University	Raleigh	01/01/1947	2032	Pr, NFP	II	B
Wilson Community College	Wilson	01/01/1969	2025	P	I	A
Wingate University	Wingate	01/01/1951	2026	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Winston-Salem State University	Winston-Salem	01/01/1947	2030	P	V	B M D

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Aiken Technical College	Graniteville	01/01/1975	2031	P	I	A
Allen University	Columbia	01/01/1992	2027	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Anderson University	Anderson	01/01/1959	2028	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M E S D
Benedict College	Columbia	01/01/1946	2031	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Bob Jones University	Greenville	06/15/2017	2032	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Central Carolina Technical College	Sumter	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A
Charleston Southern University	Charleston	01/01/1970	2026	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Coker University	Hartsville	01/01/1923	2025	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
The Citadel	Charleston	01/01/1924	2034	P	IV	B M E S
Claflin University	Orangeburg	01/01/1947	2032	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Clemson University	Clemson	01/01/1927	2033	P	VI	B M E S D
Coastal Carolina University	Conway	01/01/1976	2032	P	V	A B M E S D
Coker College	Hartsville	01/01/1923	2025	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
College of Charleston	Charleston	01/01/1916	2027	P	V	B M D
Columbia College	Columbia	01/01/1938	2032	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Columbia International University	Columbia	01/01/1982	2028	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Converse College	Spartanburg	01/01/1912	2027	Pr, NFP	V	B M E S D
Denmark Technical College	Denmark	01/01/1979	2025	P	I	A
Erskine College	Due West	01/01/1925	2032	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Florence-Darlington Technical College	Florence	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A
Francis Marion University	Florence	01/01/1972	2028	P	V	A B M E S D
Furman University	Greenville	01/01/1924	2028	Pr, NFP	IV	B M E S
Greenville Technical College	Greenville	01/01/1968	2033	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Horry-Georgetown Technical College	Conway	01/01/1972	2029	P	I	A
Lander University	Greenwood	01/01/1952	2027	P	III	B M
Limestone College	Gaffney	01/01/1928	2029	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Medical University of South Carolina	Charleston	01/01/1971	2027	P	VI	B M D
Midlands Technical College	Columbia	01/01/1974	2030	P	I	A
Morris College	Sumter	01/01/1978	2032	Pr, NFP	II	B
Newberry College	Newberry	01/01/1936	2032	Pr, NFP	III	B M
North Greenville University	Tigerville	01/01/1957	2030	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Northeastern Technical College	Cheraw	01/01/1973	2028	P	I	A
Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College	Orangeburg	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A
Piedmont Technical College	Greenwood	01/01/1972	2028	P	I	A
Presbyterian College	Clinton	01/01/1949	2027	Pr, NFP	V	B D
Sherman College of Chiropractic	Boiling Springs	01/01/2002	2027	Pr, NFP	V	D
South Carolina State University	Orangeburg	01/01/1941	2030	P	V	B M E S D

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Southern Wesleyan University	Central	01/01/1973	2029	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Spartanburg Community College	Spartanburg	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A
Spartanburg Methodist College	Spartanburg	01/01/1957	2029	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Technical College of the Lowcountry	Beaufort	01/01/1978	2025	P	I	A
Tri-County Technical College	Pendleton	01/01/1971	2027	P	I	A
Trident Technical College	North Charleston	01/01/1974	2031	P	I	A
University of South Carolina—Aiken	Aiken	01/01/1977	2031	P	III	A B M
University of South Carolina Beaufort	Bluffton	01/01/2004	2029	P	III	A B M
University of South Carolina—Columbia	Columbia	01/01/1917	2031	P	VI	A B M E S D
University of South Carolina Upstate	Spartanburg	01/01/1976	2032	P	VI	A B M D
Voorhees University	Denmark	01/01/1946	2032	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Williamsburg Technical College	Kingstree	01/01/1977	2032	P	I	A
Winthrop University	Rock Hill	01/01/1923	2032	P	IV	B M E S
Wofford College	Spartanburg	01/01/1917	2027	Pr, NFP	II	B
York Technical College	Rock Hill	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A

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Aquinas College	Nashville	01/01/1971	2031	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Austin Peay State University	Clarksville	01/01/1947	2034	P	V	A B M E S D
Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences	Memphis	01/01/1999	2025	Pr, NFP	V	A B D
Belmont University	Nashville	01/01/1920	2031	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Bethel University	McKenzie	01/01/1952	2028	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Bryan College	Dayton	01/01/1969	2034	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Carson-Newman University	Jefferson City	01/01/1927	2033	Pr, NFP	V	A B M E S D
Chattanooga State Community College	Chattanooga	01/01/1967	2031	P	I	A
Christian Brothers University	Memphis	01/01/1950	2030	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Cleveland State Community College	Cleveland	01/01/1969	2034	P	I	A
Columbia State Community College	Columbia	01/01/1968	2033	P	I	A
Cumberland University	Lebanon	01/01/1962	2030	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Dyersburg State Community College	Dyersburg	01/01/1971	2028	P	I	A
East Tennessee State University	Johnson City	01/01/1927	2033	P	VI	A B M E S D
Fisk University	Nashville	01/01/1930	2032	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Freed-Hardeman University	Henderson	01/01/1956	2031	Pr, NFP	V	A B M E S D
Jackson State Community College	Jackson	01/01/1969	2026	P	I	A

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John A. Gupton College	Nashville	01/01/1971	2027	Pr, NFP	I	A
Johnson University	Knoxville	01/01/2013	2026	Pr, NFP	V	A B M E S D
King University	Bristol	01/01/1947	2028	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Lane College	Jackson	01/01/1949	2033	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Lee University	Cleveland	01/01/1960	2026	Pr, NFP	V	A B M E S D
LeMoyne-Owen College	Memphis	01/01/1939	2033	Pr, NFP	II	B
Lincoln Memorial University	Harrogate	01/01/1936	2029	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M E S D
Lipscomb University	Nashville	12/04/2020	2025	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M E S D
Martin Methodist College	Pulaski	01/01/1952	2029	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Maryville College	Maryville	01/01/1922	2034	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Meharry Medical College	Nashville	01/01/1972	2027	Pr, NFP	VI	M D
Memphis Theological Seminary	Memphis	01/01/1988	2029	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary	Cordova	01/01/1981	2028	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia	Madison	01/01/1994	2029	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Middle Tennessee State University	Murfreesboro	01/01/1928	2026	P	VI	A B M E S D
Milligan University	Milligan	01/01/2015	2030	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Motlow State Community College	Tullahoma	01/01/1971	2028	P	I	A
Nashville State Community College	Nashville	01/01/1972	2028	P	I	A
Northeast State Community College	Blountville	01/01/1984	2031	P	I	A
Pellissippi State Community College	Knoxville	01/01/1977	2032	P	I	A
Pentecostal Theological Seminary	Cleveland	01/01/1984	2029	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Rhodes College	Memphis	01/01/1911	2030	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Richmont Graduate University	Chattanooga	01/01/2003	2028	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Roane State Community College	Harriman	01/01/1974	2030	P	I	A
South College	Knoxville	01/01/2000	2031	Pr, FP	VI	A B M E S D
Southern Adventist University	Collegedale	01/01/1936	2032	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Southern College of Optometry	Memphis	01/01/1967	2033	Pr, NFP	V	D
Southwest Tennessee Community College	Memphis	01/01/2000	2025	P	I	A
Tennessee State University	Nashville	01/01/1946	2030	P	VI	A B M E S D
Tennessee Technological University	Cookeville	01/01/1939	2026	P	VI	A B M E S D
Tennessee Wesleyan University	Athens	01/01/1926	2030	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Trevecca Nazarene University	Nashville	01/01/1969	2033	Pr, NFP	V	A B M E S D
Tusculum University	Greeneville	01/01/1926	2030	Pr, NFP	III	B M D
Union University	Jackson	01/01/1948	2027	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
The University of Memphis	Memphis	01/01/1927	2025	P	VI	B M E S D
The University of the South	Sewanee	01/01/1895	2026	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville	Knoxville	01/01/2015	2025	P	VI	B M E S D
The University of Tennessee Southern	Pulaski	01/01/1952	2029	P	III	A B M

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The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga	Chattanooga	01/01/1910	2032	P	VI	B M E S D
The University of Tennessee Health Science Center	Memphis	01/01/1972	2030	P	VI	B M D
The University of Tennessee at Martin	Martin	01/01/1951	2033	P	III	A B M
Vanderbilt University	Nashville	01/01/1895	2027	Pr, NFP	VI	B M E S D
Volunteer State Community College	Gallatin	01/01/1973	2030	P	I	A
Walters State Community College	Morristown	01/01/1972	2028	P	I	A
Welch College	Gallatin	01/01/1996	2031	Pr, NFP	III	A B M

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Abilene Christian University	Abilene	01/01/1951	2032	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Alvin Community College	Alvin	01/01/1959	2031	P	II	V
Amarillo College	Amarillo	01/01/1933	2033	P	I	A
Amberton University	Garland	01/01/1981	2027	Pr, NFP	III	B M
American College of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine	Houston	01/01/2012	2027	Pr, FP	V	M D
Angelina College	Lufkin	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A
Angelo State University	San Angelo	01/01/1936	2033	P	V	A B M D
Austin College	Sherman	01/01/1947	2029	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Austin Community College	Austin	01/01/1978	2033	P	II	A B
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary	Austin	01/01/1973	2029	Pr, NFP	V	M D
Baptist Missionary Association Theological Seminary	Jacksonville	01/01/1986	2032	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Baylor College of Medicine	Houston	01/01/1970	2026	Pr, NFP	VI	M D
Baylor University	Waco	01/01/1914	2027	Pr, NFP	VI	B M E S D
Blinn College District	Brenham	01/01/1950	2025	P	I	A
Brazosport College	Lake Jackson	01/01/1970	2026	P	II	A B
Brite Divinity School	Fort Worth	01/01/2007	2032	Pr, NFP	V	D
Central Texas College	Killeen	01/01/1969	2025	P	I	A
Cisco College	Cisco	01/01/1958	2030	P	I	A
Clarendon College	Clarendon	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A
Coastal Bend College	Beeville	01/01/1969	2034	P	I	A
College of Biblical Studies—Houston	Houston	06/13/2019	2034	Pr, NFP	II	A B
College of the Mainland	Texas City	01/01/1969	2034	P	II	A B
Collin County Community College District	McKinney	01/01/1989	2025	P	II	A B
Concordia University Texas	Austin	01/01/1968	2028	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D



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Criswell College	Dallas	01/01/1985	2030	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Dallas Baptist University	Dallas	01/01/1959	2028	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Dallas College	Dallas	01/01/2020*	2025	P	II	A B
Dallas International University	Dallas	01/01/2005	2030	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Dallas Theological Seminary	Dallas	01/01/1969	2034	Pr, NFP	VI	M D
Del Mar College	Corpus Christi	01/01/1946	2031	P	II	A B
East Texas AM University	Commerce	01/01/1925	2034	P	VI	B M D
East Texas Baptist University	Marshall	01/01/1957	2029	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
El Paso County Community College District	El Paso	01/01/1978	2033	P	I	A
Frank Phillips College	Borger	01/01/1958	2030	P	I	A
Galveston College	Galveston	01/01/1969	2025	P	II	A B
Grayson College	Denison	01/01/1967	2032	P	II	A B
Hardin-Simmons University	Abilene	01/01/1927	2027	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Hill College	Hillsboro	01/01/1966	2031	P	I	A
Houston Christian University	Houston	01/01/1968	2031	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Houston Community College	Houston	01/01/1977	2032	P	II	A B
Howard College	Big Spring	01/01/1955	2027	P	I	A
Howard Payne University	Brownwood	01/01/1948	2034	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Huston-Tillotson University	Austin	01/01/1943	2031	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Jacksonville College	Jacksonville	01/01/1974	2030	Pr, NFP	I	A
Jarvis Christian College	Hawkins	01/01/1967	2024	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Kilgore College	Kilgore	01/01/1939	2029	P	I	A
Lamar Institute of Technology	Beaumont	01/01/2000	2025	P	I	A
Lamar State College—Orange	Orange	01/01/1989	2025	P	I	A
Lamar State College—Port Arthur	Port Arthur	01/01/1988	2033	P	I	A
Lamar University	Beaumont	01/01/1929	2029	P	VI	A B M D
Laredo College	Laredo	01/01/1957	2030	P	II	A B
Lee College	Baytown	01/01/1948	2026	P	I	A
LeTourneau University	Longview	01/01/1970	2026	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Lone Star College System	The Woodlands	01/01/1976	2032	P	II	A B
Lubbock Christian University	Lubbock	01/01/1963	2028	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
McLennan Community College	Waco	01/01/1968	2023**	P	I	A
McMurry University	Abilene	01/01/1949	2029	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Midland College	Midland	01/01/1975	2031	P	II	A B
Midwestern State University	Wichita Falls	01/01/1939	2033	P	V	A B M D
Navarro College	Corsicana	01/01/1954	2026	P	II	A B
Nelson University	Waxahachie	01/01/68	2032	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
North Central Texas College	Gainesville	01/01/1961	2032	P	I	A
Northeast Lakeview College	Universal City	01/01/2017	2032	P	I	A

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Northeast Texas Community College	Mt. Pleasant	01/01/1987	2033	P	I	A
Northwest Vista College	San Antonio	01/01/2001	2026	P	II	A B
Odessa College	Odessa	01/01/1952	2032	P	II	A B
Our Lady of the Lake University	San Antonio	01/01/1923	2032	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Palo Alto College	San Antonio	01/01/1987	2032	P	II	A B
Panola College	Carthage	01/01/1960	2030	P	I	A
Paris Junior College	Paris	01/01/1934	2033	P	I	A
Parker University	Dallas	01/01/1987	2032	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Prairie View A&M University	Prairie View	01/01/1934	2030	P	VI	B M D
Ranger College	Ranger	01/01/1968	2033	P	I	A
St. Edward's University	Austin	01/01/1958	2027	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
St. Mary's University	San Antonio	01/01/1949	2034	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Saint Philip's College	San Antonio	01/01/1951	2026	P	II	A B
Sam Houston State University	Huntsville	01/01/1925	2029	P	VI	A B M D
San Antonio College	San Antonio	01/01/1952	2026	P	II	A B
San Jacinto College	Pasadena	01/01/1966	2029	P	II	A B
Schreiner University	Kerrville	01/01/1934	2029	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Seminary of the Southwest	Austin	01/01/1983	2034	Pr, NFP	III	M
South Plains College	Levelland	01/01/1963	2034	P	I	A
South Texas College	McAllen	01/01/1995	2031	P	II	A B
Southern Methodist University	Dallas	01/01/1921	2031	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
Southwest Texas College	Uvalde	01/01/1964	2026	P	II	A B
Southwestern Adventist University	Keene	01/01/1958	2026	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	Fort Worth	01/01/1969	2031	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Southwestern Christian College	Terrell	01/01/1973	2029	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Southwestern University	Georgetown	01/01/1915	2033	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Stephen F. Austin State University	Nacogdoches	01/01/1927	2031	P	V	B M D
Sul Ross State University	Alpine	01/01/1929	2028	P	III	A B M
Tarleton State University	Stephenville	01/01/1926	2032	P	V	A B M D
Tarrant County College District	Fort Worth	01/01/1969	2034	P	I	A
Temple College	Temple	01/01/1959	2031	P	I	A
Texarkana College	Texarkana	01/01/1931	2026	P	I	A
Texas A&M International University	Laredo	01/01/1970	2025	P	V	A B M D
Texas A&M University	College Station	01/01/2013	2032	P	VI	B M D
Texas A&M University—Central Texas	Killeen	01/01/2013	2028	P	IV	B M ES
Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi	Corpus Christi	01/01/1975	2030	P	VI	A B M D
Texas A&M University—Kingsville	Kingsville	01/01/1933	2025	P	VI	B M D
Texas A&M University—San Antonio	San Antonio	01/01/2014	2029	P	III	B M

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Texas A&M University—Texarkana	Texarkana	01/01/1979	2026	P	V	B M D
Texas Chiropractic College	Pasadena	01/01/1984	2029	Pr, NFP	V	B D
Texas Christian University	Fort Worth	01/01/1922	2033	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
Texas College	Tyler	01/01/2001	2026	Pr, NFP	II	A B
Texas Lutheran University	Seguin	01/01/1940	2028	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Texas Southern University	Houston	01/01/1948	2030	P	VI	B M D
Texas Southmost College	Brownsville	01/01/1915	2030	P	I	A
Texas State Technical College	Waco	01/01/2015	2030	P	I	A
Texas State University	San Marcos	01/01/1925	2031	P	VI	B M D
Texas Tech University	Lubbock	01/01/1928	2025	P	VI	B M D
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center	Lubbock	01/01/2004	2029	P	VI	B M D
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso	El Paso	06/14/2018	2033	P	V	B M D
Texas Wesleyan University	Fort Worth	01/01/1949	2033	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
Texas Woman's University	Denton	01/01/1923	2033	P	VI	B M D
Trinity University	San Antonio	01/01/1946	2028	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Trinity Valley Community College	Athens	01/01/1952	2027	P	II	A B
Tyler Junior College	Tyler	01/01/1931	2031	P	II	A B
University of Dallas	Irving	01/01/1963	2034	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
University of Houston	Houston	01/01/1954	2028	P	VI	B M D
University of Houston—Clear Lake	Houston	01/01/1976	2032	P	V	B M D
University of Houston—Downtown	Houston	01/01/1976	2026	P	III	B M
University of Houston—Victoria	Victoria	01/01/1978	2034	P	IV	B M ES
University of the Incarnate Word	San Antonio	01/01/1925	2025	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
University of Mary Hardin—Baylor	Belton	01/01/1926	2034	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
University of North Texas	Denton	01/01/1925	2026	P	VI	B M D
University of North Texas at Dallas	Dallas	01/01/2013	2028	P	V	B M D
University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth	Fort Worth	01/01/1995	2030	P	VI	B M D
University of St. Thomas	Houston	01/01/1954	2025	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
The University of Texas at Arlington	Arlington	01/01/1939	2027	P	VI	B M D
The University of Texas at Austin	Austin	01/01/1901	2028	P	VI	B M D
The University of Texas at Dallas	Richardson	01/01/1972	2028	P	VI	B M D
The University of Texas at El Paso	El Paso	01/01/1936	2026	P	VI	B M D
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	Houston	01/01/1973	2031	P	VI	B M D
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	San Antonio	01/01/1973	2028	P	VI	B M D
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center	Houston	01/01/2005	2031	P	V	B M D

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The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston	Galveston	01/01/1973	2028	P	VI	B M D
The University of Texas of the Permian Basin	Odessa	01/01/1974	2030	P	III	B M
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	Edinburg	01/01/1932	2027	P	VI	A B M D
The University of Texas at San Antonio	San Antonio	01/01/1974	2030	P	VI	B M D
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	Dallas	01/01/1973	2029	P	VI	B M D
The University of Texas at Tyler	Tyler	01/01/2020	2025	P	VI	B M D
Vernon College	Vernon	01/01/1974	2029	P	I	A
Victoria College	Victoria	01/01/1951	2034	P	I	A
Wade College	Dallas	01/01/1985	2030	Pr, FP	II	A B
Wayland Baptist University	Plainview	01/01/1956	2028	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Weatherford College	Weatherford	01/01/1956	2032	P	II	A B
West Texas A&M University	Canyon	01/01/1925	2026	P	V	B M D
Western Texas College	Snyder	01/01/1973	2028	P	I	A
Wharton County Junior College	Wharton	01/01/1951	2029	P	I	A
Wiley College	Marshall	01/01/1933	2033	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
William Marsh Rice University	Houston	01/01/1914	2026	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D

## Virginia

Institution	City	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
Appalachian College of Pharmacy	Oakwood	01/01/2011	2026	Pr, NFP	V	D
Averett University	Danville	01/01/1928	2027	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Blue Ridge Community College	Weyers Cave	01/01/1969	2025	P	I	A
Bluefield University	Bluefield	01/01/1949	2033	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Bridgepoint Community College	Chester	01/01/1969	2033	P	I	A
Bridgewater College	Bridgewater	01/01/1925	2032	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Central Virginia Community College	Lynchburg	01/01/1969	2034	P	I	A
Christendom College	Front Royal	01/01/1996	2033	Pr, NFP	III	A B M
Christopher Newport University	Newport News	01/01/1971	2027	P	III	B M
The College of William & Mary	Williamsburg	01/01/1921	2026	P	VI	B M ES D
Danville Community College	Danville	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A
Divine Mercy University	Sterling	01/01/2005	2030	Pr, NFP	V	D
Eastern Mennonite University	Harrisonburg	01/01/1959	2031	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
Eastern Shore Community College	Melfa	01/01/1973	2029	P	I	A
ECPI University	Virginia Beach	01/01/1998	2033	Pr, FP	III	A B M
Emory & Henry College	Emory	01/01/1925	2027	Pr, NFP	V	B M D

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Ferrum College	Ferrum	01/01/1960	2031	Pr, NFP	IV	A B M E S
George Mason University	Fairfax	01/01/1972	2032	P	VI	B M D
Germanna Community College	Locust Grove	01/01/1972	2028	P	I	A
Hampden-Sydney College	Hampden-Sydney	01/01/1919	2027	Pr, NFP	II	B
Hampton University	Hampton	01/01/1932	2028	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Hollins University	Roanoke	01/01/1932	2027	Pr, NFP	III	B M
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College	Richmond	01/01/1974	2030	P	I	A
James Madison University	Harrisonburg	01/01/1927	2033	P	VI	B M E S D
Laurel Ridge Community College	Middletown	01/01/1972	2028	P	I	A
Liberty University, Inc.	Lynchburg	01/01/1980	2026	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M E S D
Longwood University	Farmville	01/01/1927	2034	P	III	B M
Marine Corps University	Quantico	01/01/1999	2025	P	III	M
Mary Baldwin University	Staunton	01/01/1931	2027	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Marymount University	Arlington	01/01/1958	2028	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Mountain Empire Community College	Big Stone Gap	01/01/1974	2030	P	I	A
Mountain Gateway Community College	Clifton Forge	01/01/1969	2034	P	I	A
New River Community College	Dublin	01/01/1972	2028	P	I	A
Norfolk State University	Norfolk	01/01/1969	2028	P	V	A B M D
Northern Virginia Community College	Annandale	01/01/1968	2032	P	I	A
Old Dominion University	Norfolk	01/01/1951	2033	P	VI	B M E S D
Patrick Henry College	Purcellville	01/01/1922	2027	Pr, NFP	II	B
Patrick & Henry Community College	Martinsville	01/01/1972	2028	P	I	A
Paul D. Camp Community College	Franklin	01/01/1973	2029	P	I	A
Piedmont Virginia Community College	Charlottesville	01/01/1974	2030	P	I	A
Radford University	Radford	06/13/2019	2033	P	VI	A B M E S D
Randolph College	Lynchburg	01/01/1902	2031	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Randolph-Macon College	Ashland	01/01/1904	2028	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Rappahannock Community College	Glenns	01/01/1973	2029	P	I	A
Regent University	Virginia Beach	01/01/1984	2029	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Richard Bland College	South Prince George	01/01/1961	2029	P	I	A
Roanoke College	Salem	01/01/1927	2032	Pr, NFP	II	B
Shenandoah University	Winchester	01/01/1974	2029	Pr, NFP	VI	A B M D
Southern Virginia University	Buena Vista	01/01/2012	2027	Pr, NFP	II	B
Southside Virginia Community College	Alberta	01/01/1972	2028	P	I	A
Southwest Virginia Community College	Cedar Bluff	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A
Sweet Briar College	Sweet Briar	01/01/1920	2031	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Tidewater Community College	Norfolk	01/01/1971	2027	P	I	A
Union Presbyterian Seminary	Richmond	01/01/1997	2032	Pr, NFP	V	M D



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University of Lynchburg	Lynchburg	01/01/1927	2024	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
University of Mary Washington	Fredericksburg	01/01/1930	2033	P	III	B M
University of Richmond	Richmond	01/01/1910	2028	Pr, NFP	V	A B M D
University of Virginia	Charlottesville	01/01/1904	2027	P	VI	B M E S D
The University of Virginia's College at Wise	Wise	01/01/1970	2026	P	III	B M
Virginia Commonwealth University	Richmond	01/01/1953	2034	P	VI	A B M D
Virginia Highlands Community College	Abingdon	01/01/1972	2028	P	I	A
Virginia Military Institute	Lexington	01/01/1926	2027	P	II	B
Virginia Peninsula Community College	Hampton	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Blacksburg	06/14/2018	2031	P	VI	A B M D
Virginia State University	Petersburg	01/01/1933	2028	P	V	B M D
Virginia Union University	Richmond	01/01/1935	2030	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Virginia Wesleyan University	Virginia Beach	01/01/1970	2026	Pr, NFP	III	B M
Virginia Western Community College	Roanoke	01/01/1969	2034	P	I	A
Washington and Lee University	Lexington	01/01/1895	2029	Pr, NFP	V	B D
Wytheville Community College	Wytheville	01/01/1970	2026	P	I	A

## International

Institution	Country	Initial Accreditation	Date of Next Reaffirmation	Governance	Level	Degrees Offered
American University Emirates	Dubai, United Arab Emirates	1/1/2023	2028	Private, For-Profit	III	B M
The American University in Dubai	United Arab Emirates	01/01/2007	2032	Pr, FP	III	B M
American University of Ras Al Khaimah	United Arab Emirates	01/01/2018	2033	P	III	B M
Fundacion Universidad de las Americas Puebla	Mexico	01/01/1959	2025	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
INCAE Business School	Costa Rica	01/01/1994	2029	Pr, NFP	III	M
Instituto Tecnologico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey	Mexico	01/01/1950	2028	Pr, NFP	VI	B M D
Rabdan Academy	Abu Dhabi	1/1/24	***	Public	III	A B M
Universidad de las Americas—A.C.	Mexico	01/01/1991	2027	Pr, NFP	V	B M D
Universidad de Monterrey	Mexico	01/01/2001	2026	Pr, NFP	V	B M D



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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Trustees of  
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
Commission on Colleges, Inc.

### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc. (a non-profit organization referred to as the Commission), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Commission as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Commission and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Commission's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.



### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Commission's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

*Carr, Riggs & Ingram, L.L.C.*

CARR, RIGGS & INGRAM, L.L.C.

Atlanta, Georgia  
December 3, 2024

**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc.**  
**Statements of Financial Position**

<i>June 30,</i>	<b>2024</b>	2023
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,283,181	\$ 6,140,220
Accounts receivables, net	548,002	574,996
Due from related parties	18,007	16,883
Prepaid expenses	386,458	287,755
Total current assets	7,235,648	7,019,854
Non-current assets		
Property and equipment, net	3,483,621	3,682,065
Investments in marketable securities	10,767,580	9,462,693
Website development costs and software, net	86,564	130,174
Investments - deferred compensation	1,328,400	1,134,420
Operating lease right-of-use assets, net	60,725	-
Total non-current assets	15,726,890	14,409,352
Total assets	\$ 22,962,538	\$ 21,429,206
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 306,488	\$ 137,456
Accrued expenses	585,009	600,738
Current portion of operating lease liabilities	27,496	-
Performance obligation liabilities	6,064,697	6,109,108
Current portion due to related party - post-retirement benefit obligation	66,087	62,475
Total current liabilities	7,049,777	6,909,777
Long-term liabilities		
Operating lease liabilities, less current portion	33,229	-
Deferred compensation	1,328,400	1,134,420
Due to related party - post-retirement benefit obligation, less current portion	857,618	878,044
Total long-term liabilities	2,219,247	2,012,464
Total liabilities	9,269,024	8,922,241
Net assets		
Without donor restrictions	13,693,514	12,506,965
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 22,962,538	\$ 21,429,206

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc.**  
**Statements of Activities**

<i>For the years ended June 30,</i>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Revenue and Other Support</b>		
Membership dues	\$ 8,739,708	\$ 8,220,925
Registration fees	3,433,465	3,369,798
Application and special fees	1,196,250	1,102,750
Exhibitors, sponsors and publication fees	419,335	261,388
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	1,022,107	601,639
Dividend and interest income	239,185	198,586
Foundation grant	46,737	87,716
Miscellaneous income	217,310	259,925
<b>Total revenue and other support</b>	<b>15,314,097</b>	<b>14,102,727</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program services	10,780,300	10,735,800
General and administrative	3,373,642	3,295,243
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>14,153,942</b>	<b>14,031,043</b>
Change in net assets before other changes in net assets	1,160,155	71,684
Other ASC 715 pension benefit (cost)	26,394	18,400
<b>Total change in net assets</b>	<b>1,186,549</b>	<b>90,084</b>
<b>Net assets at beginning of year, without donor restrictions</b>	<b>12,506,965</b>	<b>12,416,881</b>
<b>Net assets at end of year, without donor restrictions</b>	<b>\$ 13,693,514</b>	<b>\$ 12,506,965</b>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc.**  
**Statements of Functional Expenses**

***For the year ended June 30, 2024***

	Program Services	General and Administrative	Total
Compensation	\$ 4,417,208	\$ 1,893,089	\$ 6,310,297
Benefits and taxes	1,843,840	799,797	2,643,637
Annual meeting	1,689,685	-	1,689,685
Meetings, workshops, seminars	654,078	-	654,078
Contractors	442,610	189,690	632,300
Summer accreditation institute	600,796	-	600,796
Maintenance of equipment	174,965	174,965	349,930
Office expense	259,368	38,290	297,658
Depreciation and amortization	188,016	80,578	268,594
Professional fees	201,402	22,378	223,780
Insurance	93,759	93,759	187,518
Facility expense	61,129	61,129	122,258
Training	48,708	-	48,708
Grant expense	46,737	-	46,737
Miscellaneous expense	28,009	3,098	31,107
Service fees	13,546	12,758	26,304
Travel and meetings	16,444	4,111	20,555
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 10,780,300</b>	<b>\$ 3,373,642</b>	<b>\$ 14,153,942</b>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc.**  
**Statements of Functional Expenses (Continued)**

*For the year ended June 30, 2023*

	Program Services	General and Administrative	Total
Compensation	\$ 4,310,312	\$ 1,847,276	\$ 6,157,588
Benefits and taxes	1,990,582	863,343	2,853,925
Annual meeting	1,599,363	-	1,599,363
Summer accreditation institute	730,092	-	730,092
Meetings, workshops, seminars	692,501	-	692,501
Contractors	243,483	104,350	347,833
Professional fees	302,262	33,585	335,847
Maintenance of equipment	166,674	166,674	333,348
Depreciation and amortization	174,295	74,698	248,993
Office expense	217,614	28,427	246,041
Insurance	87,376	87,376	174,752
Facility expense	53,323	53,323	106,646
Grant expense	87,716	-	87,716
Miscellaneous expense	39,844	3,765	43,609
Service fees	13,763	10,100	23,863
Bad debt expense	-	19,800	19,800
Training	16,497	-	16,497
Travel and meetings	10,103	2,526	12,629
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 10,735,800</b>	<b>\$ 3,295,243</b>	<b>\$ 14,031,043</b>

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**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc.**  
**Statements of Cash Flows**

<i>For the years ended June 30,</i>	<b>2024</b>	2023
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Change in net assets	\$ 1,186,549	\$ 90,084
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		
ASC 715 pension benefit	(16,814)	(8,163)
Depreciation and amortization	268,594	248,993
Amortization of right-of-use assets	21,764	-
Net realized and unrealized loss (gain) on investments	(1,022,107)	(601,639)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Accounts receivable	26,994	(40,252)
Litigation settlements	-	(79,200)
Due to/from related parties	(1,124)	7,258
Prepaid expenses	(98,703)	147,910
Accounts payable	169,032	(244,734)
Accrued expenses	(15,729)	12,985
Operating lease liabilities	(21,764)	-
Performance obligation liabilities	(44,411)	331,980
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	452,281	(134,778)
<b>Investing Activities</b>		
Purchase of property and equipment	(26,540)	(903,902)
Purchases of investments	(5,552,988)	(6,681,209)
Proceeds from sale of investments	5,270,208	6,497,720
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(309,320)	(1,087,391)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	142,961	(1,222,169)
Cash and cash equivalents, at beginning of year	6,140,220	7,362,389
Cash and cash equivalents, at end of year	\$ 6,283,181	\$ 6,140,220
<b>Schedule of Noncash Transactions</b>		
Lease liabilities arising from obtaining right-of-use assets		
Operating leases	\$ 82,489	\$ -

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.*

## Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc.

### Notes to Financial Statements

#### **Note 1: DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANIZATION**

The accompanying financial statements include the accounts of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc. (the Commission), a Georgia nonprofit corporation, without capital stock, and a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Inc. (SACS). The Commission was incorporated exclusively for educational purposes, and is the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the southern United States. The Commission grants normal credit terms to its members.

The Commission's program services consist of the following:

*Member services* – The Commission provides access to industry information, consultation and cost saving programs.

*Registration and application* – The Commission provides annual meetings and summer institutes designed for enhancing participants understanding of the Commission principles, preparing for quality assessments and learning effective strategies for improving assessments.

#### **Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### ***Basis of Accounting***

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) provides authoritative guidance regarding U.S. GAAP through the Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) and related Accounting Standards Updates (ASUs).

##### ***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of U.S. GAAP financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant change in the near term are related to the allowance for credit losses, the estimate of the post-retirement benefit obligation and the fair value of investments and financial instruments.

##### ***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

Cash and cash equivalents include cash and all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of 90 days or less.

##### ***Accounts Receivable***

Accounts receivable represent amounts owed to the Commission which are expected to be collected within twelve months and are presented in the statements of financial position net of the allowance for credit losses.

**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc.**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**

**Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

***Allowance for Credit Losses***

Management evaluates its receivables on an ongoing basis by analyzing customer relationships and previous payment histories. The allowance for credit losses is management's best estimate of the amount of expected credit losses in the existing accounts based on current market conditions. Historically, losses on uncollectible accounts have been within management's expectations. The allowance for credit losses is reviewed on a periodic basis to ensure there is sufficient reserve to cover any potential credit losses. When receivables are considered uncollectible, they are charged against the allowance for credit losses. Collections on accounts previously written off are included in the change in net assets as received. There was no allowance for credit losses at June 30, 2024 and 2023.

***Investments***

The Commission reports investments in equity securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities at their fair values in the statements of financial position. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets in the accompanying Statements of Activities. Investment income and gains restricted by donors are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions if the restrictions are met (either a stipulated time period ends, or a purpose restriction is accomplished) in the reporting period in which the income and gains are recognized.

***Property and Equipment***

All acquisitions of property and equipment in excess of \$1,500 and all expenditures for maintenance, renewals, and betterments that materially prolong the useful lives of assets are capitalized. Repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Property and equipment are carried at cost or, if donated, at the approximate fair value at the date of donation. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

***Leases***

The Commission leases a vehicle. The Commission determines if an arrangement is a lease at inception. Operating leases are included in operating lease right-of-use (ROU) assets, other current liabilities, and operating lease liabilities the statements of financial position.

ROU assets represent the right to use an underlying asset for the lease term and lease liabilities represent the obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. Operating lease ROU assets and liabilities are recognized at commencement date based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term. As most of the leases do not provide an implicit rate, the Commission uses a risk-free rate based on the information available at commencement date in determining the present value of lease payments. The operating lease ROU asset also includes any lease payments made and excludes lease incentives. The lease terms may include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that the Organization will exercise that option. Lease expense for lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

The lease agreements do not contain any material residual value guarantees or material restrictive covenants.

## Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc.

### Notes to Financial Statements

#### **Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

##### ***Postretirement Benefit Plan***

The Commission sponsors a postretirement benefit plan (the “Plan”) for certain employees. The Commission accounts for these benefits under FASB ASC 715, *Compensation - Retirement Benefits* (ASC 715), which requires a company that sponsors a postretirement benefit plan to recognize in its statements of financial position, the funded status of a benefit plan. See Note 13.

##### ***Net Assets***

The Commission reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets that are based upon the existence or absence of restrictions on use that are placed by its donors: net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions.

Net assets without donor restrictions are resources available to support operations and not subject to donor restrictions. The only limits on the use of net assets without donor restrictions are the broad limits resulting from the nature of the Commission, the environment in which it operates, the purposes specified in its corporate documents and its application for tax-exempt status, and any limits resulting from contractual agreements with creditors and others that are entered into in the course of its operations.

Net assets with donor restrictions are resources that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Some restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that are restricted by a donor for use for a particular purpose or in a particular future period. Other restrictions may be perpetual in nature; such as those that are restricted by a donor that the resources be maintained in perpetuity.

When a donor's restriction is satisfied, either by using the resources in the manner specified by the donor or by the passage of time, the expiration of the restriction is reported in the financial statements by reclassifying the net assets from net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions.

There were no net assets with donor restrictions as of June 30, 2024 and 2023.

##### ***Revenue Recognition***

Revenue from dues and fees and payments under various contracts is recognized as revenue when performance obligations under the terms of the contracts with customers are satisfied. Revenue received in advance is deferred and recognized over the periods to which the dues and fees relate. These amounts are included in performance obligation liabilities within the statements of financial position.

Grants are analyzed for measurable performance-related barriers or other barriers. Revenue is recognized as barriers are met.

##### ***Donated Assets***

Donated investments and other noncash donations are recorded as contributions at their fair values at the date of donation.

## Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Inc.

### Notes to Financial Statements

#### **Note 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

##### ***Donated Services***

Donated services are recognized as contributions if the services (a) create or enhance nonfinancial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are performed by people with those skills, and would otherwise be purchased by the Commission. Volunteers also provided fund-raising services throughout the year that are not recognized as contributions in the financial statements since the recognition criteria were not met.

##### ***Functional Allocation of Expenses***

Directly identifiable expenses are charged to programs and supporting services. Expenses related to compensation, benefits and taxes, professional fees and contractors are allocated based on actual percentages of time spent in each functional area. Expenses related to the office, administrative costs, and maintenance are allocated across functional areas based on a fixed percentage.

##### ***Income Taxes***

Under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, the Commission is exempt from taxes on income other than unrelated business income.

The Commission utilizes the accounting requirements associated with uncertainty in income taxes using the provisions of FASB ASC 740, *Income Taxes*. Using that guidance, tax positions initially need to be recognized in the financial statements when it is more-likely-than-not the positions will be sustained upon examination by the tax authorities. It also provides guidance for derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. As of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Commission has no uncertain tax positions that qualify for recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

##### ***Subsequent Events***

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, December 3, 2024, and determined there were no events that occurred that required disclosure. No subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in the financial statements.

##### ***Recent Accounting Pronouncements***

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, *Financial Instruments-Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments*, which is often referred to as the CECL model, or current expected credit losses. Among other things, the amendments in this ASU require the measurement of all expected credit losses for financial assets held at the reporting date based on historical experience, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts. Financial institutions and other organizations will now use forward-looking information to better inform their credit loss estimates. Many of the loss estimation techniques applied today will still be permitted, although the inputs to those techniques will change to reflect the full amount of expected credit losses. In addition, the ASU amends the accounting for credit losses on available-for-sale debt securities and purchased financial assets with credit deterioration.

The Organization adopted ASU 2016-13 on July 1, 2023. The impact of the adoption was not considered material to the financial statements and primarily resulted in enhanced disclosures only.



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**Note 3: FINANCIAL ASSET AVAILABILITY**

The Commission maintains its financial assets primarily in cash and cash equivalents and investments to provide liquidity to ensure funds are available as the Commission's expenditures come due.

<i>June 30,</i>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Total assets at year end	<b>\$ 22,962,538</b>	<b>\$ 21,429,206</b>
Less non-financial assets		
Prepaid expenses and other assets	<b>(386,458)</b>	<b>(287,755)</b>
Operating lease right-of-use assets, net	<b>(60,725)</b>	<b>-</b>
Property and equipment, net	<b>(3,483,621)</b>	<b>(3,682,065)</b>
Website development costs and software, net	<b>(86,564)</b>	<b>(130,174)</b>
Investments - deferred compensation	<b>(1,328,400)</b>	<b>(1,134,420)</b>
Financial assets at year-end	<b>\$ 17,616,770</b>	<b>\$ 16,194,792</b>

The Commission is principally supported by its program service fees. The goal of the Commission is to maintain available financial assets to meet its next 60 days of operating expenses of approximately \$2,363,000.

**Note 4: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Accounts receivable consist of the following:

<i>June 30,</i>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Accreditation visitation	<b>\$ 471,656</b>	<b>\$ 243,838</b>
Other	<b>76,346</b>	<b>331,158</b>
Accounts receivable, net	<b>\$ 548,002</b>	<b>\$ 574,996</b>

**Note 5: INVESTMENTS**

Investments in marketable securities consist of the following at June 30, 2024:

<i>June 30, 2024</i>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
Common stocks	<b>\$ 6,302,069</b>	<b>\$ 7,275,975</b>
Fixed income - bonds and bond mutual funds	<b>3,024,129</b>	<b>2,860,300</b>
Alternative strategies - mutual funds	<b>275,901</b>	<b>273,197</b>
Real estate investment trusts	<b>358,240</b>	<b>358,108</b>
Total	<b>\$ 9,960,339</b>	<b>\$ 10,767,580</b>

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**Note 5: INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

Investments in marketable securities consist of the following at June 30, 2023:

<i>June 30, 2023</i>	Cost	Fair Value
Common stocks	\$ 5,932,075	\$ 6,112,994
Fixed income - bonds and bond mutual funds	2,987,460	2,693,275
Alternative strategies - mutual funds	316,129	308,552
Real estate investment trusts	369,580	347,872
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,605,244</b>	<b>\$ 9,462,693</b>

**Note 6: PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

The components of property and equipment consist of the following at June 30, 2024 and 2023:

<i>June 30,</i>	Estimated Useful Life (in years)	<b>2024</b>	2023
Building and improvements	25	\$ 3,885,609	\$ 3,869,358
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	3 - 10	<b>1,870,367</b>	1,860,078
Total depreciable property and equipment		<b>5,755,976</b>	5,729,436
Less accumulated depreciation		<b>(3,522,355)</b>	(3,297,371)
Total depreciable property and equipment, net		<b>2,233,621</b>	2,432,065
Land		<b>1,250,000</b>	1,250,000
<b>Property and equipment, net</b>		<b>\$ 3,483,621</b>	\$ 3,682,065

Depreciation expense for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, was approximately \$203,000 and \$182,000, respectively.

**Note 7: WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT COSTS AND SOFTWARE**

Website development costs relate to a system developed by the Commission to support the production of webinars. The system allows schools to access training and other webinars to help further support the relationship between the Commission and the schools it services. During the year ended June 30, 2018, the Commission began developing database software. The costs incurred during application development for both website development and database software have been capitalized in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

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**Note 7: WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT COSTS AND SOFTWARE (Continued)**

The following is a summary of these costs at June 30, 2024 and 2023:

<i>June 30,</i>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Web-based training modules	\$ 395,931	\$ 395,931
Software and hardware	<b>66,222</b>	66,222
Total website development and software costs	<b>462,153</b>	462,153
Less accumulated amortization	<b>(375,589)</b>	(331,979)
Website development and software costs, net	<b>\$ 86,564</b>	\$ 130,174

Amortization expense for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, was approximately \$66,000 for both years.

**Note 8: LEASES**

The Commission entered into an operating lease for a vehicle during fiscal year 2024. The lease has a remaining lease term of two years.

The components of lease expense consist of the following:

<i>For the year ended June 30,</i>	<b>2024</b>
Operating lease cost	\$ 18,190

Other information related to leases was as follows:

<i>For the year ended June 30,</i>	<b>2024</b>
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**Supplemental Cash Flow Information**

Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities:

Operating cash flows from operating leases	\$ 21,764
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**Note 8: LEASES (Continued)**

Weighted average remaining lease term and discount rates consist of the following:

<i>For the year ended June 30,</i>	<i>2024</i>
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for lease obligations	
Operating leases	\$ 82,489
Weighted average remaining lease term	
Operating leases	2 years
Weighted average discount rate	
Operating leases	4.60%

Future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable leases as of June 30, 2024, were as follows:

<i>For the years ending June 30,</i>	<i>Operating Leases</i>
2025	\$ 27,496
2026	27,496
2027	9,166
Total future minimum lease payments	64,158
Less imputed interest	3,433
Present value of lease liabilities	\$ 60,725
Reported as of December 31, 2022	
Other current liabilities	\$ 27,496
Other long-term liabilities	33,229
Total	\$ 60,725

**Note 9: REVENUE**

The Commission recognizes revenue over time for its dues and certain fees. As of June 30, 2024, there are performance obligations to be satisfied of \$6,064,697. At June 30, 2024, management expects to recognize \$6,064,697 as revenue in 2025. The Commission's method of recognizing revenue is the input method for performance obligations to be utilized over time.

Revenue from registration, application and special fees, exhibitors, sponsors and publications are recorded at a point in time or over a period of time depending on the nature of the event or

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**Note 9: REVENUE (Continued)**

Contract assets and liabilities related to revenue from contracts with customers consists of the following:

<i>For the years ended June 30,</i>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
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Contract assets		
Accounts receivable, beginning of year	\$ 574,996	\$ 534,744
Accounts receivable, end of year	\$ 548,002	\$ 574,996
Contract liabilities		
Performance obligation liabilities, beginning of year	\$ 6,109,108	\$ 5,777,128
Performance obligation liabilities, end of year	\$ 6,064,697	\$ 6,109,108

**Note 10: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

Fair value is the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. There are three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair values:

*Level 1:* Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date.

*Level 2:* Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs, other than quoted prices, that are:
  - observable; or
  - can be corroborated by observable market data.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

*Level 3:* Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at June 30, 2024.

*Common Stocks, Bonds and Bond Mutual Funds:* Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.



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**Note 10: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)**

*Mutual Funds and Real Estate Investment Trusts:* Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds and public real estate investment trusts held by the Commission are open-end funds that are registered with the SEC. These funds are required to publish their daily NAV and to transact at that price. The mutual funds and public real estate investment trust funds held by the Commission are deemed to be actively traded.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Commission believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine fair value of certain financial instruments could result in different fair value measurements at the reporting date.

Assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis consists of the following at June 30, 2024 and 2023:

<b><i>June 30, 2024</i></b>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments				
Common stocks	\$ 7,275,975	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,275,975
Fixed income - bonds and bond mutual funds	2,860,300	-	-	2,860,300
Alternative strategies - publicly traded mutual funds	273,197	-	-	273,197
Real estate investment trusts	358,108	-	-	358,108
Total investments	10,767,580	-	-	10,767,580
Investments - deferred compensation				
Common stocks	1,328,400	-	-	1,328,400
Total	\$ 12,095,980	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,095,980
<b><i>June 30, 2023</i></b>	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments				
Common stocks	\$ 6,112,994	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,112,994
Fixed income - bonds and bond mutual funds	2,693,275	-	-	2,693,275
Alternative strategies - publicly traded mutual funds	308,552	-	-	308,552
Real estate investment trusts	347,872	-	-	347,872
Total investments	9,462,693	-	-	9,462,693
Investments - deferred compensation				
Common stocks	1,134,420	-	-	1,134,420
Total	\$ 10,597,113	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,597,113

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#### **Note 10: FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)**

##### ***Changes in Fair Value Levels***

The availability of observable market data is monitored to assess the appropriate classification of financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another. In such instances, the transfer is reported at the beginning of the reporting period.

Management evaluated the significance of transfer between levels based upon the nature of the financial instrument and size of the transfer relative to total assets. For the year ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, there were no significant transfers in or out of Levels 1, 2 or 3.

#### **Note 11: CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK**

The Commission maintains cash with a financial institution in excess of the FDIC limit of \$250,000 by approximately \$5,783,000 and \$5,845,000 at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

#### **Note 12: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

From time to time, the Commission may have asserted and unasserted claims arising in the normal course of business, most often these claims involve the Commission's denial of accreditation of a member institution. The Commission does not expect losses, if any, arising from these asserted and unasserted claims to have a material effect on the financial statements.

#### **Note 13: RETIREMENT PLANS**

##### ***403(b) Plan***

The Commission sponsors a defined contribution 403(b) plan covering all employees. The Commission makes a contribution to the Plan each year equal to 12.5% of all participants' compensation. Total expense for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, was approximately \$779,000 and \$742,000, respectively.

##### ***Postretirement Benefit Plan***

The Commission, along with the Career and Technical Education Consortium of States, Inc. (CTECS), provides certain health care insurance benefits for retired employees and their dependents. This plan has been closed to new participants. Certain employees become eligible for health care insurance benefits if they retire after they reach 60 years of age and achieve 10 years of continuous service while working for the Commission. Each entity is responsible for employee benefits for employees that retired from each respective entity. Based on the allocations of employees retired from each employer, a portion of the benefit obligations have been allocated to the Commission. The Commission contributed approximately \$52,000 to pay benefits during the year ended June 30, 2024.

The disclosures below represent the postretirement benefit obligation for the Commission's allocated portion.

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**Note 13: RETIREMENT PLANS (Continued)**

***Postretirement Benefit Plan (continued)***

The change in the postretirement benefit obligation for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, is as follows:

<i>June 30,</i>	<b>2024</b>	2023
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 940,519	\$ 948,681
Service cost	9,579	10,237
Interest cost	45,290	44,851
Actuarial gain	(4,820)	(10,991)
Benefits paid	(66,863)	(52,259)
Benefit obligation at end of year	<u>\$ 923,705</u>	<u>\$ 940,519</u>

The change in the Plan's assets for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, is as follows:

<i>June 30,</i>	<b>2024</b>	2023
Plan assets at beginning of year	\$ -	\$ -
Employer contributions	66,863	52,259
Benefits paid	(66,863)	(52,259)
Plan assets at year end	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Amounts recognized in the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, are as follows:

<i>June 30,</i>	<b>2024</b>	2023
Current liabilities	\$ (66,087)	\$ (62,475)
Noncurrent liabilities	(857,618)	(878,044)
Funded status	<u>\$ (923,705)</u>	<u>\$ (940,519)</u>

The following table details the components of net periodic benefit cost during the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023:

<i>June 30,</i>	<b>2024</b>	2023
Service cost	\$ 9,579	\$ 10,237
Interest cost	45,290	44,851
Net periodic benefit cost	<u>\$ 54,869</u>	<u>\$ 55,088</u>

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**Note 13: RETIREMENT PLANS (Continued)**

***Postretirement Benefit Plan (continued)***

The following table details other changes in the plan assets and benefit obligations recognized in net assets during the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023:

<i>June 30,</i>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Actuarial gain	\$ (4,820)	\$ (10,991)
Net periodic benefit cost	54,869	55,088
Total recognized in net periodic benefit cost and net assets	\$ 50,049	\$ 44,097

Weighted average assumptions for measuring benefit obligations at June 30, 2024 and 2023:

<i>June 30,</i>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Discount rate	5.29	4.88
Medical trend rate	6.75% with grades to 4.5% over 12 years	7% with grades to 4.5% over 13 years

Weighted average assumptions for measuring net periodic benefit cost for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023:

<i>June 30,</i>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Discount rate	4.88	4.33
Medical trend rate	7.0% with grades to 4.5% over 13 years	5.3% with grades to 4.5% over 9 years

The following benefit payments, which reflect expected future service and decrements as appropriate, discount rate projections, and health care cost trend rate estimates, are expected to be paid by the Commission for subsequent fiscal years:

<i>For the years ending June 30,</i>	<b>Commission Portion</b>
2025	\$ 66,087
2026	64,874
2027	64,578
2028	65,249
2029	65,489
2030-2034	361,000
Total	\$ 687,277

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**Note 14: DEFERRED COMPENSATION**

The Commission has entered into deferred compensation agreements with certain current and former employees. These agreements require the Commission to pay a portion of each employee's salary into a salary continuation account that is invested into certain investments as defined by the agreements. These payments are required to continue through each employee's stated vested date. Upon retirement and participant request, the fair values of the salary continuation accounts are to be paid to the employees in sixty substantially equal monthly installments. At June 30, 2024 and 2023, the investments – deferred compensation consist primarily of common stocks and are presented at fair value based on Level 1 measurements. A liability is accrued for the obligation under these plans and is included in the statements of financial position. The expense incurred for the deferred compensation plans was \$79,765 in fiscal year 2024 and \$70,055 in fiscal year 2023, resulting in a deferred compensation liability of \$1,328,400 and \$1,134,420 as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

**Note 15: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Commission has an agreement with an insurance carrier whereby the Commission's group health insurance are partially self-insured. Under the agreement, the Commission funds each employee and/or his/her dependent claims up to a maximum of \$50,000 annually. The maximum liability to the claim fund cannot exceed \$1,000,000 annually.

At June 30, 2024, the Commission had no unfunded liability for submitted claims. Claims for occurrences prior to June 30, 2024, were unknown at that date and are estimated to be insignificant.

As discussed in Note 13, the Commission also maintains a plan that provides certain health care insurance benefits for retired employees and their dependents. The Commission has certain employees and former employees that participate in this plan. SACS accounts for these benefits under FASB ASC 715, which requires an entity that sponsors a postretirement benefit plan to recognize in its statement of financial position, the funded status of the benefit plan. Accordingly, the entire funded status at June 30, 2024, has been recorded by SACS.

The Commission's portion of the obligation in the amount of \$923,705 has been recognized as due to related party - postretirement benefit obligation in the accompanying statements of financial position.

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the Commission charged CTECS \$52,500 for the use of business administration personnel and office space. At June 30, 2024, the Commission had a receivable of \$18,007 due from CTECS for various operating expenses paid by the Commission on behalf of CTECS.







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