

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

The Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees (also referred to herein as the Board) held a meeting at 10:01 a.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 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 Chairman McAnally.

The invocation was delivered by Chairman Blake McAnally and followed by 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
Dr. Yvette Richardson
Mr. Milton Davis
Mr. Jeb Shell (via Zoom)

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. Davis, second by Ms. Gray, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Minutes of the April 19, 2023 meeting as presented without discussion.

**SECTION VI
NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman McAnally advised that new business would be conducted at the end of the Board meeting.

SECTION VII
PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no individuals registered to speak during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

SECTION VIII
COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Jimmy Hodges thanked the Board for allowing him the opportunity to spotlight Calhoun Community College and pledged his commitment to make Calhoun Community College the best it could be. A video was played spotlighting Calhoun Community College.

SECTION IX
(EXECUTIVE, LEGAL, AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

ADOPTED

GADSDEN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
APPROVAL FOR NAMING OF THE CHEROKEE ARENA

Dr. Kathy Murphy introduced former Representative State Richard J. Lindsey and gave a synopsis of his background and career accomplishments.

Mr. Lindsey was in attendance at the meeting and was joined by his wife John. Mr. Lindsey thanked the Chancellor and the Board for honoring him by naming the Cherokee Arena in his name.

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously authorized the President of Gadsden State Community College (“Gadsden State”) to name the Cherokee Arena on the Cherokee campus as in Honor of former State Representative Richard J. Lindsey.

Fiscal Consideration: none

CENTRAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOOKSTORE OPERATION AGREEMENT – BARNES & NOBLE COLLEGE
BOOKSELLERS, LLC

On motion by Ms. Gray, second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously authorized the President of Central Alabama Community College (“CACC”) to enter into a bookstore operation and services agreement with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC (“Barnes & Noble College”)

for the period beginning June 12, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2028, with an option for an additional five years and to charge a \$24 per credit hour fee for textbook rental to take effect Fall Semester 2023.

Fiscal Consideration: Barnes & Noble College will offer a capital investment of up to \$50,000 to be used to design, construct, equip, and install fixtures in the Bookstore. Barnes & Noble College will also provide \$3,000 for annual textbook scholarships and donations to be awarded at the discretion of CACC.

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

ADOPTED

INGRAM STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE
CERTIFICATE IN INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE

On motion by Ms. Gray, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board unanimously approved Ingram State Technical College's application for a Certificate in Industrial Maintenance, to be implemented Fall Semester 2023.

Fiscal Consideration: \$15,000 required to support the program. Funds are projected to be available through extramural funds.

COASTAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ADDITION OF INSTRUCTIONAL SITE

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Mitchell, the Board unanimously approved an additional instructional site for Coastal Alabama Community College at the Erich Heine Learning Center in Calvert.

Fiscal Consideration: none

GADSDEN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
APPROVAL OF INCREASE IN DORM RENTAL FEE

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board unanimously authorized the President of Gadsden State Community College to increase the rental fee for the College's dorms. The fee increase will take effect Fall Semester 2023.

Fiscal consideration: \$55,000

ENTERPRISE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION, BOND SERIES 2023

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously approved an Authorizing Resolution which sets forth details regarding limited obligation Enterprise State Community College revenue bonds, for the benefit of Alabama Community College System." These bonds will be used to fund various capital improvement projects.

Fiscal consideration: Approximately \$20,000,000 in revenue bonds for no more than 30 years with annual debt service expense of approximately \$1,200,000

J.F. DRAKE STATE COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION, BOND ISSUE

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously adopted a Resolution providing (1) for the construction, renovating, and equipping of facilities on the J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College, (2) for the financing thereof by the issuance of revenue bonds in the maximum par amount of up to \$6,000,000, (3) for securing the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds, and (4) for payment of costs of issuing the bonds.

Fiscal consideration: Approximately \$6,000,000 for a maximum of a 30-year bond, with annual debt service of approximately \$400,000.

SNEAD STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CAMPUS SECURITY UPGRADE

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. Rhone , the Board unanimously authorized Snead State Community College to expend \$850,000.00 for the purpose of upgrading its security system in order to maintain the safety of the College's educational environment.

Fiscal consideration: \$850,000 HEERF Funding

ENTERPRISE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CAPITAL PROJECTS APPROVAL FOR BOND FINANCING

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously approved capital projects for bond financing consideration at Enterprise State Community College (the Workforce Skills Training Center, Performing Arts Center, Lolley Gymnasium, and Wallace Hall). The approved capital projects will allow the Chancellor and the President of the College to pursue bond financing up to \$20,000,000 to fund capital improvements for the campus facilities.

Fiscal consideration: Up to \$20,000,000

J.F. DRAKE STATE COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
CAPITAL PROJECTS APPROVAL FOR BOND FINANCING

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously approved the following capital projects for bond financing consideration at Drake State Community & Technical College (Buildings 500, 300, 400, 700 and Library). The approved capital projects will allow the Chancellor and the President of the College to pursue bond financing up to \$6,000,000 to fund capital improvements for the campus facilities.

Fiscal consideration: \$6,000,000

ENTERPRISE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
RENOVATION OF STEAGALL HALL

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Ms. Gray, the Board unanimously authorized Enterprise State Community College to proceed with construction of the project named Renovation of Steagall Hall. The project scope will renovate the restrooms, public corridors, administration and lobby space and a portion of the building HVAC system. Construction contracts shall be executed no later than August 1, 2023, or this authorization shall expire.

Fiscal consideration: \$1,980,115.00 CARES Institutional Funds and ESCC Local Funds

WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SELMA
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

On motion by Mr. Rhone, second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously authorized George Corley Wallace State Community College Selma to proceed with the project called Drainage Improvements. The scope of work is correcting existing drainage system that is not carrying storm water run-off correctly due to inadequate/disintegrated existing infrastructure that is causing flooding on campus. Therefore, improvement of campus drainage system is needed to stop flooding and correct campus hydrology on Selma Campus. Construction contracts shall be executed no later than August 1, 2023, or this authorization shall expire.

Fiscal consideration: \$1,663,537.00

SECTION XI
PERSONNEL

None.

SECTION XII **CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Neil Scott gave an enrollment update. As of the date of the meeting, there were 41,253 students enrolled in summer semester 2023. Credit hour production for summer semester 2023 has eclipsed the 2022 summer semester. For fall semester 2023, there are currently 52,000 applications which is 16% over this same time last year. Fall semester 2023 has not fully opened yet but based on the application figures Dr. Scott is optimistic about fall enrollment.

Chancellor Baker commented that these numbers are amazing when you consider that nationally both community college and four-year college numbers have declined. The numbers reflect the hard work that the ACCS institutions are doing. Both Chancellor Baker and Dr. Scott commended the colleges for their work.

David Walters discussed the partnership with Coca-Cola United that was announced on May 9, 2023. Coca-Cola United donated two trucks to ACCS to be housed at Trenholm State and Southern Union. Mr. Walters introduced the news story that was aired on WSFA on May 9, 2023. Andy Britton from Coca-Cola United attended the meeting and spoke about the importance the partnership with ACCS. The donation of the trucks is seen by Coca-Cola as an investment in not only the ACCS, but also Coca-Cola and people across the state of Alabama.

Next, Mr. Walters and Ebony Horton gave an update on the Diamond Jubilee which kicked off on April 17, 2023. Due to the media coverage, Ms. Horton advised that she feels comfortable estimating that at least 100,000 people are interested in the ACCS. The golf scramble will be held April 3, 2024. Ms. Horton thanked the Presidents and committee members for their hard work on the jubilee.

Chairman McAnally thanked David Walters for his hard work.

Chief Mark Bailey gave an update on safety and security. Over the last 1.5 years, the safety and security team has been able to evaluate the needs of the colleges. ACCS currently has 22 fully functional police departments. Each department is being trained beyond what is required by the State of Alabama. Partnerships with ALEA, SBI, UAB and with the Fire College are helping to train officers on the proper responses to multiple situations.

SECTION XIII **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

On behalf of the Personnel Committee, Mr. Davis reported that it is recommended that Chancellor Baker's contract with the ACCS be extended for a period of 9 months ending December 31, 2025 and that he receives a 15% salary increase. On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Rogers, the Board unanimously approved the extension of Chancellor Baker's contract and the 15% salary increase.

Mr. Davis commended Chancellor Baker on the work he has done with the Alabama Community College System.

SECTION XIV
(DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING)

The next Board meeting will be held in Montgomery at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2023. A work session will follow at 10:20 a.m.

SECTION XV
ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Chairman

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. Shell, the Board unanimously approved Llevelyn Rhone as the new Chairman of the ACCS Board of Trustees.

Vice Chairman

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Ms. Gray, the Board unanimously approved Goodrich Rogers as the new Vice Chairman of the ACCS Board of Trustees.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Chairman

Chancellor