

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY APRIL 8, 2020, 10:01A.M.**

The Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees (also referred to herein as the Board) held a meeting at 10:01 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, via video/teleconference. The meeting was called in accordance with Act No. 2015-125 and conducted in accordance with Governor Ivey's Proclamation of March 18, 2020.

**PRESIDING: MR. AL THOMPSON
CHAIRMAN**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Thompson.

The invocation was delivered by Mr. Milton Davis 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
Ms. Susan Foy
Mr. Blake McAnally
Mr. John Mitchell
Mr. Chuck Smith

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Brown the Agenda was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. McAnally, second by Mr. Davis, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Minutes of the March 11, 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.

SECTION VII

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

ADOPTED

BISHOP STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING CENTER / CAMPUS FENCE AND ACCESS CONTROL
TIME EXTENSION

On motion by Ms. Brown, second by Mr. Smith, the Board unanimously authorized Bishop State Community College to proceed with design and construction of an Advanced Manufacturing Center at Bishop State's main campus, including a campus wide fence for access control at Bishop State's main campus. Design shall be completed, and construction contracts executed no later than February 28, 2021 or this authorization shall expire. Fiscal Consideration: \$21,000,000 (\$2,225,000 ACCS Provided Funding and \$18,775,000 Bond Proceeds)

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

ALLOCATION OF FY2019-2020 INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION INITIATIVE FUNDS

On motion by Mr. Woods, second by Mr. Smith, the Board unanimously authorized the allocation of \$78,000 of the FY2019-2020 Industry Certification Initiative Funds to Beville State Community College. Funds will be used to support the continuation of the Career Pathways Academy, with a focus on Automated Manufacturing. Fiscal Consideration: \$78,000.

SECTION IX

(EXECUTIVE, LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

ADOPTED

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY 501.01:
CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, AND ALTERATION

Ms. Brown advised that she felt that this was a good and strong policy and that the policy committee strongly recommended the adoption of this policy. Chairman Thompson thanked Ed Whatley and the policy committee for their work on the policy.

On motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously adopted Policy 501.01: Board of Trustees: Construction, Renovation, and Alteration. The policy shall take effect immediately.

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RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ADOPTION OF PROPOSED POLICY 510.01:
SAFETY AND SECURITY

Ms. Brown thanked the policy committee for their work on this policy as well.

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Brown, the Board unanimously adopted Policy 510.01: Safety and Security. The policy shall take effect immediately.

ENTERPRISE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CITY
OF ENTERPRISE FOR THE SALE
OF COLLEGE PROPERTY FOR USE AS RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Smith, the Board unanimously authorized the President of Enterprise State Community College (“Enterprise State”) to proceed with discussions and negotiations to explore the sale of approximately 20 acres of land to the City of Enterprise for the construction of City owned recreational facilities. Fiscal Consideration: TBD.

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
RESOLUTION FOR ADMINISTRATION OF
EMPLOYEE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS

The resolution was read by David M. O’Brien. A copy of the Resolution is attached to these minutes.

On motion by Mr. McAnally, second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously adopted the resolution.

Mr. McAnally, as Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, thanked everyone involved in getting information together quickly for the Board. Mr. McAnally advised that these plans had been initiated by the Colleges outside the system office and ACCS currently finds that the plans need to be formalized and filed with the IRS. This resolution will effectuate getting this done for the Colleges.

Chairman Thompson thanked the committee and Chancellor Baker and Staff for the quick response in getting information to the Board for this resolution. Mr. Thompson feels that the Board needs to be fully informed when making decisions.

SECTION X
PERSONNEL

None.

SECTION XI
(CHANCELLOR'S REPORT)

Chancellor Baker took a moment to commend and brag on the Colleges and their Presidents for their response and contributions to the fight against COVID-19. ACCS has been working with the Health Department, the Governor's Office, the Hospital Association, the Nursing Home Association and other agencies to offer whatever support ACCS could. ACCS Colleges have depleted their supply of ventilators and PPE in providing them to the health care community. One College is making face shields and another is making harnesses for health care providers. Chancellor Baker advised that the Colleges stepped up to the challenge without having to be asked.

Chancellor Baker advised that during this time he continues to meet with the Presidents on a weekly basis and stated that the ACCS system office is still working.

Chancellor Baker believes that ACCS has done a good job in delivering general education programs online to students. ACCS is currently working on a plan for classes that require lab and/or clinical experience and how those labs will be completed. The instructors that are responsible for the lab and/or clinical requirements have agreed to perform those requirements at a later date to fill the needs of the students.

Chancellor Baker advised that several colleges have been working with the Corps of Engineers to provide space for staging areas should that become necessary.

Chancellor Baker commented that these are trying times for a lot of people and that the ACCS wants to be sensitive to the needs of the students and the communities we serve when the time comes to move forward. Chancellor Baker met with the Workforce Development Department to discuss how ACCS can help people with training and retraining. Sales and Revenue taxes will be hit hard in this situation.

Chancellor Baker advised that each school receive a fund from Federal legislation in the near future. Each school will receive some amount of money from the Federal government and Chancellor Baker has asked the schools to be working on the plans as to they plan to spend their money. A specific portion of the funds will be designated for use to help students that have been disadvantaged by the Covid-19 pandemic.

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Chancellor Baker advised that ACCS office employees are continuing to work every day. Normally this would be a critical time for college recruitment and enrollment and those efforts are continuing, but in a different manner. Additionally, Banner Cohort 2 is scheduled to go live in the summer and Chancellor Baker advised that the IT department has been working diligently to get the remaining schools on board.

Chancellor Baker asked Ben Rosebrock to speak about the ERP. Mr. Rosebrock advised that the IT department has been working with colleges to address concerns in light of the recent events. Mr. Rosebrock engaged 15 experts from the functional schools from Cohort 1 to aid in training and to provide support for the schools in Cohort 2. The Cohort 1 schools will provide one on one support for those schools going online in the summer. Additionally, Mr. Rosebrock has added 11 additional Ellucian resources to work with the schools in Cohort 2. Every effort is being made to make sure the schools in Cohort 2 go live as planned.

Chancellor Baker commented that the legislature is scheduled to meet on April 28, 2020. Chancellor Baker expects that if a budget is passed that it will be at level funding for the current year. Chancellor Baker thinks that the legislature may come back at some point later in the year and make adjustments to the budgets depending on the economy. Chancellor Baker has spoken to the Chairman of Budget Committee and was advised that he intends to bring the bond issue up when the legislative session resumes. Chancellor Baker commented that the Education Fund will take a significant hit, but that we went into this environment with a reserve fund. Funds have been distributed earlier than anticipated. Chancellor Baker feels that ACCS Colleges are managing well and have been very responsible with managing their funds. Chancellor Baker believes that the ACCS will get through this without any major problems.

Chairman Thompson thanked Chancellor Baker for his leadership and direction during these tough and challenging times. Chairman Thompson also thanked Milton Davis for his prayers and the entire Board for their work and commitment to the ACCS.

Mr. McAnally thanked everyone involved in ensuring that the video-based Board meeting was possible and successful.

Ms. Foy thanked Mr. Davis for his devotional.

SECTION XII

(DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING)

The next Board meeting will be held in Montgomery at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, via Zoom video/teleconference. A work session will follow at 10:30 a.m. and will also be held via Zoom.

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ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Chairman

Chancellor