

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018, 10:05 A.M.**

The Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees (also referred to herein as the Board) held a meeting at 10:05 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2018, in the Board Room of the Alabama Community College System building in Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting was called in accordance with Act No. 2015-125.

**PRESIDING: MR. AL THOMPSON  
CHAIRMAN**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Thompson.

The invocation was delivered by Senior Minister, Buddy Bell of Landmark Church of Christ and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, the following Board members were present:

Mr. Al Thompson  
Mrs. Susan Foy (By Telephone)  
Mr. Matthew Woods  
Ms. Crystal Brown  
Mr. Ron Fantroy  
Mr. Milton Davis  
Mr. Blake McAnally  
Mr. Jeffrey Newman

Also present was Mr. Jimmy H. Baker, Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System. Absent were Governor Kay Ivey and Mr. Chuck Smith.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Fantroy, the agenda was approved unanimously without discussion as presented.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Ms. Brown, second by Mr. McAnally, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Minutes of the February 14, 2018 meeting as presented without discussion.

**SECTION VI**  
**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**SECTION VII**

**(ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS, ADULT EDUCATION, FACILITIES, FISCAL,  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT)**

**ADOPTED**

**ENTERPRISE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**REPAIRS TO TALMADGE HALL**

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Fantroy, the Board unanimously authorized Enterprise State Community College to complete mechanical and other repairs to Talmadge Hall and to enter into a construction contract with First Team Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$797,500.00 to complete said repairs. Fiscal consideration: General Admin Funds - \$797,500.00

**SNEAD STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**DEMOLITION OF STUDENT UNION BUILDING**

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Brown, the Board unanimously authorized Snead State Community College to proceed with the demolition of the existing Student Union Building. An inventory of salvageable equipment was taken and no equipment was found to be useful at other institutions for instructional or other purposes. Fiscal consideration: Unexpended Plant Funds - \$150,000.00.

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**  
**RESCHEDULING OF APRIL 11, 2018 BOARD MEETING AND WORK SESSION TO  
APRIL 10, 2018**

On motion by Mr. Woods, second by Mr. McAnally, the Board unanimously approved the rescheduling of the April 11, 2018 Board Meeting and Work Session to April 10, 2018 beginning at 3:00 p.m. to be held at Lawson State Community College for the convenience of the Board. Fiscal consideration: None.

**SECTION IX**  
**(PERSONNEL)**

Chancellor Baker introduced new employees, Jacquelyn Lewis, Adult Education Accountant, and Cheryl Jarman, Accountant.

**SECTION X**  
**(CHANCELLOR'S REPORT)**

Chancellor Baker asked Dr. Russ Rothamer to introduce the special guest in attendance. Dr. Rothamer introduced Dr. Kathie Sigler, retired president of Miami Dade College. He stated that she has agreed to partner with the Alabama Community College System to work with some of the presidents and also help create a better on boarding process for key leaders across the State.

Chancellor Baker recognized Dr. Vicki Karolewics for the work she and her committee are doing. Chancellors Baker asked Dr. Karolewics to give a brief overview on their progress. Dr. Karolewics addressed the Board regarding the College's Readiness Task Force. She stated that a team was assembled to begin officially looking at processes for placement and assessment of students. Dr. Karolewics stated they looked at progression data across the system from the students about where they started in developmental education and what their paths looked like over the course of at least two years. The data studied was reflected by race, gender and institution and how data was similar or different in a disaggregated format. A literature review was also conducted during this study. She stated that experts from other systems were brought in such as the Tennessee Board of Regents. She discussed the research process that included twenty nine recommendations, specifically, the most significant being to implement an acceleration model for the developmental students. Dr. Karolewics stated that every student would be treated like a College student on day one. She stated that students would be placed in tiers according to how well they scored in the Math and on the ACT. Dr. Karolewics stated that the implementation will begin in the fall semester. She stated that twenty out of the twenty four Colleges have volunteered to be in the in first phase of the implementation with full implementation by fall semester 2019. She also stated that there will be an implementation of a Math Pathways. Dr. Karolewics discussed a recommendation to work with K-12 to develop a College Readiness Math and English course to assess students in their 12<sup>th</sup> grade year in order to prepare them for College before they graduate high school.

Chancellor Baker stated that the Colleges have been most receptive and supportive in moving forward.

Chairman Thompson acknowledged Wallace State Community College Hanceville's Horticulture Department for the beautiful Easter lilies.

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**SECTION XII**  
**(DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING)**

The next Board meeting will be held in Birmingham, Alabama at 3:00 p.m. on the campus of Lawson State Community College in the Alabama Center for Advanced Technology and Training Building. A work session will follow at 3:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Brown, the Board meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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Chairman

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Chancellor