



Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College

Update for Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

By John D. Gossett, A-B Tech President

May 4, 2021



About Us

Purpose

Founded in 1959, A-B Tech is the **largest higher education institution in Western North Carolina**, providing academic, continuing education and workforce training to **more than 23,000 students a year** in Buncombe and Madison counties.

One of 58 community colleges in the NC Community College System, A-B Tech offers more than 125 degrees, diplomas and certificates, as well as a wide range of workforce training and continuing education programs. A-B Tech alumni work in virtually every industry in the region, generating the largest economic impact of any college in WNC.

A-B Tech locations:

- Main campus on Victoria Road
- A-B Tech Enka (home of the A-B Tech Small Business Center and Business Incubation Program, Craft Beverage Institute of the Southeast and N.C. BioNetwork)
- A-B Tech Madison
- A-B Tech South A-B Tech Woodfin (Emergency Services campus)
- Goodwill Center in West Asheville



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Board of Trustees Members

Appointed by Buncombe County:

- Nian Avery
- Himanshu Karvir
- Matt Kern
- Max Queen



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Appointed by the Governor:

- Dr. Theresa Banks (Madison)
- Joe Brumit
- David King
- Libby Kyles



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Appointed by the Asheville City and Buncombe County Boards of Education:

- Dr. John Parham, Jr., Chair
- Dr. Roger Metcalf, Vice Chair
- Judy Lewis
- Vacant position



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Appointed by Madison County:

- Wayne Brigman
- Frances Ramsey

Student Government Association President

- Vacant





Dates and Accomplishments

I. Financial Meetings

- Dr. Gossett will be presenting an update to the Commissioners on May 4
- Budget request for FY 2021-22 will be presented to Commissioners on May 11

II. A-B Tech Enka – TCC Building Conditions Assessment and Plan

- Study, funded by Article 46, was launched August 2020
- Determined that the renovation costs of \$28M would be less than that required for a new facility
- The results were presented at a Commissioners briefing on April 6
- Design contract for the TSS roof replacements is out to bid
- Plans for a comprehensive Enka master plan to include the Haynes Building are being developed

III. Joint Article 46 Capital Advisory Committee

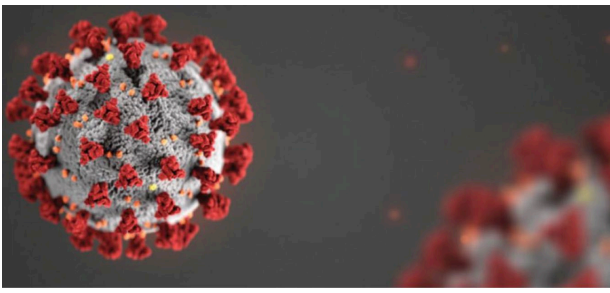
- Met October 2020 and February 2021 to review continuing and anticipated projects



Activities

- Overview of work completed since last update
 - Shifted to 95% online instruction in two weeks in March 2020
 - Dr. Gossett became A-B Tech's 7th president on July 1, 2020
 - Currently developing a five-year strategic plan to guide college
 - Preparing for a return to in-person instruction in Fall Semester
 - Developing training center and programming with Pratt & Whitney
 - Seeking a new location for A-B Tech South and improvements for A-B Tech Enka
- Legislative updates
 - Asking NC General Assembly to hold community colleges harmless for 2020-21 enrollment declines due to COVID-19
 - Seeking substantial salary increase for community college employees





Activities



- **COVID-19 Partnership with Buncombe County**

- Hosted COVID testing site and Vaccine Clinic on Asheville campus
- Hosted Mexican Consulate
- Designated Clint Gorman to serve on Emergency Management Task Force
- Trained First Responders in-person and via videos developed by A-B Tech EMS department
- Donated PPE to county
- Partnered to make hand sanitizer at A-B Tech Enka
- Volunteered Nursing students to help administer vaccines
- Served on several county COVID committees



Financial Update

- Scheduled to present FY22 budget proposal on May 11

