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## Quick Facts

- Williamson will begin his new position on March 17. He most recently worked for Agape Senior where he served as chief human capital officer.
- Williamson holds a bachelor's degree in visual arts and a M.Ed. from Winthrop University as well as a Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina.
- He has served as a member of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees, and Winthrop honored him with a Professional Achievement Award.



Jimmie Williamson

ROCK HILL, S.C. – The State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education has named **Dr. James C. "Jimmie" Williamson '80, '85**, to be the next president and executive director of the **SC Technical College System**. The system is composed of 16 technical colleges located strategically across the state and its statewide workforce training programs: readySC™ and Apprenticeship Carolina™. Williamson will begin his new position on March 17. He most recently worked for **Agape Senior** where he served as chief human capital officer.

"I am very honored to have been selected to lead the SC Technical College System. As president of Williamsburg Technical College and then later Northeastern Technical College, I worked with business and industry to craft specialized training for specific workforce needs. As the chief human capital officer of Agape Senior, I witnessed firsthand how the deliverables

provided by the system can be leveraged by the private sector to increase jobs, expand workforce development and enhance our state's economic success," said Williamson.

"To now have the opportunity to lead this system, armed with this understanding of the **interconnectivity between higher education and the private sector**, is a true privilege. I look forward to working with the colleges, our economic development and workforce development partners, our General Assembly, our higher education community and our secondary education partners to enhance the employability of South Carolinians and in turn, **create a better quality of life for the citizens of this great State.**"

Williamson holds a bachelor's degree in visual arts and a M.Ed. from Winthrop University as well as a Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina. He has served as a member of the **Winthrop University Board of Trustees**, as president of his local Rotary Club, chair of his local Chamber of Commerce and as a member of various economic development boards. Williamson has been honored by Winthrop with a **Professional Achievement Award** and was named "**Citizen of the Year**" from the Williamsburg Hometown Chamber of Commerce.

"I can think of no one more qualified than Jimmie Williamson to lead our state's technical college system," said **Winthrop President Jayne Marie (Jamie) Comstock**. "We've been privileged to benefit from Jimmie's knowledge and experience on our Board of Trustees, and I look forward to my continued work with him on workforce development and initiatives that will create a positive trajectory for individuals and families across our state. As educators first and foremost, **Jimmie and I share a commitment to the transformative power of education.**"

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