

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY JULY 13, 2022, 10:00 A.M.**

The Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees (also referred to herein as the Board) held a meeting at 10:02 a.m. on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, 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. BLAKE MCANALLY
CHAIRMAN**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. McAnally.

The invocation was delivered by Pastor Richard Williams of Metropolitan United Methodist Church and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, the following Board members were present:

Mr. Milton Davis
Mr. John Mitchell
Ms. Valerie Gray
Mr. Matthew Woods
Mr. Goodrich Rogers
Mr. Llevelyn Rhone
Mr. Blake McAnally
Dr. Yvette Richardson

Mr. Jeb Shell attended via Zoom call. 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. Rogers, second by Mr. Davis, the Agenda was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Ms. Gray, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Minutes of the June 8, 2022 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
(EXECUTIVE, LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

ADOPTED

ENTERPRISE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION HONORING
MATTHEW “MATT” DOUGLAS RODGERS

Mr. Danny Long addressed the Board and thanked the family members of Matt Rodgers (Mrs. Stacy Rodgers, son Liam Rogers and brother J.P. Sawyer) and the administrative staff at Enterprise State Community College for attending the meeting. Mr. Long continued by stating that Mr. Rodgers touched the lives of many people and that he considered it an honor to have worked with Mr. Rodgers.

Mr. Long read the resolution.

Mr. Rodgers’ brother, J.P. Sawyer, thanked the Board on behalf of the family for the recognition of Mr. Rodgers’ life. Mr. Sawyer stated that Mr. Rodgers would be honored and humbled. Mr. Sawyer commented that he could see why Mr. Rodgers loved the ACCS and extended his personal thanks to the Board of Trustees and the people within the ACCS for their support and comfort during the loss of Mr. Rodgers.

Mr. McAnally commented that Mr. Rodgers was a great man who had made a huge contribution to the state and he felt honored to have worked with him and to have the family at the meeting.

Mr. Woods thanked the family for lending Mr. Rodgers to the system as he created a lot of wonderful opportunities for many people to have a better way of life. Mr. Woods advised that Mr. Rodgers is missed and that the ACCS will continue to honor his legacy.

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously approved a Resolution of Appreciation Honoring retired Enterprise State Community College President Matthew “Matt” Douglas Rodgers.

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTTES
SELF EVALUATION RESOLUTION

On motion by Mr. Woods, second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously adopted the 2021 Self Evaluation evidencing its undertaking to define and self-evaluate the Board’s responsibilities and expectations in compliance with SACSCOC principle 4.2 (g).

SECTION VIII
((INSTRUCTIONAL, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT, ADULT EDUCATION, FACILITIES, FISCAL, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT))

ADOPTED

J.F. INGRAM STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE
ADDITION OF INSTRUCTIONAL SITES

On motion by Ms. Gray, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board unanimously approved the addition of instructional sites for Ingram State Technical College at Easterling Correctional Facility, Fountain Correctional Facility, Limestone Correctional Facility, and Ventress Correctional Facility.

Fiscal consideration: None.

LAWSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
UPGRADE TO INSTRUCTIONAL AREAS – CARES FUNDS

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Woods, the Board unanimously authorized Lawson State Community College to spend \$4,845,035.00 of CARES Act Funds to continue to upgrade the College's instructional areas with interactive display and communication capability.

Fiscal Consideration: 4,845,035.00 of CARES Act Funds

SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL BUILDING FEE

On motion by Mr. Woods, second by Mr. Rogers, the Board unanimously authorized Shelton State Community College to implement a \$12 per credit hour Special Building Fee. The fee will take effect Fall Semester 2022.

Fiscal Consideration: \$17,685,000 – Estimate based on current estimated rates for a 30 year bond issue as well as actual credit hour production for the current fiscal year.

ENTERPRISE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ALABAMA AVIATION COLLEGE (UNIT OF ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY COLLEGE)
RENOVATION OF THE BROWN BUILDING

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously authorized Enterprise State Community College to proceed with construction of the project named Renovation of the Brown Building. The scope of work for the project includes the demolition of the lower-level wings, interior two-story wood structure and the complete interior and exterior renovation of the remaining hanger portion of the building. This work will also include site and building envelope improvements, environmental remediation, new HVAC system, plumbing, electrical, and fire protection. Construction contracts shall be executed no later than February 28, 2023, or this authorization shall expire.

Fiscal Consideration: Total \$5,341,700.00 Aspire 2030 and ESCC/Local Funds

COASTAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BAY MINETTE GYMNASIUM RENOVATIONS

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Gray, the Board unanimously authorized Coastal Alabama Community College to proceed with work associated of the project named Bay Minette Gymnasium Renovations. The scope of work for the project includes to upgrade systems, worn out floors, bleachers, entry/facade, and the finishes. Construction contracts shall be executed no later than February 28, 2023, or this authorization shall expire.

Fiscal Consideration: \$6,703,500.00 Special Baldwin County Sales Tax

J.F. DRAKE STATE COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
CARES ACT FOR COVID RELATED CAPITAL RENEWAL

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board unanimously authorized Drake State Community & Technical College to proceed with construction of the project named CARES Act for COVID Related Capital Renewal. The scope of work for this project is to modernize and replace building systems that contribute to improved air quality and reduce the transmission of COVID in multiple buildings at the campus of Drake State Community & Technical College. Construction contracts shall be executed no later than January 31, 2023, or this authorization shall expire.

Fiscal Consideration: \$291,539.00 HEERF Funds

LAWSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
HVAC EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

On motion by Mr. Rhone, second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously authorized Lawson State Community College to proceed with work associated for the project named HVAC Equipment Replacement. The scope of work for the project includes the one-for-one replacement of existing mechanical units located on the Lawson State Community College campuses located at

Bessemer and Birmingham. Construction contracts shall be executed no later than February 28, 2023, or this authorization shall expire.

Fiscal Consideration: \$1,535,481.00 HERFIII Funds

SNEAD STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CARES ACT FOR COVID RELATED CAPITAL RENEWAL

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Woods, the Board unanimously adopted a resolution amending the description of the improvements financed with the proceeds of the Board's Snead State Community College Revenue Bonds, Series 2019 which will allow the College to continue with renovations and construction of facilities as previously approved by the Board.

Fiscal Consideration: None.

SECTION IX
PERSONNEL

Nikita Payne introduced two new employees to the system office. Dr. Chantae Calhoun joined the system office as Director of Academic Affairs and Mr. Christopher Cunningham joined as the Assistant Director of Organizational Research.

Chancellor Baker made a recommendation to appoint Dr. Jimmy Hodges as President of Calhoun Community College. Chancellor Baker commented that Dr. Hodges has served the system faithfully for years.

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously approved the Chancellor's appointment of Dr. Jimmy Hodges as President of Calhoun Community College.

Dr. Hodges stated that he is honored and humbled to be named the President of Calhoun Community College. He gave thanks for the opportunity and expressed his appreciation for the Board's confidence in him. Dr. Hodges promised to make Calhoun Community College the best community college it can possibly be. Dr. Hodges' introduced his wife, Lynn, who accompanied him at the meeting and thanked her for her support. Dr. Hodges thanked the Calhoun Community College employees in attendance for their support (Belinda Noe, Robin Self, Dr. Donna Estell, Dr. Patricia Wilson, Dean John Holley and Wes Torain). Dr. Hodges commented that while all of the presidents have touched his life in some way, shape, form, or fashion, that without Dr. Karolewics he wouldn't be where he is today.

Chancellor Baker commented that expectations are great for Calhoun Community College and expressed that he is confident that under Dr. Hodges Calhoun Community College will see improvement, growth, and expansion.

Chancellor Baker made a recommendation to appoint Mr. Olivier Charles as President of Bishop State Community College. On motion by Mr. Shell, second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously approved the Chancellor's appointment of Mr. Olivier Charles as President of Bishop State Community College.

Mr. Jeb Shell stated that as a resident of Mobile and as representative of the district that includes Bishop State Community College, he is excited about this appointment. Mr. Shell feels that it will be beneficial to the workforce in lower Alabama and the students that need access to an education. Further, as an employer he is looking forward to the things to come and is confident in the job that Mr. Charles will do at Bishop State Community College.

Mr. Charles thanked the Board of Trustees and Chancellor Baker for what he perceives as an honor of a lifetime. Mr. Charles introduced his wife, Angela, who attended the meeting. Mr. Charles stated that Mrs. Charles is his coach, council, counselor, friend, and therapist and that he would not be the person he is without her. Mr. Charles commented that Bishop State Community College has always held a special place in his heart as he grew up 4 blocks from the College and during his middle school years he had to walk through the campus to get to school. Mr. Charles is honored to be able to go back to his home city and to make a contribution to the area. Being appointed President at Bishop State Community College is Mr. Charles dream job. Mr. Charles assured the people of the Bishop State Community College community that he is ready to listen and earn their trust and is excited about meeting the faculty, staff, students and community members. Mr. Charles acknowledged that he understands and accepts the challenge before him and will do all he can to make Bishop State Community College all it can be.

SECTION XI **CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Olivier Charles introduced Dr. Neil Scott to give an update on enrollment and FAFSA applications. Mr. Charles advised that Dr. Scott is the genius behind all the good things going on in Student Success and advised that he knew Dr. Scott would work well under pressure when Dr. Scott refused to interrupt his interview due a tornado warning. Dr. Scott came to ACCS from Faulkner University and has transitioned well from working with one college to working with 24 individual institutions.

Chancellor Baker advised that as of the end of the current Board meeting there would be no interim presidents in the ACCS and that hasn't occurred for at least 20 years. Chancellor Baker stated that all of the Presidents are performing wonderfully.

Before Dr. Scott's update, Chancellor Baker asked Mr. Charles to recount his story that Dr. Cynthia Anthony was the only woman in Mr. Charles' life to leave him twice. Dr. Anthony hired Mr. Charles at Enterprise State on a Monday and then Dr. Anthony was moved to Shelton

State on Wednesday of the same week. When Dr. Anthony came to ACCS to build the Division of Student Success, she again recruited Mr. Charles to work with her. One year later Dr. Anthony left Mr. Charles again. One thing Mr. Charles remembers about Dr. Anthony was a quote she used “You have to reach as you climb”.

Dr. Neil Scott gave update on enrollment for Spring and Summer 2022 semesters, Fall 2022 applications and Alabama FAFSA applications. Dr. Scott announced that while nationally enrollment had declined by 7.8%, ACCS institutions saw an increase of 5.88% for Spring 2022. That was an increase of 3800 students who took courses at an ACCS institution. Credit hour production was up over 1%. Further, Summer 2022 semester headcount is up by 4% and credit hour production is up by 2.84%. As for Fall 2022 semester, the total number of applications received as of the date of the Board meeting was 65,055, indicating a 16.67% increase, with first time freshman applications being up by 20.71 %.

Dr. Scott advised that the State Department of Education has made it a requirement for graduation that all seniors complete a FAFSA application. As of July 1, 2022, nearly 59% of all 2022 seniors had completed a FAFSA application. Dr. Scott commended Taylor Hilyer for partnering with the colleges and the colleges for their support to the high schools by providing places to complete the FAFSA applications and by making staff available to answer any related questions. Dr. Scott hopes to have good fall numbers to report in the next few months.

SECTION XII
COMMITTEE REPORTS

SECTION XIII

(DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING)

The next Board meeting will be held in Montgomery at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 2022. A work session will follow at 10:20 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. Davis, the Board meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Chairman

Chancellor