

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY JUNE 10, 2020, 10:04A.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, June 10, 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 Pastor Gary Burton of Pintlala Baptist Church 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 Ms. Brown, second by Mr. Smith, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Minutes of the May 13, 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)

None.

SECTION VIII
(EXECUTIVE, LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

ADOPTED

H. COUNCIL TRENHOLM STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MISSION STATEMENT

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Mitchell, the Board unanimously approved the current Mission Statement of H. Council Trenholm State Community College.

SOUTHERN UNION STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MISSION STATEMENT

On motion by Ms. Foy, second by Mr. Woods, the Board unanimously approved the current Mission Statement of Southern Union State Community College.

BEVILL STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MISSION STATEMENT

On motion by Mr. Woods, second by Ms. Brown, the Board unanimously approved the current Mission Statement of Bevill State Community College.

SOUTHERN UNION STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
RENEWAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BARNES & NOBLE COLLEGE
BOOKSELLERS, LLC

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Foy, the Board unanimously authorized the President of Southern Union State Community College to renew its bookstore operation and services agreement with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC for the initial period beginning August 1, 2020 and ending on July 31, 2025.

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
AMENDMENT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES BYLAWS

On motion by Ms. Brown, second by Mr. Woods, the Board unanimously approved an amendment to its current Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees Bylaws. The amendment will add the following section to the Bylaws as follows:

Removal of Board Members

A Board member may be removed for immorality, misconduct in office, incompetency, or willful neglect of duty in accordance with Alabama Code Section 16-60-111(j).

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
AMENDMENT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES BYLAWS SECTION VIII.A.
PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Brown, the Board unanimously approved an amendment to its current Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees Bylaws. The amendment will add the following section to the Bylaws as follows:

In Section VIII.A paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Bylaws, replace the word “President” with the phrase “Presiding officer”.

SECTION IX
PERSONNEL

None.

SECTION X
(CHANCELLOR’S REPORT)

Chancellor Baker spoke about the Life Tech program located in Thomasville, Al. Life Tech was program where ACCS provided skills training to parolees or potential parolees housed at the center owned by the Department of Pardons and Parole. This program has been ongoing for a significant number of years until the recent decision by Pardons and Parole not to continue the program. The City of Thomasville and the Mayor have been active in trying to support the program. Chancellor Baker advised that ACCS owns approximately 100 acres adjacent to the property owned by Pardons and Parole and that Pardons and Parole would like to transfer their property to ACCS. Chancellor Baker further advised that ACCS is looking into whether ACCS wants to obtain the property owned by Pardons and Parole and what problems might come along with that acquisition prior to making a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. Despite the ongoing efforts of ACCS, the City of Thomasville, the Mayor and the Governor there are no students currently attending Life Tech. Chancellor Baker advised that ACCS is looking at the best solution for the full time employees that were employed by Life Tech. Chancellor Baker

advised that Pardons and Parole would like to start a day reporting program for parolees who have to report daily to the center for training, skills, GED or some other program; however, ACCS already participates in a program like this with the cities of Mobile, Montgomery, Birmingham and Huntsville. Chancellor Baker commented that to suggest that the current program has been going strong in all those centers would be less than an accurate statement. Chancellor Baker stated that he would only be interested in participating in the new program if there were to be an adequate number of people who are going to be reporting. Pardon and Paroles' idea was to use their vans to travel throughout an 8 county area to bring day reporting people to the center. The initial number estimated by Pardons and Parole was 5 to 12 people, with the possibility of an increase to 100. Chancellor Baker feels that ACCS cannot take the risk of employing permanent people on a full-time basis with that number of students. Chancellor Baker commented that Pardons and Parole would like ACCS to assist in lobbying for an increase in their budget since the General Fund budget for the operations of Pardons and Parole was reduced by approximately \$20 million dollars; however, while Chancellor Baker will be cooperative he feels his lobbying efforts need to be directed at getting funding for ACCS. Chancellor Baker went on to advise that he is talking with President Pouncey at Coastal Alabama Community College to see how the Life Tech center could be used. Chancellor Baker commented that the entire area is not growing population wise. Although Chancellor Baker would like to help the City of Thomasville, he knows he must make a rational financial decision for ACCS and he is working with the budget chairs regarding this decision.

Chancellor Baker next advised that the recently passed budget included a Public Schools/College Bond and from that Bond ACCS will receive approximately \$120 million dollars. In considering how the funds will be distributed and used, Chancellor Baker met with ACCS Presidents and asked each to create a plan of what they want their school to look like in 2030 and to back up each plan with research. Each school needs to be planning on current and new programs and deciding which ones need to be phased out. The funds will ultimately be allocated to the system which means that the ACCS Board will have to make the decision as to how the money is going to be distributed. Chancellor Baker stated that there needs to be a plan for instruction before disbursing the money. Chancellor Baker wants to make sure that every classroom is comfortable, equipped with needed technology and has everything that students need. Chancellor Baker does not want to talk about buildings, but what ACCS can do to expand or eliminate offerings at the colleges.

Chancellor Baker reported to the Board that the situation with Covid-19 has put a strain on the operations of the schools, but that ACCS and college personnel have been super for stepping up to the plate. Chancellor Baker is proud of what has been done by the colleges to deliver online learning to the students and feels that ACCS colleges were more prepared than most. Chancellor Baker stated that with the relaxing of rules the schools have gone back to the business of providing skills training programs and labs and that there was a lot of work required to prepare a plan for how to provide that instruction to students while adhering to size and distancing guidelines. Plans for the fall semester are in the works for resuming face to face teaching.

Chancellor Baker has asked each college to prepare a plan for face to face teaching, distance learning and/or a combination of both and to file the plan with ACCS.

Chairman Thompson commented that he knows it is has been difficult for ACCS colleges and commended the college Presidents, employees and staff on how they have responded to the pandemic.

Chancellor Baker advised the Board that most employees resumed working in the office on June 2, but that work had never stopped.

Chairman Thompson stated that the ACCS staff had done a fine job in hosting the virtual Board meetings.

Mr. Davis commended the Presidents and staff for their work during the pandemic and congratulated the students that graduated or received their certification during this difficult time.

SECTION XII

(DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING)

The next Board meeting will be held in Montgomery at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2020. The format has yet to be determined and will be announced later. A work session will follow at 10:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Chairman

Chancellor