

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY April 19, 2023, 10:00 A.M.**

The Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees (also referred to herein as the Board) held a meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at Northeast Alabama Community College Tom Bevill Lyceum, 138 Alabama Highway 35, Rainsville, AL 35986. The meeting was called in accordance with Act No. 2015-125.

**PRESIDING: MR. BLAKE MCANALLY
CHAIRMAN**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McAnally.

The invocation was delivered by Dr. Gary Speers of Aspel United Methodist Church. Following the invocation, members of the Fort Payne Highschool ROTC program presented the colors for the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, the following Board members were present:

Mr. John Mitchell
Mr. Llevelyn Rhone
Mr. Goodrich Rogers
Mr. Blake McAnally
Ms. Valerie Gray
Mr. Milton Davis (via Zoom)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. Rhone, the Agenda was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Minutes of the March 8, 2023 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 VIII

COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT

Dr. David Campbell introduced two Northeast Alabama Community College students for the College Spotlight. Allen Gonzalez Benjume and Olivia Tucker are enrolled in the Cyber Security program at Northeast Alabama and both plan to transfer to the University of Alabama – Huntsville after obtaining their associate degrees from Northeast Alabama. Mr. Benjume is a first-generation high school graduate and will be the first in his family to obtain a college degree. Ms. Tucker advised that she followed in her parents’ and siblings’ footsteps by attending Northeast Alabama. Each student expressed their gratitude for the opportunities afforded them at Northeast Alabama.

SECTION IX
(EXECUTIVE, LEGAL, AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

ADOPTED

LAWSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
REVIEW OF REVISED MISSION STATEMENT

On motion by Ms. Gray, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board unanimously approved Lawson State Community College’s revised mission statement.

DRAKE STATE COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
APPROVAL FOR NAMING OF THE ADVANCED MANUFACTURING BUILDING

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Ms. Gray, the Board unanimously authorized the President of Drake State Community & Technical College to name the Advanced Manufacturing Building as the Gene Haas Center for Advanced Manufacturing and to add appropriate interior and exterior signage.

Fiscal Consideration: \$500,000 Gift from the Gene Haas Foundation

GADSDEN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
APPROVAL FOR NAMING OF THE FIRST FLOOR BOARDROOM
IN THE JOE FORD CENTER

On motion by Mr. Rhone, second by Mr. Rogers, the Board unanimously authorized the President of Gadsden State Community College (“Gadsden State”) to name the Boardroom on the first floor of the Joe Ford Center as the Martha Griffith Lavender Boardroom.

Fiscal Consideration: \$10,000

ENTERPRISE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FACILITIES USE AGREEMENT

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board unanimously authorized the Alabama Community College System on behalf of Enterprise State Community College (“Enterprise State”) to enter into a Facilities Use Agreement with the City of Enterprise for the construction of 8 pickleball courts.

Fiscal Consideration: The City of Enterprise will construct 8 pickleball courts on the Enterprise State Community College campus.

LURLEEN B. WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
APPROVAL FOR NAMING OF THE NATURE TRAIL ON THE ANDALUSIA CAMPUS

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Ms. Gray, the Board unanimously authorized the President of Lurleen B. Wallace to name the existing and newly renovated Nature Trail on the Andalusia Campus as the Barbara L. McClain Nature Trail and to add appropriate signage.

Fiscal Consideration: \$50,000

BISHOP STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
UPGRADE, ENHANCEMENT AND FUTURE PANDEMIC PROOFING

On motion by Ms. Gray, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board unanimously authorized the President of Bishop State Community College to expend \$3,290,268.72 for the purpose of upgrading, enhancing and future pandemic proofing the College’s furnishings for adaptive learning spaces, and training equipment to provide adaptive/flexible learning spaces that potentially minimize disruptions for students and teachers.

Fiscal Consideration: \$3,290,268.72 HEERF Funds received by the College

GADSDEN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AMENDMENT TO BOOKSTORE OPERATIONS AGREEMENT WITH
BARNES & NOBLE COLLEGE BOOKSELLERS, LLC

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board unanimously authorized the President of Gadsden State Community College (“Gadsden State”) to amend its bookstore operation and services agreement with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC (“Barnes & Noble College”) for the period beginning June 1, 2023, and ending on May 31, 2027 and to charge a \$24 per credit hour fee for textbook rental to take effect Fall Semester 2023.

Fiscal Consideration: Barnes & Noble College will pay Gadsden State, on an annualized basis, a commission of 14% of all gross sales of general merchandise up to \$200,000, 16% of all gross sales of general merchandise over \$200,000, 10% of all gross sales of course materials. In addition, Barnes & Noble will provide up to \$5,000 annually for scholarships to support the First Day Complete Program.

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
DIAMOND JUBILEE PROCLAMATION

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board unanimously adopted a Proclamation by the Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees proclaiming the month of April as Community College month and further proclaiming April 2023 as the kickoff month of the ACCS Diamond Jubilee of the 60th Anniversary of the Alabama Community College System.

SECTION X
(INSTRUCTION, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, ADULT EDUCATION, FACILITIES,
FISCAL, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT)

ADOPTED

SOUTHERN UNION STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
APPROVAL OF INCREASE IN DORM RENTAL FEE

On motion by Ms. Gray, second by Mr. Mitchell the Board unanimously authorized Southern Union State Community College to increase the rental fee for the College's dorms. The fee increase will take effect Fall Semester 2023.

Fiscal Consideration: \$80,000 Additional Auxiliary Revenue Annually

SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT

On motion by Mr. Rhone, second by Mr. Rogers, the Board unanimously authorized the President of Shelton State Community College to request bids and to spend approximately \$725,000 or less in HEERF funds for the purpose of purchasing one new welding trailer and a second generator and/or 3 phase power source for dual enrollment welding technology training being offered at rural high schools.

Fiscal Consideration: \$725,000 or less approximately - HEERF Funds

WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE - HANCEVILLE
PURCHASE OF TOUR BUS

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board unanimously authorized the President of Wallace State Community College-Hanceville to expend \$630,000 for the purchase of a new 56 passenger Prevost tour bus.

Fiscal Consideration: \$630,000 Unexpended Plant Funds

DRAKE STATE COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
WORKFORCE SKILLS TRAINING CENTER

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Ms. Gray, the Board unanimously authorized the President of Drake State Community & Technical College to proceed with the construction of the project named Workforce Skills Training Center. Construction contracts shall be executed no later than August 1, 2023.

Fiscal Consideration: \$29,969,250 ACCS/College Funds

NORTHEAST ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CONSTRUCTION OF A SOFTBALL FIELD

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board unanimously authorized Northeast Alabama Community College to proceed with construction of the project named Construction of a Softball Field. The scope of work will involve construction of playing field using artificial grass, dugouts, bull pens, bleachers, backstop, press box, concessions, sound system, scoreboard, and public restrooms. Construction contracts shall be executed no later than August 1, 2023, or this authorization shall expire.

Fiscal consideration: \$3,562,080 – College Funds

SECTION X
PERSONNEL

None.

SECTION XI
CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Baker thanked Dr. David Campbell and the staff at Northeast Alabama Community College for hosting the April 2023 Board of Trustees meeting.

SECTION XII
COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

SECTION XIV
(DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING)

The next Board meeting will be held in Montgomery at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. A work session will follow at 10:20 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. Rhone the Board meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Chairman

Chancellor