# ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY MAY 8, 2019, 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 8, 2019, 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.

Prior to the meeting, Alabama Supreme Court Justice, the Honorable Sarah Stewart administered the oath of office to new Board of Trustees Member, John Mitchell, Sr., and reconfirmed Board Members, Matthew Woods, Blake McAnally and Milton Davis. Also present for the ceremony were family members of John Mitchell, Sr., which included his wife, Beverly, his son John Mitchell, Jr., and daughters, Melanie and Meredith. Also present was Ms. Patty McAnally (wife) of Blake McAnally.

Chairman Thompson thanked each of them for their attendance.

### PRESIDING: MR. AL THOMPSON CHAIRMAN

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Thompson.

The invocation was delivered by Minister Ed Cleveland of the First Baptist Church of Montgomery and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, the following Board members were present:

Mr. Al Thompson

Mr. John Mitchell

Mr. Matthew Woods

Ms. Crystal Brown

Mr. Milton Davis

Ms. Susan Foy (Via Telephone)

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 Ms. Brown the agenda was approved unanimously without discussion as presented.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Woods, second by Mr. McAnally, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Minutes of the April 10, 2019 meeting as presented without discussion.

### SECTION VI PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Chairman Al Thompson addressed the Board and the audience in recognition of former Board of Trustees members, Mr. Ron Fantroy and Mr. Frank Caldwell. He stated that each of these gentlemen came to the Board with a commitment to work to the best of their abilities. Mr. Caldwell assumed his position on the Finance Committee with extensive experience in the health care industry and in business throughout the State. Mr. Fantroy, Plant Manager of Shaw Industries brought his good judgement, life experiences and business knowledge to the Board. Chairman Thompson stated that Mr. Fantroy was a tremendous asset to the Policy Committee and his values and standards have been an inspiration to him and the Board. Chairman Thompson expressed on behalf of the Board their thankfulness for their service and engagement. He thanked Mr. Fantroy's wife, Minnie, who was in attendance, for her support and encouragement for Mr. Fantroy. Chairman Thompson recognized Mr. Caldwell's wife, Melba, for her support of Mr. Caldwell and expressed his sorrow in her passing.

Chancellor Baker echoed the comments made by Chairman Thompson. The Chancellor commented that Mr. Fantroy is very thorough and his work on the Policy Committee has benefited the System for years to come. Chancellor Baker appreciated Mr. Fantroy's willingness to listen on policy issues. Chancellor Baker remarked that Mr. Caldwell is a life-long supporter of the community college system. He noted that as a Board member, Mr. Caldwell had a lot of experiences in the political arena which was valuable. Chancellor Baker stated it has been a pleasure to work with both Mr. Fantroy and Mr. Caldwell.

Chairman Thompson presented award plaques to Mr. Fantroy and Mr. Caldwell on behalf of the Alabama Community College System and the Board of Trustees, in appreciation and recognition of their service as Board members.

#### **SECTION VII**

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

SECTION VIII
(EXECUTIVE, LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

#### **ADOPTED**

### JEFFERSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECEIPT OF REAL PROPERTY

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Brown, the Board unanimously authorized the Alabama Community College System to accept for the benefit of Jefferson State Community College, 1.97 acres of land located off Jaguar Drive, Hoover, Alabama. Fiscal Consideration: None.

# ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY AND LEASE OF ATM

On motion by Ms. Brown, second by Mr. McAnally, the Board unanimously authorized the Alabama Community College System to purchase property at 254 Moulton Street East, Decatur, Alabama and to enter into a lease agreement with Wells Fargo Bank for the ATM located on said property. Fiscal Consideration: \$800,000 – Property Purchase Price

SECTION IX PERSONNEL

None.

# SECTION X (CHANCELLOR'S REPORT)

Chancellor Baker asked Mr. Ben Rosenbrock to briefly give updates on the ERP transition at the System office as well as at the Colleges. Mr. Rosenbrock stated there has been a tremendous amount of teamwork by the Colleges, Ellucian and the System office staff. He stated that the current cohort stage which includes financial aid, human resources and accounts receivable is in its initial transition. He also stated that everything is running smoothing adhering to budget and time deadlines.

Chancellor Baker asked Mr. Keith Phillips, Executive Director of Alabama Technology Network ("ATN") to give an update. Mr. Phillips addressed the Board. Mr. Phillips stated that ATN has been apart of the Alabama Community College System for the past 15 years. He spoke about the current partnerships throughout the State with ATN. He thanked the college presidents for hosting ATN on their campuses. Mr. Phillips stated that ATN is a part of a federal program named Manufacturing Extension Partnership ("MEP"). Mr. Phillips presented a power point

presentation as an overview of ATN and its current projects and initiatives which included a partnership with Troy University for a training program.

Chancellor Baker asked Mr. Boone Kinard to give a legislative update. Mr. Kinard stated that it has been a good legislative session thus far at the midway point. Mr. Kinard stated that the Senate took up the Education Budget and the Alabama Community College System is faring well thus far. He stated that there are increases in the Education Budget for prison education, workforce development, credentialing and career pathways, dual enrollment and distance learning. Mr. Kinard commented that he is extremely pleased on where the Alabama Community College System stands in the process currently. He also remarked that there is a 4 percent pay raise for K-12 and community college personnel. Mr. Kinard stated that there is a bill to fund technology as well. He gave an update on the Apprenticeship Bill that has passed the House.

Chancellor Baker asked Ms. Susan Price to speak on various items. Ms. Price spoke about the Professional Development Day held on April 10<sup>th</sup> at Alabama State University. She thanked the Board members for their willingness to change the location and time of the meeting and their attendance at the event. Ms. Price thanked the presidents for their participation as well as their faculty and staff. She thanked the ACCA Executive Committee and the Instructional Officers Association.

Ms. Price stated that the upcoming Presidents Summer Conference will be held in Mobile, Alabama, the first weekend of June. She stated that the newly authorized Perkins Act will bring more investment to career and technical education. In addition, Ms. Price stated that the featured speaker will be Dr. Casey Sacks, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Community Colleges in the office of career, technical, and adult education at the U.S. Department of Education. Dr. Sacks provides leadership for initiatives supporting career and technical education, adult education, correctional and re-entry education, and community colleges. Ms. Price stated that at the upcoming presidents conference there will be a workshop on apprenticeship and Perkins jointly conducted by Mr. Nick Moore with the Governor's office and Mrs. Mara Harrison, Educational Consultant for Golden Ink, a consulting firm in Florida.

Next, Ms. Price spoke about what the Chancellor has coined "The Frank Caldwell Project". Ms. Price stated that she had been contacted by Mr. Bobby Stevenson, Business Director for Rehab Select. Mr. Stevenson indicated to Ms. Price that he is extremely concerned along with his colleagues about the shortage of LPNs in Alabama. Mr. Stevenson stated to Ms. Price that he could hire every graduate from our community colleges and still be lacking significantly. He also remarked to Ms. Price that the Nursing Homes Association is willing to monetarily support scholarships, marketing, advertising, etc. Ms. Price stated that Mr. Kenneth Kirkland, Director of Health Programs at the System office is in the process of creating a nursing pathway to assist in the initiatives to address the LPN shortage.

Chairman Thompson welcomed Mr. John Mitchell, Sr., as the new Board member. He welcomed back Board member, Mr. Jeffrey Newman. Mr. Newman thanked everyone for their cards and support during his absence.

In addition, Chairman Thompson thanked the family members of Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Fantroy for their attendance.

Ms. Susan Foy expressed her appreciation of Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Fantroy. Ms. Foy stated that it was a pleasure to work with both of them and looks forward to seeing them in the future.

# SECTION XI (DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING)

The next Board meeting will be held in Montgomery at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, in the Board Room of the Alabama Community College System building in Montgomery, Alabama. A work session will follow at 10:30 a.m. and will also be held in the Board Room.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Woods, the Board meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

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