

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2020, 10:04 A.M.**

The Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees (also referred to herein as the Board) held a meeting at 10:04 a.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, 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 Pastor Jay Daniel Cooper of First United Methodist Church Montgomery and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, the following Board members were present:

Mr. Al Thompson
Mr. Matthew Woods
Ms. Crystal Brown
Mr. Milton Davis (by-phone)
Ms. Susan Foy
Mr. Blake McAnally
Mr. John Mitchell
Mr. Chuck Smith
Mr. Jeff 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. Smith, second by Mr. Woods the Agenda was amended to move two action items from the Work Session Agenda to the Board Meeting Agenda. The two items to be moved were Reid State's request to transfer equipment to Shelton State and Lawson State's Academic Building Fire Restoration. The motion to amend the agenda was approved unanimously.

On motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Davis the amended agenda was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Ms. Brown, second by Mr. McAnally, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Minutes of the January 8, 2020 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 Thompson recognized Jefferson State Community College's Leadership Class. Chairman Thompson thanked the Class for attending.

SECTION VII
COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT

Mr. Jeff Rhodes, Interim President of Reid State Technical College, expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to highlight Reid State. Mr. Rhodes advised that Reid State is the smallest two year college and is a stand-alone technical college. Reid State has 8 for credit programs and 2 non-credit programs, which are certified nursing assistant and the truck driver training program. Mr. Rhodes advised that a lot of the students at Reid State come in for training and end up going to work wherever that the opportunity presents. Mr. Rhodes stated that being from rural south Alabama and with industry being what it is, one would think that jobs are impossible to get, but the video will show local students who desired to live, work and raise a family in the community in which they were raised and succeeded. Following the video, Mr. Rhodes acknowledged and commended Dr. Coretta Boykin, Dean of Instruction/Workforce Development, at Reid State for her work at the college. Mr. Rhodes advised that Dr. Boykin is an asset to him as Interim President and to the College.

Chancellor Baker advised that prior to Mr. Rhodes becoming Interim that there were serious questions about the financial stability of the school. Chancellor Baker stated that Mr. Rhodes has provided leadership in instruction and financially and that the school is on sound footing today due to Mr. Rhodes work which Chancellor Baker appreciates.

Chairman Thompson and Matt Woods expressed thanks to Mr. Rhodes for his work at Reid State. Mr. Woods stated that Mr. Rhodes is changing lives for the better at Reid State.

SECTION VIII

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

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
TUITION RATE ADJUSTMENT

On motion by Ms. Brown, second by Mr. Smith, the Board unanimously authorized an adjustment of the tuition rate for community and technical colleges from \$131 to \$133 per credit hour beginning Fall Semester 2020. Fiscal consideration: approximately \$3,500,000 in additional revenue for 2020-2021.

SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
APPROVAL OF AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY RENOVATION CHANGE ORDER

On motion by Mr. Woods, second by Ms. Foy, the Board unanimously approved Change Orders Numbered One and Two revising the construction contract between Shelton State and RCI Contractors & Engineers, Inc. for the Automotive Technology Renovation project on the Fredd Campus. Design shall be completed and construction contracts executed no later than January 31, 2021. Fiscal consideration: \$208,969.70 to be paid from Title III Funds.

COASTAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ROOFING REPLACEMENT PROJECT

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. McAnally, the Board unanimously authorized Coastal Alabama to proceed with design and construction of roofing repairs at the Monroeville campus Library, at the Gilbertown campus Academic Building, at the Thomasville campus Administration Building, at the Bay Minette campus Science Building, at the Bay Minette campus Gymnasium and at the Fairhope campus Administration Building. Designs shall be completed and construction contracts executed no later than January 31, 2021. Fiscal consideration: \$2,047,621 to be paid with Coastal Alabama College funds.

LAWSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ACADEMIC BUILDING FIRERESTORATION

Per Mr. Thompson, due to the urgency of this item, it was moved direct to the Board meeting.

On motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously authorized Lawson State to proceed with design and construction for the Academic Building Fire Restoration on the Birmingham campus. The project scope will include remediation of remaining damaged areas; renovation of areas impacted by the fire, including offices, classrooms, labs, and restrooms; and switch gear replacement. Design shall be completed and construction contracts executed no later than February 28, 2021. Fiscal consideration \$601,192 to be paid from Title III SAFRA Funds.

Mr. Smith advised he felt this needed to be moved to the Board meeting to expedite getting this building back to a workable condition.

SECTION IX
(EXECUTIVE, LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

ADOPTED

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

On motion by Ms. Brown, second by Ms. Foy, the Board unanimously authorized the purchase of professional legal liability insurance coverage for the Alabama Community College System through Cobbs, Allen & Hall Insurance.

Fiscal Consideration: \$365,090 Current Unrestricted Funds

**COASTAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SALE OF REAL PROPERTY**

On motion by Mr. Smith, second by Ms. Brown, the Board unanimously authorized the President of Coastal Alabama to pursue the sale of off-campus property located at 2119 Highway 21 Bypass Monroeville, Alabama which consists of a 71,200 square-foot building previously owned and operated by Vanity Fair. The property will be sold by sealed bids or public auction through the Lands Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation. Fiscal consideration: TBD.

**J.F. DRAKE STATE COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
PURCHASE OF PROPERTY**

On motion by Ms. Brown, second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously authorized the Alabama Community College System to purchase for the benefit of Drake State multiple lots on the Northwest Corner of Meridian Street and McDonnell Avenue, specifically, lots 1-8, 13-16, 17-21, 25 and 113-126 of BLK A Meridian ADD. Fiscal consideration: \$250,000 to be paid by College funds.

Both Mr. McAnally and Ms. Brown expressed that they felt this was a good purchase.

**GEORGE CORLEY WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE - SELMA
PURCHASE OF DEMOPOLIS ARMORY**

On motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Woods, the Board unanimously authorized the Alabama Community College System to purchase for the benefit of Wallace State Community College – Selma the Demopolis Armory Building located on Highway 43 South, Demopolis, Alabama. Fiscal consideration: \$443,000 to be paid from College funds.
Mr. Smith advised that this will be a game changer for West Alabama.

**WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE - HANCEVILLE
APPROVAL FOR NAMING OF FACILITY**

On motion by Mr. Woods, second by Ms. Brown, the Board unanimously authorized the President of Wallace State Community College – Hanceville to name the basketball court in the Tom Drake Coliseum as the Traditions Bank Arena. Fiscal consideration: none.

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

On motion by Ms. Brown, second by Mr. Smith, the Board unanimously authorized the Alabama Community College System to purchase the Decatur Board of Education Building for use as the Center for Distance Learning.

Fiscal consideration: \$1,200,000 – Alabama Community College System Funds

Ms. Brown commented the area that the property is located in is a developing area and ACCS is fortunate to be able to purchase the building. A lot of attention has been given to the area to make it vibrant and she believes it will continue to grow.

Mr. McAnally commented that the Board had initially looked at a previous property that with its issues would have pushed the budget to approximately 8 million dollars. This current building, even with renovations, will be less than half that amount. This property is in a great location across from the new Science Museum and Mr. McAnally is happy to see this on agenda.

Chancellor Baker added that this will become the base for the online services statewide which he expects to expand. Chancellor Baker wants to reach out as far as possible to assist people with online learning.

Chairman Thompson thanked Mr. McAnally for his expertise and stated that he is excited about this purchase and the exposure it will give that part of the state. Chairman Thompson thanked Chancellor Baker for his leadership on this initiative.

REID STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE
TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT

On motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Woods, the Board unanimously authorized Reid State Technical College to transfer a 2005 Freightliner Conventional truck to Shelton State Community College. Fiscal consideration: none.

Mr. Smith thanked the Colleges for looking at their inventories and being willing to surplus unused equipment for use by other Colleges.

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES INITIATIVE

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. McAnally, the Board approved the Board Initiative supporting legislation allowing Board members to serve two full terms without counting any partial term to which the member has been appointed. The initiative also opposes any change to the Board structure. 6 members voted in favor, 2 opposed. Fiscal consideration: none.

Mr. McAnally commented that he appreciates where the Board is on this initiative. He feels that two full terms are reasonable and is equal to or less than other universities or colleges around the state. He stated he is strongly in support of the language not favoring any change in composition of the board. Mr. McAnally is aware of other boards modeled like the ACCS' Board that have been changed once the legislation got to the committee or floor wherein numbers of Board members went from 8 up to 14. Ms. McAnally will advocate for no change in the board composition and will be a vocal opponent should it appear to be changing.

Chairman Thompson commented that he appreciates how well the Board members work together and agrees that there should be no change in the Board composition.

Mr. Woods stated that he would like to echo McAnally's comments and would strongly oppose legislation that would change the composition of the Board. Mr. Woods feels that the proposed legislation would clarify term limits of the Board members and give system a great bank of institutional knowledge.

Mr. Thompson advised that this initiative came about on 12/11/19 when Chancellor Baker and Boone Kinard solicited input from Board. Mr. Thompson believes that this legislation would give Chancellor Baker and staff guidance and direction on this particular issue.

SECTION X **PERSONNEL**

Charlene Finkelstein introduced new System office employees, Mr. Frazier Payne, Regional External Affairs Liaison and Audrey Webb, Director of ALAMAP.

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

Chancellor Baker expressed his appreciation to the staff members at the Colleges' for their work on the common ERP system. Chancellor Baker stated it has not been an easy process and has been particularly hard on the smaller schools. Staff members have undergone many hours of training and there are still issues with the ERP to be worked out. Chancellor Baker stated that a lot of people have gone the extra mile for this project and he is proud of the staff involved.

Mr. McAnally updated the Board on his participation in the ACCSOne teleconference update that is held bi-monthly. Cohorts 0 and 1 are live on all regular business modules and further modules will come when all schools are up on the basic modules. Cohort 2 is on track for a 2020

go live. The ERP is currently at a status yellow meaning there are some risks and still a significant amount of work to be done. Mr. McAnally advised that ACCS and Ellucian are working together to fill gaps where there are challenges. Cohort 2 will be the greatest challenge because these schools are completely changing to a new software. Resources are still a risk due to the difficulty in finding people to staff the schools to run the ERP systems. From the completion perspective, based on time and budget, the project is 54% complete on time and 61% on budget, but toward end of the project these numbers will come more inline. Mr. McAnally doesn't foresee any big risk with this project and feels that the ACCS and the Colleges have good people working on the ERP. The ERP is currently scheduled to have every component and module up and running by 2021.

Chancellor Baker updated on the Board on the issue with Life Tech. Pardons and Paroles has advised that they will no longer be sending clients to Life Tech. Chancellor Baker has been working on a solution with the Mayor of Thomasville, Pardon and Parole and the Department of Corrections. Pardons and Paroles have been in discussion with a private security company who may be used to send clients to Life Tech and has been out to Life Tech to view the facility. As of mid-May there will no longer be any clients at Life Tech unless something changes. Chancellor Baker plans to find places within the system for each of the current staff members at Life Tech.

Mr. Smith thanked the Mayor of Thomasville for trying to work a solution for Life Tech.

Chancellor Baker also advised that he has asked Jeff Lynn to team with Neil Wade and together they will engage with each of the College Presidents and see what is available in economic development. Chancellor Baker wants the ACCS to do a better job of making people aware of what is available in economic development.

Chancellor Baker announced that the ACCS is seriously pursuing a major marketing effort to promote the ACCS and is currently reviewing proposals. Chancellor Baker wants the ACCS to be highly visible to graduates and wants the ACCS to be in a recruiting position to increase enrollment at Colleges.

SECTION XII

(DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING)

The next Board meeting will be held in Montgomery at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 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

The Board meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

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