

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8, 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, November 8, 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. Chairman Rhone thanked the Calhoun Department Chair Academy and Police Chief's from most of the ACCS institutions for attending the Board meeting.

The invocation was delivered by Pastor Frank Bowling of Eastmont Baptist Church and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, the following Board members were present:

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

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. Houston, the Agenda was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Ms. Gray, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Minutes of the October 11, 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 VII
COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT

None.

SECTION VIII
(EXECUTIVE, LEGAL, AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

ADOPTED

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
2024 BOARD MEETING AND WORK SESSION SCHEDULE

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. Houston, the Board unanimously adopted the proposed 2024 ACCS Board of Trustees Meeting and Work Session Schedule.

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
GENERAL AND GARAGE LIABILITY INSURANCE

On motion by Ms. Gray, second by Mr. Shell, 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, 2023 and ending November 14, 2024.

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
CYBER LIABILITY INSURANCE

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. Houston 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, 2023, and ending November 14, 2024.

COASTAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

On motion by Mr. Shell, second by Ms. Gray the Board unanimously authorized the President of Coastal Alabama Community College and the Alabama Community College System, to sell .43 acres of off-campus property located at Bell Street and Joseph Avenue in Brewton, Alabama.

Fiscal Consideration: \$16,000 plus appraisal and closing costs

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

ADOPTED

CALHOUN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Ms. Gray the Board unanimously authorized the President of Calhoun Community College to expend \$810,000 to purchase a M&I Mechatronics 4.0 Training System with 12 stations for the Advanced Technology Center.

Fiscal Consideration: \$810,000

NORTHEAST ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CONSTRUCTION OF SOFTBALL FIELD INDOOR PRACTICE FACILITY

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. Lightsey the Board unanimously authorized Northeast Alabama Community College to proceed with the project named Construction of Softball Field Indoor Practice Facility and also accept the alternate bid for construction of the stadium seating covered canopy.

Fiscal Consideration: \$5,036,320

REID STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE
BUILDING 200 RENOVATION FOR HEALTH CARE

On motion by Mr. Shell, second by Mr. Houston the Board unanimously authorized Reid State Technical College to proceed with the demolition bid for the project named Building 200 Renovation for Health Care. The renovation project is for interior and exterior improvements to renew the building.

Fiscal Consideration: \$2,432,084

TRENHOLM STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SECURITY SYSTEM SOLUTION FOR TRENHOLM AND PATTERSON CAMPUSES

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Houston the Board unanimously authorized the President of Trenholm State Community College to proceed with the project named Security System Solution for Trenholm and Patterson Campuses. The scope of work for this project will include the installation of security cameras, access controls, card swipes and thermal imaging cameras for all buildings located on the Trenholm and Patterson Campuses.

Fiscal Consideration: \$815,051.01 HEERF Funds

SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
UPGRADE AND ENHANCEMENT TO NETWORK SWITCHES – MARTIN CAMPUS

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. Lightsey the Board unanimously authorized the President of Shelton State Community College to expend \$1,336,303.00 for the purpose of upgrading and enhancing the network switches on the College's Martin campus.

Fiscal Consideration: \$1,336,303.00

SECTION X
PERSONNEL

Chancellor Baker announced Dr. Craig Pouncey's notice of retirement as President of Coastal Alabama Community College effective December 31, 2023.

On motion by Mr. Shell, second by Mr. Rogers the Board unanimously accepted the retirement of Dr. Craig Pouncey as President of Coastal Alabama Community College.

Chancellor Baker advised that Mr. Frazier Payne will serve as Acting President at Coastal Alabama Community College until further notice.

Next, Chancellor Baker made a recommendation that Dr. Jonathan Koh be appointed as President of Shelton State Community College.

Mr. David O'Brien introduced Dr. Koh and provided a brief overview of Dr. Koh's background.

Dr. Koh thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve the community of Shelton State and the surrounding area that he and his family have called home since 2007. Dr. Koh commented that Shelton State might not have a plethora of NCAA championships but the college does have a tremendous responsibility of being the community's college. Dr. Koh believes that the overall

quality of instruction and care poured into Shelton State students is what sets the college apart. Dr. Koh is looking forward to serving as President of Shelton State and again thanked the Board for the opportunity.

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. Mitchell the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Johnathan Koh as President of Shelton State Community College.

SECTION XI **CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Senior Vice Chancellor Susan Price advised that instead of having a college spotlight at this meeting the opportunity was going to be taken to spotlight several things titled "Living the Mission". This effort will allow the system to showcase all the many amazing things that are happening across the system to help students and business and industry.

Dr. James Mitchell, President of Wallace Community College – Selma, discussed the initiative taking place with the Craig Field Airport Authority. Craig Field Airport is an old Air Force Airport which is being revived. Avionics, pilot training, air traffic control and aviation maintenance will be offered at this site once it is operational. Dr. Mitchell reported that two million dollars had been appropriated by the legislature for this endeavor. The programs will involve students as young as middle school and will offer both credit and non-credit courses.

Chief Mark Bailey gave an overview of the System's emergency operation plans and initiatives for ensuring and maintaining the safety and security at all ACCS institutions. The plans cover a multitude of circumstances, including natural disasters, criminal acts, terrorism, hazardous material events, mutual aid agreements, and crisis communications. Mr. Bailey also discussed the creation of new police departments on several campuses and the training and requirements for being a part of each department.

Dr. Theresa Mays of Trenholm State Community College discussed Saturday enrollment events that Trenholm State has hosted in an effort to increase enrollment. The Saturday events are held each semester and are an effort to help students that could not attend traditional events Monday through Friday. Dr. Mays also reported that a food pantry has been established to help Trenholm State Community College students.

Dr. Brock Kelley, President of Lurleen B. Wallace Community College, gave an overview of the college's RISE Program. The RISE Program is dedicated to help transition disabled students into the work force. Dr. Kelley advised that 70% of the disabled population is not in the labor force. Dr. Kelley believes that the disabled population can fill gaps in the workforce. The program also focuses on self-advocacy for disabled students. Ms. Jeanni Sanders, Career Pathways Specialist, accompanied Dr. Kelley and brought with her two students from the RISE Program. Ms. Sanders advised that the RISE Program works to prepare students for real world

experiences that may be faced inside and outside the workplace. Ms. Sanders invited any other community college interested in starting a similar program to reach out and LBW will be happy to share information.

Ebony Horton discussed a new hybrid speech class offered by Central Alabama Community College which Ms. Horton has also taught. The program began in 2021 with 5 students and has grown to 16 in the last class offering.

Dr. Neil Scott advised that following a discussion with Chancellor Baker in September, he has had many discussions with Natalie English, Executive Director of Career Technical Education at the ACCS, regarding how to provide more flexible course times. Dr. Scott reported that many colleges are already offering night and weekend courses, but the ACCS is continuing to explore how to better serve students outside the normal school day and evaluate when courses are most effectively taught. Dr. Scott also gave an enrollment update. As of the date of the meeting, headcount was up by 6.39% from 2022 which will be the highest headcount since 2013-2014 school year. Credit hour production is up 4.79% from 2022. Dr. Scott anticipates spring enrollment to be higher as well. Dr. Scott further advised that several ACCS system office members have partnered together over the last few months to begin compiling data regarding enrollment for non-credit programs which has not normally been discussed in enrollment numbers. Dr. Scott anticipates being able to give similar reporting numbers for non-credit programs within the next year.

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, December 13, 2023. A work session will follow at 10:20 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 11:37.

Chairman

Chancellor