

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2021, 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, November 10, 2021 , 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. MILTON DAVIS
CHAIRMAN**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Davis.

The invocation was delivered by Reverend Claude McRoberts Trinity Presbyterian Church - Montgomery and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, the following Board members were present:

Mr. Milton Davis
Mr. Matthew Woods
Ms. Valerie Gray
Mr. Goodrich Rogers
Mr. John Mitchell
Mr. Jeb Shell
Mr. Blake McAnally
Mr. Llevelyn Rhone

Also present was Mr. Jimmy H. Baker, Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System. Absent was Dr. Yvette Richardson and Governor Kay Ivey.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Rogers to amend the meeting agenda to include Action Item VIII.A.11 – Alabama Community College System, Resolution Relating to Prison Education and was seconded by Mr. Woods. The amended agenda was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. Woods, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Minutes of the October 13, 2021 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

ADOPTED

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

MARION MILITARY INSTITUTE

Approval of System Enhancement Fee for Marion Military Institute

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board unanimously authorized Marion Military Institute to charge students the System Enhancement Fee of \$10 per credit hour

J.F. INGRAM STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Reroofing at Draper Campus

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Shell, the Board unanimously authorized Ingram State Technical College to proceed with construction of the Reroofing at the Draper Campus project. The project scope includes the reroofing, and associated demolition, of the Administrative and CTE Labs/Classroom Buildings on Ingram State TC's Draper Campus.

SECTION VIII

(EXECUTIVE, LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2022 Board Meetings and Work Session Schedule

On motion by Mr. McAnally, second by Mr. Shell, the Board unanimously approved the 2022 ACCS Board of Trustees Meetings and Work Sessions Schedule.

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

General and Garage Liability Insurance

On motion by Ms. Gray, second by Mr. McAnally, the Board unanimously authorized and directed each college and Alabama Technology Network (ATN) to purchase general liability and garage liability insurance coverage under a policy recommended by the Chancellor for the coverage period November 15, 2021 and ending November 14, 2022.

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

Cyber Liability Insurance

On motion by Mr. Rhone, second by Mr. Woods, the Board unanimously authorized and directed each college and Alabama Technology Network (ATN) to purchase cyber liability insurance coverage under a policy recommended by the Chancellor for the coverage period November 15, 2021, and ending November 14, 2022.

CALHOUN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Approval of Naming Advanced Technology Lab

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Ms. Gray, the Board unanimously authorized the President of Calhoun Community College to name the Advanced Technology lab located in the Advanced Technology Center on the Decatur campus as Gene Haas Center for Advanced Manufacturing and to add appropriate interior and exterior signage. The Gene Haas Foundation will gift Calhoun Community College \$500,000 for the naming opportunity.

BISHOP STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Approval of Naming Electrical Circuits Lab

On motion by Mr. Shell, second by Mr. McAnally, the Board unanimously authorized the President of Bishop State Community College to name the Electrical Circuits Lab in the Advanced Manufacturing Center for Alabama Power and to add appropriate signage. Alabama Power will gift Bishop State Community College \$140,000 for the naming opportunity.

WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE – DOTHAN
Approval of Naming Wallace Campus Writing Center

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Ms. Gray, the Board unanimously authorized the President of Wallace Community College - Dothan to name the Wallace Campus Writing Center located in the Center for Academic Success as the Dr. Imogene Mathison Mixson Writing Center and to add appropriate signage.

SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Approval of Bookstore Management Agreement

On motion by Mr. Rhone, second by Mr. Woods, the Board unanimously authorized the President of Shelton State Community College (“Shelton State”) to enter into a bookstore operation and services agreement with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC (“Barnes & Noble College”) for the period beginning December 1, 2021 and ending on November 30, 2031.

BISHOP STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Approval Of Memorandum of Understanding and Joint Development Program Agreement with
Alabama Power Company

On motion by Mr. Shell, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board unanimously approved the Memorandum of Understanding and Joint Development Program Agreement between Bishop State Community College, the Alabama Community College System and Alabama Power Company for the development of a new training center facility at Bishop State along with a student and faculty training and development program designed to train and educate qualified participants and students and enhance, retain, maintain, and extend the knowledge and technical skills of selected technical instructors to strengthen the employability of Alabama's workforce in HVAC and other multi-craft skilled related jobs.

CENTRAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Purchase of Property

On motion by Ms. Gray, second by Mr. Rogers, the Board unanimously authorized the Alabama Community College System on behalf of Central Alabama Community College to purchase real property located in Prattville, Alabama from East Memorial Baptist Church. Fiscal Consideration: \$12,921,054.00

CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Purchase of Property

On motion by Ms. Gray, second by Mr. Woods, the Board unanimously authorized the Alabama Community College System on behalf of Chattahoochee Valley Community College to purchase three buildings from Troy University located on its Phenix City Campus adjoining Chattahoochee Valley's campus. Fiscal Consideration: \$3,000,000.00

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
Resolution Relating to Prison Education

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. Woods, the Board unanimously approved a resolution for the transfer and/or consolidation of all current Corrections Instructional Programs offered by Gadsden State Community College, Coastal Alabama Community College, Calhoun Community College and Wallace Community College State Technical College to Ingram State Technical College.

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Amendment of Date for December Meeting

On motion by Mr. McAnally, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board unanimously approved the change in date for the December 2021 meeting from December 1, 2021 to December 8, 2021.

SECTION IX

PERSONNEL

None.

SECTION X
CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Susan Price updated the Board on the annual Presidents' Fall Conference. Mr. Price stated that she observed a lot of networking among the Presidents, that the meeting content was excellent, including a variety of presentations and updates on system initiatives. Ms. Price stated that the Chancellor's vision for the ACCS is raising the bar on expectations for serving students.

Next, Olivier Charles gave an update on enrollment. Mr. Charles stated that Covid hurt enrollment nationwide over the last few years. Most colleges are trying to recover and get back to pre-Covid number. Nationwide there has been a 14% decrease in community college enrollment over the last few years. In the fall 2021 semester there was a nationwide decrease in enrollment of 5.6% . Mr. Charles proudly reported that the ACCS is not following the trend, but has instead an increase of 6.3% which equates to approximately 4,500 students. Mr. Charles also reported that ACCS has seen an approximate increase of 3.5% in credit hour production which is around 22,000 credit hours since fall semester 2020. Mr. Charles advised that 19 of the 24 ACCS colleges are above their fall 2020 numbers and that 4 of the remaining 5 are up to 98%. 18 out of 24 ACCS colleges saw an increase in the number of credit hours. In the fall 2021 semester, dual enrollment grew by 10%, part-time student numbers 9%, enrollment in technical programs grew by 8%, non- traditional student enrollment grew by 14% (students 24 years or older) and first time freshman enrollment grew by 22%. Mr. Charles commended the College Presidents and their leadership, as well as the Chief Student Affairs Officers, Academic Officers and everyone at the Colleges who found ways to meet students where they are and increase enrollment.

Next, Chancellor Baker advised that the legislature has taken steps to deal with issues at the Department of Corrections, including overcrowding and education. Although a full plan is a long way from final, plans are underway that will change the structure of how education is delivered to inmates.

Annette Funderburk addressed the Board regarding correctional education. Ms. Funderburk advised that with the consolidation of the correctional education programs, the students will continue to be enrolled in the same programs, but will be enrolled through Ingram State. Ms. Funderburk advised that the ACCS plans to cooperate and assist as the Department of Corrections builds the new prison education plan. There are future hopes of a concept of a vocational village where the incarcerated who are participating in vocational training and/or correctional education programs will live together in one residential facility and will attend

correctional education together. Ms. Funderburk advised that Ingram State currently offer 20 CTE programs as well Adult Education and CDL training.

Chancellor Baker advised that consolidating the correctional education programs will cut down on lost instruction time and will make service to the prisoners less erratic. The village concept will provide an environment where inmates will remain continuously in the education program and stay on schedule for their programs. Chancellor Baker advised that the plan will not happen overnight. New facilities will be built and current ones renovated or demolished. Chancellor Baker advised that the legislature has set aside a significant amount of money for improving issues within the Department of Corrections, which will lessen the amount of money that the ACCS had previously thought it would need to contribute.

Chris Cox and Mara Harrison provided an update on the Innovation Center. The Innovation Center is brainchild of Chancellor Baker and is where workforce meets College. The Innovation Center will bridge gaps and allow the Colleges to deliver instruction that might not otherwise be possible. The first course to be offered by the Innovation Center will be in Hospitality and Tourism. Students will receive credentialing in Hospitality and Tourism and can earn credit through skills training. This initiative will be the first national community college that will have a credentialing skills force system. Beginning in January 2022, eight more programs will be starting and an additional seven at the end of the summer 2022. Mr. Cox and Ms. Harrison advised that they have been working with business associations to deliver desired curriculum and training. All curricula will be Alabama based. The ACCS has partnered with Alabama state associations to create job ready training programs for Alabamians interested in employment opportunities and companies seeking a skilled workforce. Mr. Cox commented that these training program courses are truly innovative, organized and delivered around workforce relevant topics. Students will work through each module and complete the courses by attending physical labs where they are expected to show what they have learned. Upon completion of the labs students are awarded credentials from the ACCS college closest to their home address. Credentials in several different ways to ensure appropriate progression by the student in either their education or career field. Alabama is the first state in the nation to offer this level of training. This will allow Alabama to create a more successful workforce for our state.

Keith Phillips discussed the CDL program that will be offered by the Innovation Center. The program will allow students to take the theory courses online, prove mastery of that theory and receive a certificate from the Innovation Center. With that certificate the student will then be able to attend a college for the hands on training. This approach will increase the number of people credentialed and moving into the workforce. The Innovation Center will build unique endorsements based on what a particular job is requiring such as hazmat endorsements or TSA security clearance. This will cut down on time wasted by the students on areas that their desired field does not require.

SECTION XI
COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

SECTION XII
(DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING)

The next Board meeting will be held in Montgomery at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, in the Board Room of the Alabama Community College System building in Montgomery, Alabama. A work session will follow at 10:20 a.m. and will also be held in the Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Chairman

Chancellor