

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017, 10:09 A.M.**

The Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees (also referred to herein as the Board) held a meeting at 10:09 a.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 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  
VICE PRESIDENT**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Thompson.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the invocation by Dr. Kenny Hoomes, Associate Pastor with First Baptist Church, and a graduate of Jefferson Davis State Junior College.

On roll call, the following Board members were present:

Mr. Al Thompson  
Mr. Ron Fantroy  
Mrs. Susan Foy  
Mr. Frank Caldwell  
Mrs. Crystal Brown  
Mr. Milton Davis  
Mr. Chuck Smith  
Mr. Blake McAnally  
Ms. Mary Scott Hunter  
Governor Kay Ivey

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Fantroy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Minutes of the April 12, 2017 meeting as presented without discussion.

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

There were no individuals registered to speak during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Chancellor Baker asked the Board to change the order of the items on the agenda to take up Item IX.A. 6. Proposed Amendments to Bylaws of the Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees and Policy 111.02: Conflict of Interest first, then Item IX.A.5. Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Benefit of Beville State Community College. Mr. Thompson asked if there were any objections and there was none. Mr. Thompson said since there was no objection to the change, the Board would proceed with Item IX.A. 6. Proposed Amendments to Bylaws of the Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees.

**SECTION IX**  
**(EXECUTIVE, LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)**

Chancellor Baker said this item deals with changing the Board Bylaws. This item will be in compliance with what SACSCOC is requiring.

Governor Ivey said that she has full confidence in the Board to make good decisions. She appreciates their leadership. She understands the need to strictly adhere to the System's Bylaws and if this change is needed, she fully supports them. We want to be sure that this Board and its operation remains transparent, accountable and fully operable. She said that she supports the change.

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**  
**Proposed Amendments to Bylaws of the Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees**  
**and Policy 111.02: Conflict of Interest**

On motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously approved the adoption of the proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees and Policy 111.02: Conflict of Interest. Fiscal consideration: None

Chancellor Baker said that we will make the appropriate filings with SACSCOC so they will understand that you have accommodated them and are in compliance.



**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**  
**Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Benefit of Bevill State Community College**

Representatives from Bevill State Community College were asked to speak to the Board regarding this item. Dr. Kim Ennis, Interim President of Bevill State Community College, said at the April Work Session they presented a very detailed plan to have a partnership with Alabama Power Company to take over their HVAC training center. The College's request was to purchase a 53,000 square foot building in the Jasper Industrial Park in Jasper, Alabama. She said we are looking for your approval to purchase this building.

Mr. Roger Marbutt with Alabama Power spoke next. Mr. Marbutt said that this is a long term commitment from Alabama Power. We are going to move a facility that we have had for thirty-six years in Clanton to Jasper. We think there is room to expand. We are going to start off with 100 percent of it being run by five of our employees working with Bevill State. I think within the next three to five or seven years, it will be twenty-five percent Alabama Power and seventy-five percent Bevill State. We want to use the two-year college system to do our workforce development training. We are excited about this opportunity. He thanked Dr. Ennis, Dr. Harley, and Dean Al Moore for their support. He thanked Roger Bates for his help. Like Governor Ivey said with new technology coming about, what we can bring to the table is our relationship with vendors to get the new technology to keep it so we benefit all the two-year colleges in the state. We are excited about this.

Governor Ivey said this is a wonderful example of what can occur when we have a public and private partnership. That is exactly what it seems like this is to me with Alabama Power and Bevill State Community College working together to meet the needs to move the State of Alabama forward. It is my understanding that Alabama Power will provide the equipment and instructors for this new facility. I certainly applaud Alabama Power and Bevill for working this out. This is a prime example of what we can do all over the state.

Mr. Smith said the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee endorses this project. He met with Dr. Ennis and Mr. Marbutt. Mr. Caldwell has visited the facility. This is golden opportunity. It is move-in ready.

On motion by Mr. Caldwell, second by Ms. Foy, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of property for the benefit of Bevill State Community College. The purchase agreement must be executed within six months. Fiscal consideration: \$1,800,000.00 (approximately)

Governor Ivey left the meeting.

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

**JEFFERSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**PURCHASE OF INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT – MANUFACTURING AND**  
**TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM**

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Brown, the Board approved authorizing Jefferson State Community College to purchase instructional equipment for the Manufacturing and Technology Program. Fiscal consideration: \$619,835 (\$143,113 Carl D. Perkins Career Technical Education Basic Grant and \$476,722 Appalachian Regional Commission Grant)

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**  
**ALLOCATION OF 2016-2017 INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION INITIATIVE FUNDS**

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. McAnally, the Board approved authorizing the allocation of a portion of the 2016-2017 Industry Certification Initiative Funds to the colleges listed below to set up Assessment Centers for Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC) training. Fiscal consideration: \$25,000- 2016-2017 Industry Certification Initiative Funds

Bevill State Community College	\$2,000
Bishop State Community College	\$2,000
Calhoun Community College	\$1,000
Central Alabama Community College	\$1,000
Chattahoochee Valley Community College	\$500
Coastal Alabama Community College	\$3,500
Drake State Community and Technical College	\$500
Enterprise State Community College	\$1,000
Gadsden State Community College	\$2,000
Jefferson State Community College	\$2,000
Lawson State Community College	\$1,000
Northeast Alabama Community College	\$500
Northwest-Shoals Community College	\$1,000
Reid State Technical College	\$500
Shelton State Community College	\$1,000
Snead State Community College	\$500
Southern Union State Community College	\$1,000
Trenholm State Community College	\$1,000



Wallace Community College (Dothan)	\$1,000
Wallace State Community College (Hanceville)	\$500
Wallace State Community College (Selma)	\$500
Lurleen B. Wallace Community College	\$1,000

**SECTION IX**  
**(EXECUTIVE, LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)**

**GEORGE C. WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE – DOTHAN**  
**REVISED STATEMENT OF MISSION**

On motion by Ms. Brown, second by Mr. Caldwell, the Board approved the revised Statement of Mission for George C. Wallace Community College – Dothan. Fiscal consideration: None

**VICE PRESIDENT EMERITUS CONFERMENT TO DR. JAMES D. KRUDOP**  
**LURLEEN B. WALLACE**

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Fantroy, the Board adopted a resolution naming Dr. James D. Krudop as Vice President Emeritus of Lurleen B. Wallace Community College, effective May 10, 2017. Fiscal consideration: None

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**  
**RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ADOPTION OF PROPOSED POLICY 304.01:**  
**FINANCIAL REPORTING AND POLICY 325.01: TUITION: GENERAL**

On motion by Ms. Brown, second by Ms. Foy, the Board approved adopting the proposed Policy 304.01: Financial Reporting and Policy 325.01: Tuition: General, to take effect immediately. Fiscal consideration: None

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**  
**RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ADOPTION OF SERIES 800 POLICIES**

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Fantroy, the Board approved the adoption of the Series 800 policies listed below, to take effect immediately. Fiscal consideration: None

Policy 800.00: Nondiscrimination  
Policy 801.01: Admission: General

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Policy 801.02: Admission: Accelerated High School Student  
Policy 801.03: Admission: Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit for High School Students  
Policy 801.04: Admission: International Students  
Policy 804.01: Student Aid Programs: Scholarship Committee  
Policy 804.03: GED® Recipients and Ready to Work Program Completers  
Policy 805.01: Intercollegiate Athletics  
Policy 806.01: Student Organizations  
Policy 807.01: Student Health and Safety  
Policy 808.01: Student Records  
Policy 809.01: Attendance

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
ON OUTCOME-BASED FUNDING  
SELECTION OF TRUSTEES FOR SERVICE ON COUNCIL**

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Brown, the Board unanimously approved the selection of Mr. Al Thompson and Mr. Blake McAnally to represent the Board on the Alabama Community College Advisory Council on Outcome-Based Funding. Fiscal consideration: None

**SECTION X  
PERSONNEL**

Chancellor Baker introduced Mr. James Bryan Helms as Vice Chancellor for Administrative and Financial Services. Mr. Helms is already in his second week here and we are looking forward to his leadership in moving into a sophisticated financial management world. He is very capable of doing that. He has had the experience of working as comptroller for a major four-year school and working in the financial operation of another four-year school out-of-state. He has been the chief financial officer for Calhoun Community College for the last several years. In addition to that, he is a CPA. He brings to us an experience base that I think will be a real asset to this office and this Board. I look for him to take a big load off me, quite frankly. I am looking forward to his participation in our programs statewide.

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

The State of Alabama is going through a major move and major effort to begin have an organized approach to workforce development. I don't mean by that that everything's bad. I do mean that it is necessary in order for us to do the job we are trying to do to have an inventory of what we are doing. I have asked Mr. Jeff Lynn if he would say a few words about our effort to begin to develop the tools we need so we can assess where we are as an organization.



Mr. Lynn said that in alignment with your guidance and in alignment with my strategic goals, we are looking at doing inventories of all of our buildings across the state, looking at ways to increase capacities of what we currently have before we go before the Board to ask for additional funds to build new buildings. We are also looking at equipment across the state. We are looking at equipment that is idle. We are looking at equipment that is being used. We are going to hopefully reposition idle equipment into areas of need across the state so we can be good stewards of the taxpayer dollars in doing what you want us to be doing to make sure our return on investment is the best as possible. We are in deep discussions with Mike Lanier with HPM to help us with this endeavor. They have significant experience helping us with this program.

Chancellor Baker asked Mr. Boone Kinard to give an update on the Legislature. Mr. Kinard said we are getting to the end of this year's legislative session. Only five legislative days remain and they have to wrap up business on Monday, May 22. We have had a really good legislative session up to this point. We find ourselves here at the end of the session in a bit of an unknown situation as far as how things are going to play out in the last five days. It revolves around the veterans' scholarship issue. I want to personally thank the Board and our presidents who called legislators about the importance of passing this legislation. This bill has scaled back provisions of the current veterans' scholarship program for veterans and their dependents. It is not easy thing to talk about scaling back funds for veterans but this program has grown with such an unsustainable rate in the past couple of years, it has eaten up pretty much every new available higher education dollar that we have seen. It will continue to do so in the future if something isn't done. We had a very small glimmer of hope that the Senate would concur with the House changes, but yesterday the Senate moved to not concur with the changes the House made. The bill will go to a conference committee made up of Senators and House members. There is still a lot of work considering the disagreements as to provisions of that bill. Unfortunately, that bill really determines what happens with the Education Budget and other education related items. If that bill is not resolved, then the Education Budget may very well go unresolved. We are monitoring that. We are working with our higher education partners across the board to try to see to it that it gets across the finish line this session. There is also another bill that is kind of tied into that. It would provide a supplemental appropriation to not only to the Community College System but K-12 and our four-year universities for a technology fund that could go to upgrade equipment and infrastructure. In fact, the Community College System has \$3.3 million dollars in that bill. This is common territory and it usually works out.

Chancellor Baker asked Mr. Kinard to talk to the issue about the scholarship program and how open ended it is and the effort to amend it to make it more restricted. Mr. Kinard said the scholarship is an open-ended appropriation. The legislature has to fund the program by law. The program just for one year grew \$35 million dollars and is expected to grow \$20 million plus more next year. Long term all of the higher education monies as far as new available dollars is tied to this program. There has been a lot of discussion on to how to make some changes to that



program. One of issues that has been looked at is the residency requirements in the program. Currently a soldier could have lived in Alabama back in the 80s, served, gone overseas, came back, hadn't lived in Alabama for 25 to 30 years, and they, their spouse and their dependents could attend an Alabama university free of charge. There has been talk about some sort of requirement that you have to live in Alabama for a certain period of time. There has also been talk about for disabled soldiers scaling up the level of disability that they would have to reach before they are eligible for the program. Also, there has been talk of making this a last dollar scholarship type of program where this would come after any other federal and state benefits that have been applied. I don't know what the final product will look like or if there will be support to get it to the Governor by the end of the Session. One of the biggest threats facing the higher education funding is trying to figure out how to get this program on a cost sustainable footing moving forward. We are involved in some other legislation and one of those is the big prison construction bill. Many of our colleges are involved in prison education efforts. We have been in discussions with Chairman Jones of the House Judiciary Committee about coming up with some language that would insure we would still have a major role to play in that process even if the bill passed and they move forward with big prison construction. I will continue to send out weekly updates until the end of the session to let everyone know where we stand. It has been a pleasure to represent the Community College System at the State House.

Mr. McAnally asked when was the veteran assistance bill put in place? Mr. Kinard said it started in the 1990s and the first appropriation was \$14 million. The request this year is up to \$98 million. It has grown by \$80 million plus and it will continue to grow unless something is done to make it cost sustainable.

Mrs. Hunter said that we have in Alabama a huge percentage of our population that join the National Guard and Reserve. It is the combination of patriotism and increasing household income. Now that we have highly deployable service with all components of the United States military deploying which is not how it used to be, we have a dramatic uptick in the number of Alabamians who go overseas and get injured. It also covers service members who are injured training and they don't have to be injured overseas. It is just a collection of events that I don't think anyone could have anticipated. It is a tough sell for veterans groups. It is a tough sell.

Mr. Kinard said that there is a part of the bill that beefs up the National Guard education scholarships. Also we are in competition to bring the F-35 to Alabama. If we can do this and get the National Guard scholarship up to par with some of our other states, it could help us in the competition to land that. That is also a secondary part of the legislation. Mr. McAnally said that guard members are at least residents of the state. Ms. Hunter said typically. Not all of them but typically they are. Mr. Kinard agreed it is a tough bill all around. Mrs. Hunter said it is no one's fault. It is a collection of circumstances that have happened.



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Chancellor Baker mentioned to the Board that he had sent them an email about Bishop State Community College. He said he sent that for a purpose. It is a pretty serious effort to step forward and say these programs are not viable programs, particularly when they have been in place a long period of time. We need to look at that across the board. This is a process that explains the process. I thought this was good information for you to have access to.

Mr. Thompson thanked Chancellor Baker. He said if there is an outdated, obsolete program that is not being utilized, is not viable, it needs to be discontinued. There are no if, ands, or buts about it. We are not serving the students properly when we waste money on a program that has a couple of students and there is no future in the vocation. Mr. McNally agreed. Chancellor Baker said we are proceeding to discuss that with everyone but I thought that would be good information for you to have access to. Mr. Thompson said he appreciated that the Chancellor was keeping the Board informed.

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

The next Board meeting will be held in Montgomery at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 7, 2017, in the Board Room of the Alabama Community College System building in Montgomery, Alabama. A work session will follow at 1:00 p.m. in the Presidents Conference Room.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Smith, the Board meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

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Chairman

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Chancellor