

**Advisory Committee – Computer Technology**

Chairperson: _____ Dr. Joshua Montgomery
MINUTES of the Meeting

Friday, October 31, 2025

MEMBERS: Josh Montgomery, Brian Birkhimer, Sevrin Florek, Mary Goocey, Tyler Bick, Bill Condo, Tyler Hisel, Chris Puckett, Gregg Wallace

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Josh Montgomery	
2. Introductions	Josh Montgomery –SSCC, Brian Birkhimer –SSCC, Sevrin Florek –SSCC, Mary Goocey - SSCC, Tyler Bick -SSCC, Bill Condo - Luma, Tyler Hisel – GE, Chris Puckett – GE, Gregg Wallace – Connections	
3. Agenda	Review Approval of the Agenda	Motion by: Josh Montgomery 2 nd : Brian Birkhimer All In Favor
4. Minutes	Review Approval of the 2024 Minutes	Motion by: Josh Montgomery 2 nd : Brian Birkhimer All In Favor
5. Reports from Chair	Technology Innovation Center (TIC) overview. Plans were shown and discussed amongst committee. Individual comments were overwhelmingly supportive. Chris – “White noise may need to be considered for echo” • Ohio Code Scholars Update. New staff were introduced as part of the Ohio Code Scholars program, partnering with schools across Ohio to help k12 students improve their coding skills while also strengthening their project management skills and collaboration with other students. o Sevrin Florek – Ohio Code Scholars Regional Coordinator (Southern) o Garrett Shepherd – Ohio Code Scholars Regional Coordinator (North/Central) o Mary Goocey – Ohio Code Scholars Computer Technology Program Navigator	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Melanie – Ohio Code Scholars Operations Support Coordinator o Numbers continue to grow for participation o Partnership with Firewatch Studios to enhance marketing o OETC Highlight panel in February of 2026 o CCP Revenue to increase, 6 schools to 60 expected 26-27 	
6. Review of the Program Curriculum	<p>MATH discussion, Data & Logic as an alternative to Algebra for the program. New certifications planned, Tech Support and Datacenter</p> <p>Mary – Add alternative rubric in Professionalism class and have students interview each other, this will give them a step ahead in getting out of their comfort zone.</p>	
7. Review Enrollment and Graduation Rates	<p>Retention/Graduation Discussion</p> <p>Continues to be a problem in the Computer Science program, many students choose to move on after receiving certifications or finding opportunities elsewhere. Only about a 35% graduation rate.</p>	
8. Reports from Committee Members	<p>Gregg- Update on Connections and the integration of AI and other technology as part of growth.</p>	
9. Update of the Current Future Industry Trends & Employment Outlook	<p>All members participated in AI discussion, and the trajectory of using AI in their places of employment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Chris – Market the potential · Bill – Find meaningful way to use AI long-term, don't focus on the short-term hype · Tyler – Use for support to plan (networks, etc.) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Gregg – Using to enhance network and partnerships within his company and their customers 	
10. Employer Recommendations for Improvement <i>(list at least 5 from employer's)</i>	Chris – Flip Interview process Chris – Yearly tour with advisory committee Bill – Recommend the focus to remain on the longevity of AI, not specific components Josh – Set up tours with all internship partners Mary – Professionalism course enhancements	
11. Plan of Action <i>(for those listed in #9)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Using AI to support, facilitate improvements and planning, and enhance efficiency in places of employment. 2. Use AI to enhance networking potential and system planning. 	
12. Survey	Complete the Individual Advisory Survey (<i>RETURN IN LOBBY FOR A GIFT</i>)	
13. Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am <i>There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned.</i>	Motion by: Josh Montgomery 2 nd by: Brian Birkimer