

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY JULY 12, 2023, 10:00 A.M.**

The Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees (also referred to herein as the Board) held a meeting at 10:03 a.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 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. LLEVELYN RHONE
CHAIRMAN**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rhone.

The invocation was delivered by Dr. Teman Knight, Pastor at Heritage Baptist Church and followed by the pledge of allegiance.

On roll call, the following Board members were present:

Mr. John Mitchell
Mr. Jeb Shell
Mr. Llevelyn Rhone
Mr. Goodrich Rogers
Mr. Britton Lightsey
Ms. Valerie Gray
Dr. Yvette Richardson
Mr. Tim McCartney
Mr. Ron Houston

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. Shell, 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 14, 2023 meeting as presented without discussion.

**SECTION VI
PUBLIC COMMENT**

William Tunnell, AEA Manager of Uniserve Organizing, addressed to Board of Trustees. Mr. Tunnell congratulated the ACCS on a successful legislative session and thanked Boone Kinard for promoting a good working relationship with AEA. Mr. Tunnell stated that he would like to see the ACCS continue to stay on top as the premier option for higher education and expressed his support of the proposed 2023-2024 Salary Schedules. Mr. Tunnell gave his appreciation for the work of the ACCS.

SECTION VII
(EXECUTIVE, LEGAL, AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

ADOPTED

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
SELF-EVALUATION RESOLUTION

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board unanimously adopted the ACCS Board Evaluation Resolution evidencing its undertaking to define and self-evaluate the Board's responsibilities and expectations in compliance with SACSCOC principle 4.2 (g).

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO REVERT PROPERTY TO THE BOARD OF SCHOOL
COMMISSIONERS FOR MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

On motion by Mr. Shell, second by Mr. Houston, the Board unanimously authorized the Alabama Community College System to transfer via quitclaim deed the Central High School property to the Board of School Commissioners for Mobile County.

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

ADOPTED

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
2023-2024 ACCS SALARY SCHEDULES

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Ms. Gray, the Board unanimously adopted the 2023-2024 salary schedules for the community and technical colleges and the Alabama Technology Network.

Fiscal consideration: \$7 million (approximate) unrestricted and auxiliary for a 2% COLA and applicable increase costs to fringe benefits, \$900,000 (approximate) in additional Adult

Education Instructor salary adjustments, and an additional \$1 million (approximate) for a 30-year step salary placement on all schedules.

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
ALLOCATION OF THE 2023-2024 TWO-YEAR COLLEGE SYSTEM AND PRISON
EDUCATION OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE APPROPRIATION

On motion by Mr. McCartney, second by Ms. Gray, the Board unanimously approved the allocation of the 2023-2024 Education Trust Fund (ETF) appropriation for operations and maintenance of the two-year colleges and the prison education appropriation as recommended by the Chancellor.

Fiscal consideration: \$432,963,292 - Total O & M and Prison O & M funds

COASTAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
APPROVAL OF INCREASE IN BOARD RATES ON BAY MINETTE CAMPUS AND
ADDITION OF BOARD PLAN ON BREWTON CAMPUS

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Ms. Gray, the Board unanimously authorized Coastal Alabama Community College to increase board (meal plan) rates for the Bay Minette Campus and to add a meal plan for the Brewton Campus. The rate increase and addition of the new board plan will take effect Fall Semester 2023.

Fiscal consideration: \$270,000 Additional Revenue Annually

BISHOP STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SPECIAL BUILDING FEE INCREASE

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Ms. Gray, the Board unanimously authorized Bishop State Community College to increase the Special Building Fee from \$10 to \$20 per credit hour. The fee will take effect Fall Semester 2023.

Fiscal consideration: \$500,000 estimated additional revenue

WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ARLEY/WINSTON COUNTY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. Rogers, the Board unanimously authorized Wallace State Community College to accept the modular unit bid for the Arley/Winston County Community Learning Center project. The building project will provide space for adult

education, workforce development training, and technology access solutions for the community of Arley and Winston County.

Fiscal consideration: \$712,607

SECTION IX **PERSONNEL**

Charlene Finkelstein introduced the following new employees to the system office:

Kelina Daniels, Workforce Grants Support Specialist
April Kendrick, Administrative Assistant – Workforce Development
Jada Harrison, Regional Director of Accounting

SECTION X **CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Boone Kinard gave an update on a recent comparison and analysis that was done of the ACCS' budgets for the years 2015 and 2023. In 2015 the ACCS received approximately 5.5% of the overall education appropriation. The 2023 budget that just passed the legislature increased ACCS' appropriation to 6.25%, which represents several million dollars that has been given to the ACCS. Mr. Kinard believes that the significant increase reflects the work done by the ACCS, the Board of Trustees, Presidents and the Colleges. The increase reflects the legislature's confidence in the ACCS. With regard to supplemental appropriations, in 2023 the ACCS received 17.4% which is a much higher percentage historically. This again is another display of the legislature's support of the ACCS. Mr. Kinard advised that over the last few years a lot of federal money has been pumped into the system, which was known to be unsustainable. Mr. Kinard advised the state has reached the peak of the federal money and the money has started to level out. Education budgets are made up of sales tax and income tax. As of end of June 2023, ETF receipts were down 1.27% as compared to last year. Sales tax up is 3.4 %, in part due to the internet sales tax and the fact that people are still buying; however, income tax is down 3.72%. The decrease in income tax points to the fact that ACCS needs to focus on the labor force. Although federal funding is leveling out, the State is in a good position due to conservative spending by Governor Ivey. Mr. Kinard advised that some budget growth is still expected for next year and it appears there will be additional supplemental appropriations for more one-time expenses next year as well.

Chairman Rhone remarked that the ACCS is in the best place its ever been and that is a testament to the work by the ACCS.

Chancellor Baker spoke about the need for more work force training. Chancellor Baker advised that low unemployment rates do not represent the number of people that should be working. During the last legislative session, a committee was reactivated for the purpose of analyzing the resources available for workforce training and to determine how the state can be more efficient and recruit more people into the workforce. Chancellor Baker believes that it is the ACCS' responsibility to be the primary resource for workforce training and believes the ACCS will live up to that demand.

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, August 9, 2023. A work session will follow at 10:20 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Chairman

Chancellor