

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY MAY 8, 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, May 8, 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. GOODRICH ROGERS, CHAIRMAN

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rogers.

The invocation was delivered by Pastor Frank Bowling of Eastmont Baptist Church of Montgomery, Alabama and followed by the pledge of allegiance.

On roll call, the following Board members were present:

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Mr. Shell, second by Mr. McCartney, to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Shell, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Minutes of the April 10, 2024 meeting as presented without discussion.

**SECTION VI
NEW BUSINESS – ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS**

Mr. Rogers opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Mitchell nominated Mr. Goodrich Rogers as Chairman, second by Mr. Shell. The Board voted unanimously to elect Mr. Goodrich Rogers as the new Board Chairman.

Mr. Rogers opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Shell nominated Ms. Valerie Gray as Vice-Chairman, second by Mr. Mitchell. The Board voted unanimously to elect Ms. Valerie Gray as the new Board Vice Chair.

SECTION VII

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. William Tunnell of the AEA spoke to the Board regarding Policy 610.01. He thanked David O'Brien, Boone Kinard, Sara Calhoun, and the Board for the changes made to Policy 610.01 and expressed his appreciation for addressing his concerns and questions.

SECTION VIII

COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT

NONE.

David Walters introduced two visitors from Truist Bank. Mr. Walters stated he attended a press release with Truist Bank at Trenholm State to showcase Adult Education providers and a state-wide partnership with Truist. He introduced Mr. Alexander Bumpers, Market President of the Montgomery Area representing Truist Bank, and Ms. Heidi Schoonover, Managing Director of CRA Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships at Truist.

Mr. Bumpers stated that Truist's purpose is to inspire and build better lives and communities. He is proud of the bank and their state-wide partnership of \$250,000 with the Paths for Success Foundation to invest in workforce development. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak regarding this partnership.

Ms. Heidi Schoonover highlighted the importance of this partnership. Ms. Schoonover leads a team that develops and manages high-impact initiatives that are innovative and also sustainable. She asked partners from across the Truist service areas to provide input and solutions regarding their states' most critical needs. She learned that one of Alabama's greatest needs was workforce development, and specifically the need to help remove barriers for individuals to get their GED or to get reskilled for jobs that pay a livable wage and have upward mobility. The Paths for Success Foundation submitted and was one of the seventeen organizations chosen by Truist to be part of the Truist catalyst initiative. This is a three-year partnership which connects on a

quarterly basis to evaluate progress. Ms. Schoonover stated she is excited that ACCS is one of the partners to help drive significant impact in Alabama for workforce development.

SECTION IX
(EXECUTIVE, LEGAL, AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

ADOPTED

LURLEEN B. WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LUVERNE

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Houston, the Board authorized the President of Lurleen B. Wallace Community College to enter into a lease agreement with the City of Luverne. The term of the lease is ten (10) years.

Fiscal Consideration: \$1.00 Annual Lease Payment

LURLEEN B. WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
NAMING OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON THE ANDALUSIA CAMPUS

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Ms. Gray, the Board authorized the President of Lurleen B. Wallace Community College to name the Administration Building on the Andalusia Campus as the Dixon Administration Building and to add appropriate signage.

Fiscal Consideration: \$500,000 Pledge from the Solon and Martha Dixon Foundation

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
REVISED POLICY 500.01: USE OF COLLEGE FACILITIES

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board adopted the revised Policy 500.01: Use of College Facilities to take effect immediately.

Fiscal Consideration: None

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
NEW BOARD POLICY 502.01: LEASES

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Ms. Gray, the Board adopted Policy 502.01: Leases to take effect immediately. The purpose of the new policy is to provide additional guidance for the lease process and to adjust lease authorization limits.

Fiscal Consideration: The authorization limit for lease approvals by the Chancellor is increased to \$500,000. Per review and recommendation by the Board Facilities Committee the increase is to align with policy that requires Board approval for all contracts greater than \$500,000.

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
REVISED POLICY 610.01: LEAVES WITH PAY

On motion by Ms. Gray, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board adopted the revised Policy 610.01: Leaves with Pay to take effect immediately. The purpose of the proposed revision is to add a sentence to paragraph 3.3.3 that makes the policy consistent with the language in the Fiscal Procedures Manual

Fiscal Consideration: None

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
REVISED MEETING SCHEDULE

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board authorized the revised meeting schedule.

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

LURLEEN B. WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
INCREASE SPECIAL BUILDING FEE

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Houston, the Board authorized Lurleen B. Wallace Community College to increase the Special Building Fee from \$10 to \$15 per credit hour. The fee will take effect Fall Semester 2024.

Fiscal Consideration: \$169,015 Estimated additional revenue annually.

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
RESOLUTION – RURAL HEALTHCARE PROJECTS

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. Shell, the Board authorized the Chancellor to complete negotiations and execute final construction contracts and purchases for rural healthcare projects.

Fiscal Consideration: None

JOHN C. CALHOUN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING BOND ISSUE

On motion by Mr. Shell, second by Mr. Houston, the Board adopted a resolution providing (1) for the construction, renovating, and equipping of facilities on the John C. Calhoun Community College campuses, (2) for the financing thereof by the issuance of revenue bonds in the par amount of approximately \$30,000,000, (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 \$30,000,000 in revenue bonds for no more than 30 years with annual debt service expense of approximately \$1,948,000.

LURLEEN B. WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING BOND ISSUE

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board adopted a resolution providing (1) for the construction, renovating, and equipping of facilities on the Lurleen B. Wallace Community College campuses, (2) for the financing thereof by the issuance of revenue bonds in the par amount of approximately \$5,000,000, (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 \$5,000,000 in revenue bonds for no more than 30 years with annual debt service of approximately \$330,000.

SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING BOND ISSUE

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board adopted a resolution providing (1) for the construction, renovating, and equipping of facilities on the Shelton State Community College campuses, (2) for the financing thereof by the issuance of revenue bonds in the par

amount of approximately \$18,000,000, (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 \$18,000,000 in revenue bonds for no more than 30 years with annual debt service of approximately \$1,156,000.

TRENHOLM STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING BOND ISSUE

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Houston, the Board adopted a resolution providing (1) for the construction, renovating, and equipping of facilities on the H. Council Trenholm State Community College campuses, (2) for the financing thereof by the issuance of revenue bonds in the par amount of approximately \$5,725,000, (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 \$5,725,000 in revenue bonds for no more than 30 years with annual debt service of approximately \$370,000.

NORTHWEST-SHOALS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PURCHASE OF MOBILE SIMULATION VEHICLE

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Ms. Gray, the Board authorized the President of Northwest-Shoals Community College to expend \$644,215.00 for the purchase of a mobile simulation vehicle.

Fiscal Consideration: \$644,215.00 Centers for Rural Healthcare Opportunities Grant

ENTERPRISE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
WORKFORCE TRAINING CENTER

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board authorized Enterprise State Community College to proceed with the project named Enterprise Campus Workforce Skills Training Center. Construction contracts for the project shall be executed no later than July 30, 2024, or this authorization shall expire.

Fiscal Consideration: \$22,007,183.00 Total Project Cost

BISHOP STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MAIN CAMPUS GYMNASIUM INTERIOR RENOVATIONS

On motion by Mr. Shell, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board authorized Bishop State Community College to proceed with the demolition bid for the project named Main Campus

Gymnasium Renovation. The project scope will modernize and renovate the athletic training room, public restrooms, and other public space circulation areas of the building.

Fiscal Consideration: \$285,508.00 College Title III Funds

COASTAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BREWTON CAMPUS MULTI-BUILDING REROOFING AND REPAIRS

On motion by Mr. Shell, second by Mr. Mitchell, the Board authorized Coastal Alabama Community College proceeding with Phase I of the project named Brewton Campus Multi Building Reroofing and Repair. The scope of Phase I is for reroofing seven buildings where damage was caused by strong winds in 2023.

Fiscal Consideration: \$568,275 Local College / Insurance

REID STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE
BUILDING 600 COSMETOLOGY RENOVATION

On motion by Mr. Shell, second by Mr. Mitchell, the Board authorized Reid State Technical College to proceed with the project named Building 600 Cosmetology Renovation. The renovation includes improvements to the existing building interior and exterior.

Fiscal Consideration: \$3,194,516 Legislative Appropriation

SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FREDD CAMPUS BUILDING RENOVATIONS

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. Houston, the Board authorized Shelton State Community College to proceed with the roofing work for the project named Fredd Campus Building Renovations. The scope of work includes roofing retrofits for Buildings 100 and 400.

Fiscal Consideration: \$2,921,638.00 Total Project Cost

SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MARTIN CAMPUS MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. Mitchell, the Board authorized Shelton State Community College to proceed with the project named Martin Campus Mechanical Equipment Replacement. The project scope includes replacement of Chiller 1, Chiller 3, Hot Water Pumps, Chilled Water Pumps and Heat Exchanger in the Central Plant.

Fiscal Consideration: \$3,166,289 Total Project Cost

SECTION XI
PERSONNEL

Charlene Finkelstein, HR Generalist, introduced the following new employees:

Chris Barnett	Background Investigator
Matthew McFall	Regional Chief Information Officer
Neil Johnson	Systems Administrator
Dr. Sharon Alley	Senior Project Coordinator of Course Development
John Mullins	Senior Project Coordinator of Course Development
Amber Morgan	Senior Curriculum Coordinator

SECTION XII
CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Baker asked Boone Kinard to speak on legislative issues. Per Mr. Kinard, this is the final week of the 2024 Legislative session. He stated that a conference committee of three Representatives and three Senators met recently to resolve differences in the House-passed and Senate-passed version of the budget and appropriations bills and adopted a final report of those bills to go to the Governor. These are the FY25 Education Budget, the FY24 Supplemental Appropriations bill, and the Advancement in Technology Fund bill. The final version of these bills maintains all the funding advancements for the ACCS that were in the Senate-passed version and adds an additional \$2 million for ACCS capital projects. The ACCS will receive \$245 million in new, on-going, and one-time funding for this year's budget package. The House and Senate will vote to approve the committee's recommendations later today.

Mr. Kinard added that the funding percentages for the ACCS continue to outpace historical levels as compared to other educational entities. The percentage of funds the ACCS received in available one-time supplemental appropriations exceeded last year's percentage. Mr. Kinard thanked the Presidents for their assistance in contacting their local legislators on the budget and other topics. He also thanked the Trustees for their support during the legislative process.

Chancellor Baker next asked Dr. Neil Scott to speak on enrollment numbers. Per Dr. Scott, 35,408 students have applied for Summer 2024, which is 7.51% ahead of Summer 2023. He further added that 41,988 students have registered for Summer 2024, which is 5.45% ahead of Summer 2023. Dr. Scott stated that 58,300 students have applied for Fall 2024, an increase of 11.53% over Fall 2023. Applications have increased significantly in first-time freshmen, transfer students, dual enrollment, and returning and readmitted students.

Dr. Scott also stated that non-credit enrollment had 8,927 students registered in 15,150 courses for Spring 2024. He stated that these are encouraging numbers.

SECTION XIII
COMMITTEE REPORTS

NONE.

SECTION XIV
(DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING)

The next Board meeting will be held at Gadsden State Community College at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2024. A work session will follow at 10:20 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Ms. Gray, the Board meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Chairman

Chancellor