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Kerry Bridges to Lead Augusta Tech Foundation New Trustees Elected

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The Augusta Technical College Foundation, Inc. started 2026 under new leadership with several new members of the Board of Trustees. Kerry Bridges of Georgia Power is the new chair while Jane Marie Kinsey of McKnight Construction is the new vice chair. They succeeded outgoing chair Randy Hatcher of MAU and retired architect Joe Gambill.

“We are so grateful for the incredible leadership of Mr. Hatcher and Mr. Gambill over their many years of service on the Foundation,” Kerry Bridges said. “They led the Foundation to strive higher than ever before with visionary new projects like The Patch Partnership and Jim Hudson Automotive Institute.”

Both Hatcher and Gambill have agreed to stay on the Board of Trustees as ex officio members. The Board also elected several new members to their first three-year terms. The new members are:

- Robbie Bennett, President and CEO of SRS Community Reuse Organization
- Nikki McLain, Chief Financial Officer for Piedmont Augusta
- Joy Morgan Newberry, Augusta Studio Director for McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture
- Patrick Raley, Human Resources Director for Aurubis Richmond
- Briana Williams, Community Relations Officer for Queensborough National Bank & Trust

“As Augusta Tech continues to strive for greater opportunities for our students, we will continue to build strategic partnerships across the CSRA,” said College President Dr. Kendrick Hooker. “These new Trustees represent an expansion of existing partnerships that will enable us to better prepare tomorrow’s workforce.”

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About the Augusta Technical College Foundation

Founded in 1987, the Augusta Technical College Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to raising resources that advance the college's mission of providing excellence in workforce education. These resources contribute to Augusta Tech students' career advancement and economic empowerment.

About Augusta Technical College

Augusta Technical College, a unit of the Technical College System of Georgia, is a public postsecondary institution that provides academic and technical education, customized business and industry training, continuing education, student support, economic development, and adult education services to its service area (Burke, Columbia, Lincoln, McDuffie, and Richmond Counties) at a competitive financial value. Associate of Science Degrees, Associate of Applied Science Degrees, diplomas, and technical certificates of credit are provided through traditional and distance delivery methods. For more information, visit augustatech.edu.

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