

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018, 10:03 A.M.**

The Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees (also referred to herein as the Board) held a meeting at 10:03 a.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 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 Chris Lewis, Interim President of J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, the following Board members were present:

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

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

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 Mr. McAnally, second by Mr. Woods, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Minutes of the April 10, 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

SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
**ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE AND CERTIFICATE IN COMPUTER AND
INFORMATION SCIENCES (AMENDED)**

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Woods, the Board unanimously approved Shelton State Community College's application for an Associate in Applied Science and Certificate in Computer and Information Sciences, to be implemented by Fall Semester 2018 as amended. Fiscal consideration: \$475,000 is required to support the program and \$785,516 is projected to be available through internal allocations, tuition, and extramural funds.

SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY BUILDING RENOVATION

On motion by Mr. Woods, second by Ms. Brown, the Board unanimously authorized Shelton State Community College to proceed with the design and construction of a renovation to the Automotive Technology Building at its C.A. Fredd campus. The total cost of this project shall not exceed \$1,250,000. Planning must be completed and construction contracts executed no later than May, 2019 or this authorization will expire. Fiscal consideration: Federal Title III (B) Funds - \$1,250,000.00.

WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CULINARY ARTS FACILITY

On motion by Ms. Brown, second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously authorized Wallace State Community College to proceed with design and construction of a Culinary Arts Facility within the existing Student Center at its Hanceville campus. The total cost of this project shall not exceed \$1,926,182.00. Planning must be completed and construction contracts executed no

SECTION VIII

EXECUTIVE, LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION

ADOPTED

**JOHN C. CALHOUN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
LEASE AGREEMENT – REDSTONE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Brown, the Board authorized the President of John C. Calhoun Community College, to enter into a lease agreement with an initial term of 5 years with an option for two additional 3 year terms with the Redstone Federal Credit Union for the placement of a small branch office in the library on its Decatur campus. Fiscal consideration: \$450.00 (approximately) per month in Rent Revenue to the College.

**GEORGE C. WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SALE OF REAL PROPERTY**

On motion by Mr. Woods, second by Ms. Brown, the Board unanimously authorized the President to pursue the sale of the College's Center for Economic and Workforce Development (CEWD) Building located at 5565 US Highway 231 North, Dothan, AL. Any proposed future sale of this property will require subsequent final approval by the Board of Trustees. Fiscal consideration: None

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING AGREEMENT**

On motion by Mr. McAnally, second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously authorized the Chancellor to execute a master services agreement with Ellucian for the installation of a system-wide ERP system.

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
TUITION RATE ADJUSTMENT**

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Fantroy, the Board unanimously authorized an adjustment of the in-state tuition rate for community and technical colleges from \$119 to \$129 per credit hour beginning Fall Semester 2018. Fiscal consideration. (Approximately) \$14 million in additional revenue.

SECTION IX
(PERSONNEL)

Chancellor Baker introduced new employee, Kimberly Minniefield, Administrative Support Specialist.

SECTION X
(CHANCELLOR'S REPORT)

Chancellor Baker introduced Dr. Glenda Colagross, President of Northwest-Shoals Community College. Chancellor Baker stated that Dr. Colagross has assumed the role of the President at the College and is dealing with a lot of issues at the College. He added that she was managing it very well.

Dr. Colagross addressed the Board and Chancellor Baker. She thanked each of them for naming her the President of Northwest-Shoals Community College. She also thanked them for the opportunity over the last five years to serve two ACCS institutions as an Interim President. Dr. Colagross discussed her visit to Washington D.C. to present at the Official Congressional Briefing for Summer Pell grants. She stated that she was one of three administrators selected from across the United States on behalf of all colleges. Dr. Colagross stated that summer Pell grants would give the students an incentive to remain in school. She discussed the statistics on the loss of students that are on full Pell grants once they have to drop out for the summer and return for the fall semester. She also thanked her colleagues and team at Northwest-Shoals in helping her address the issues at the College.

Chancellor Baker recognized Dr. James Klauber, President of John C. Calhoun Community College who is leaving for Maryland. Chancellor Baker wished Dr. Klauber the best and thanked him for his efforts while at Calhoun Community College.

Chancellor Baker introduced Dr. Joe Burke as Interim President of Calhoun Community College effective May 14, 2018. Dr. Burke has been a long time employee at Northeast Alabama Community College. He also stated he is excited about him going to Calhoun Community College to fill in while the Alabama Community College System begins the process of searching for a permanent president.

Chancellor Baker asked Dr. Russ Rothamer to brief the Board about the projects they are working on. Dr. Rothamer discussed the process of developing a strategic plan which will include the Chancellor hosting regional meetings with small groups of college presidents to gather feedback, input and initiatives that will be critical to the success in moving the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) forward. Dr. Rothamer also stated that the ACCS has consulted with Ruffalo Noel Levitz, a nationally renowned consulting group, to develop pilot programs at four to six System Colleges that are in need of assistance in developing a strategic

enrollment plan. He stated that he has worked with Ruffalo Noel Levitz to create a proposal. Dr. Rothamer stated that three colleges have volunteered their interest in participating. He also stated that Ruffalo Noel Levitz is very good at identifying the students at an early stage to get them enrolled as well as the engagement process through graduation and after graduation. Dr. Rothamer stated that Bryan Helms and Tony Holland have visited the institutions across the State and have provided information on financial status updates, staffing reports and course completion information. They have also engaged the presidents and their leadership teams in dialogue regarding these critical components. Dr. Rothamer discussed items that have the potential for providing significant direct impact to the students. The first project is the FAFSA Completion Project in partnership with the Alabama Commission of Higher Education (ACHE) along with the colleges' financial aid departments for their important role in the process. He stated that 44% of high school graduating students in 2016/2017 did not complete the FAFSA. As a result, approximately 45 million dollars has been left unclaimed that could have potentially been used for educational initiatives. He stated that ACHE has created an online tool to help students complete the FAFSA. The Colleges along with their financial aid directors have conducted more than 25 sessions for high school counselors and career coaches on how to use the online tool. He stated to date more than 500 high school counselors and career coaches have been trained. He stated that the State of Alabama has moved from 43rd to 35th in the state national rankings in terms of completion percentage regarding FAFSA. They will continue to monitor the schools and their success rates in completing the FAFSA. The next project is the Open Education Resource Project (OERP) which is looking to create an education resource as an alternative to textbooks. The high costs of textbooks has been a deterrent for students to continue their education. The estimated cost of textbooks is \$1,400.00 per student to attend college full-time. Dr. Rothamer stated that they are looking for ways to help mitigate these costs as much as possible. To date, four regional workshops have been conducted with over 115 faculty and administrators receiving information on what OERP is and the potential for it.

Chancellor Baker stated we are close to bringing someone on board whose total mission is working with career coaches, high school principals and counselors. Dr. Rothamer stated that Tony Holland is creating an Instructional Leadership Academy in regards to course completion efforts at the Colleges. Chancellor Baker stated that everything the Board has done to date is going to make a huge difference and the ultimate goal is to focus on student enrollment services and instruction. The importance of teaching students.

SECTION XI
RECOGNITION OF MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS AND NATIONAL
PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Chairman Thompson recognized the men's and women's basketball teams who have won their respective state conferences and the National Player of the Year.

Dean Myrick, Commissioner of the Athletic Association for the Alabama Community College Conference addressed the Board with an overview of the NJCAA and the conference. He stated

that the NJCAA consists of 511 members and over 55,000 student athletes. The conference has 21 members with 102 teams participating in 11 sports with approximately 2000 student athletes with a winning of 21 national championships. In 2016-2017, the conference had a record of 235 student athletes who received NJCAA academic honors by earning a 3.6 G.P.A. or higher. In addition, to the individual athletes, 29 teams were named all-academic teams by earning a team G.P.A. of over 3.0. Mr. Myrick introduced Dr. Robert Exley, President of Snead State Community College.

Dr. Exley addressed the Board. He recognized and introduced Jeremiah Patterson, Head Coach of the Snead State Men's Basketball Team. Mr. Patterson addressed the Board. He thanked the Alabama Community College System for all they have done for Athletics. He stated that Snead State men's basketball for the first time won the tournament in 28 seasons. He stated that they finished with a 15-2 overall in their conference.

Dr. William Ashley, President of Shelton State Community College addressed the Board. Dr. Ashley recognized Cara Crosslin, Athletic Director at Shelton State, Chris Sanford, Assistant Coach and Madonna Thompson, Head Coach for the women's basketball team in her 20th year with Shelton State. Ms. Thompson has led the team to 18 consecutive winning seasons. She has won numerous sports leadership awards and she has sent over 90 players onto four year institutions at every level to continue their education and playing careers. She was a former player for the University of Alabama.

Ms. Thompson addressed the Board. She stated that six of her players went on to graduate this past week with their Associates Degree. All six student athletes have received full scholarships to play at four year institutions. Ms. Thompson introduced Cierra Johnson, a two time Most Valuable Player (MVP) for the conference. In addition, she is a two-time player of the year and she has broken the all-time scoring record for a game scoring 47 points.

Cierra Johnson addressed the Board. She stated she is truly honored to be there. She thanked Shelton State Community College for taking her in when she did not qualify for the University of Alabama and for molding her into the player she is today. She thanked her coach and athletic director for being hard on her and for their guidance. She stated that they have contributed to her foundation and academic growth.

Dr. Ashley thanked the Board for their support and Dean Myrick thanked everyone for their support of the teams.

Chairman Thompson commended the Presidents, the coaches, their staff and the athletic programs throughout the State. He stated they play a key role in student development.

SECTION XII
(DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING)

The next Board meeting will be held in Montgomery at 10:00 a.m. on June 13, 2018 in the Board Room of the Alabama Community College System building in Montgomery, Alabama. A work session will follow at 10:45 a.m. and will also be held in the Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. McAnally, the Board meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Chairman

Chancellor