

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2024, 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, February 14, 2024, 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. Chris Montgomery of the Frazier Methodist Church and followed by the pledge of allegiance.

On roll call, the following Board members were present:

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

Also present was Mr. Jimmy H. Baker, Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System. Absent were Mr. John Mitchell and Governor Kay Ivey.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Minutes of the January 10, 2024 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

Dr. Brock Kelley, President of Lurleen B. Wallace Community, thanked the Board for the honor of being asked to showcase Damarian Thompson a Skills for Success participant from Opp High School. Mr. Thompson received 6 job offers within two weeks of completing this program. Accompanying Dr. Kelley to the meeting were Matt Blake, Principal at Opp High School, and Courtney Blake, Career Coach at Opp High School. Both Dr. Kelley and Mr. Blake thanked the ACCS for the opportunities being afforded to high school students through the Skills for Success Program.

SECTION VIII
(EXECUTIVE, LEGAL, AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

ADOPTED

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
2024 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board adopted the Legislative Agenda for the Alabama Community College System for the 2024 Alabama Legislative Session(s).

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
PROFESSIONAL LEGAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Ms. Gray, the Board authorized the Chancellor and his appropriate staff members to negotiate the terms of and obtain professional legal liability insurance within certain prescribed parameters and report such to the Board. The Board also unanimously authorized the Alabama Community College System to direct each college and the Alabama Technology Network to purchase professional legal liability insurance under the policy recommended by the Chancellor for the coverage period March 1, 2024, to March 1, 2025.

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

JEFFERSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CHILTON CDL TRACK CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PAVILION AND RESTROOMS

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board authorized Jefferson State Community College to proceed with the project named Chilton/Clanton Campus CDL Track Construction of New Pavilion and Restrooms.

Fiscal Consideration: \$610,856.00

SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FREDD CAMPUS BUILDINGS 200-700 MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT
EARLY RELEASE PURCHASES

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board authorized Shelton State Community College to proceed with the early release purchase of major mechanical equipment for the project called Fredd Campus Mechanical Equipment Replacement. The scope of work will replace major mechanical equipment in Buildings 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, and 700.

Fiscal Consideration: \$683,378.00

SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MARTIN CAMPUS MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Ms. Gray, the Board authorized Shelton State Community College to proceed with purchase of early release mechanical equipment for the project named Martin Campus Mechanical Replacement.

Fiscal Consideration: \$1,466,983.00

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

On motion by Ms. Gray, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board authorized Trenholm State Community College to proceed with the project named Security System Solution for Trenholm and Patterson Campuses. The scope of work 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: \$896,556.00

GADSDEN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL COMPLEX RENOVATION

On motion by Mr. McCartney, second by Mr. Rogers, the Board authorized Gadsden State Community College to proceed with the project named Baseball and Softball Complex Renewal.

The project scope includes artificial grass, dugouts, pre-engineered press box with bleachers, bullpens, and shared concession building with restrooms.

Fiscal Consideration: \$10,441,768.00

NORTHWEST-SHOALS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PHIL CAMPBELL CAMPUS RENOVATION

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. Houston, the Board approved a resolution approving and authorizing the Chancellor to complete negotiations and execute final construction contracts for capital improvement projects at Northwest-Shoals Community College.

Fiscal Consideration: \$8,120,604.00

LURLEEN B. WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ANDALUSIA CAMPUS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING RENOVATION

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board authorized Lurleen B. Wallace Community College to proceed with the project named Administration Building Renovation. This project will renovate the exterior envelope, first floor, second floor and replace the roof of LBW's Administration Building.

Fiscal Consideration: \$6,149,054

COASTAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ATMORE CONFERENCE AND EDUCATION CENTER (CHANGE ORDER #2 REQUEST)

On motion by Mr. Shell, second by Mr. Houston, the Board authorized Coastal Alabama Community College to proceed with approval of change order number two (#2) for the project named Atmore Campus and Education Center.

Fiscal Consideration: \$24,884 (change order amount)

REID STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE
BUILDING 200 RENOVATION

On motion by Mr. McCartney, second by Mr. Houston, the Board authorized Reid State Technical College to proceed with the project named Building 200 Renovation for Health Care. The renovation project is for interior and exterior improvements to modernize the facility.

Fiscal Consideration: \$3,948,617

SECTION X
PERSONNEL

Charlene Finkelstein introduced the following new employees:

Michael Jaco – Regional Facilities / Project Director (North)
Ethan Burton – Creative Media Assistant (Graphic Design)
Cary Hill – Regional External & Governmental Affairs Liaison
Laura Swann – Business Analyst – Student/Ad Astra
Edward Lawrence – Vice Chancellor & Chief Information and Data Management Officer

SECTION XI
CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Boone Kinard provided the Board with an update of the 2024 Legislative Session. Governor Ivey has proposed her 2025 Education Budget. The proposed budget provides a total year over year increase of \$549 million dollars, which is 6.25% over fiscal year 2024 levels. The Governor's proposed education budget includes approximately \$34.5 million dollars in increases to the Alabama Community College System, which is short of ACCS' budget requests. Mr. Kinard advised that the ACCS has started working with legislative leadership and the budget chairman on priority areas that were not included in the Governor's budget. Further, there were two additional bills introduced that would provide one time funding to the ACCS. The first one includes \$50 million dollars in supplemental appropriations for capitol projects and renovation projections at ACCS institutions. The second includes \$67 million dollars that would go to the ACCS from the Education Advancement and Technology Fund. Mr. Kinard believes that the session is off to a good start.

SECTION XII
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Valerie Gray gave a personnel committee report regarding the evaluation of Chancellor Baker. Chancellor Baker received an overall rating of 4.8. Ms. Gray, on behalf of the entire Board, thanked Chancellor Baker for his leadership to the system and his drive to ensure that the ACCS delivers excellent academic education, adult education and workforce development.

Chairman Rhone congratulated Chancellor Baker on his excellent evaluation and thanked him for a job well done.

Chancellor Baker expressed that for the first time in a long time he is excited about every President responsible for managing an ACCS school. The colleges are coming alive and increasing enrollment due to the dedication and hard work of the Presidents.

SECTION XII
(DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING)

The next Board meeting will be held at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2024. A work session will follow at 10:20 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. Houston the Board meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Chairman

Chancellor