

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 13, 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, November 13, 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 Gene Kim of Eastmont Baptist Church in Montgomery, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

On roll call, the following Board members were present:

Mr. Goodrich Rogers  
Ms. Valerie Gray  
Mr. John Mitchell  
Mr. Britton Lightsey  
Mr. Tim McCartney  
Mr. Ron Houston  
Mr. Llevelyn Rhone  
Mr. Jeb Shell (via telephone)  
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. Houston, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion by Mr. Rhone, second by Ms. Gray, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2024 meeting as presented without discussion.

**SECTION VI  
PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**SECTION VII**  
**COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT**

Ms. Annette Funderburk, President of J.F. Ingram State Community College, introduced a video showcasing one of their outstanding students. She stated that next year, Ingram State will celebrate 60 years of providing education to Alabama's incarcerated population. In 2022, correctional education was consolidated so that now the entire state is our service area. collaborating with the Department of Corrections, Ingram serves 21 correctional facilities and, collaborating with the Alabama Bureau of Pardons & Paroles, it serves 12 facilities offering Adult Education, Career Technical programming, credentials, and a high school program for offenders 21 and younger. Per Ms. Funderburk, enrollment has increased by 33% this past year to nearly 3,000 students across all locations. Ingram State prepares students to enter the workforce upon release. In 2024, the job placement team worked with 605 second chance employers to place released students in high-wage, high-demand positions. For every \$1 spent on correctional education, there is a \$4-5 savings in correctional costs. Also, providing correctional education is believed to reduce recidivism by 20%.

Ms. Funderburk introduced Ms. Tierra Dent, a welding student, from the Tutwiler campus. With the assistance of the job placement division, Ms. Dent obtained full-time employment with USA Ready Mix in Opelika, AL. She has received accolades from her supervisor, Darius Gamble.

Ms. Dent briefly spoke about her experience with Ingram State and thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak. She stated that Ingram gave her the education and job training she needed to be successful after being released. She is now a Class A CDL driver and has been with USA Ready Mix for over a year and she loves her job. She thanked everyone associated with Ingram State Technical College for making her successful today. She thanked her supervisor, Mr. Darius Gamble, for believing in her. Mr. Gamble spoke briefly on behalf of Ms. Dent and stated that Ingram State has had a great impact on students' lives. He thanked Ingram State and stated that their program is reaping great benefits for both the students and the employers.

Ms. Funderburk further stated that the new Elmore County mega-prison will be completed in May 2026 and will be a 4,000 bed facility with all levels of security. Ingram State will be offering classes in the new prison by Fall 2026.

**SECTION VIII**  
**(EXECUTIVE, LEGAL, AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)**

**ADOPTED**

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**  
**2024-2025 ACCS OPERATING BUDGETS**

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board of Trustees approved the 2024-2025 budgets as presented by the Chancellor for the community and technical colleges, Alabama Technology Network (ATN) and Marion Military Institute (MMI).

**Fiscal Consideration: \$1,229,269,483**

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE**

On motion by Ms. Gray, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board of Trustees approved the Board of Trustees 2025 meeting schedule.

**Fiscal Consideration: None**

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM  
GENERAL AND GARAGE LIABILITY INSURANCE**

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. Houston, the Board of Trustees 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, 2024 and ending November 14, 2025. It is further recommended “That the annual premium be apportioned among the colleges and ATN as determined by the Chancellor.”

**Fiscal Consideration: \$313,763.16 – Current Unrestricted Fund**

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM  
CYBER LIABILITY INSURANCE**

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. Houston, the Board of Trustees adopted and direct 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, 2024, and ending November 14, 2025. It is further recommended “That the annual premium be apportioned among the colleges and ATN as determined by the Chancellor.”

**Fiscal Consideration: \$390,650.28 – Current Unrestricted Fund**

**DRAKE STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
NAMING OF ADVANCED MANUFACTURING CENTER AND COMPUTER  
INFORMATION SYSTEMS LAB**

On motion by Mr. Rhone, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board of Trustees authorized the President of Drake State Community & Technical College to name the Advanced Manufacturing Center as the Leidos Advanced Manufacturing Center and the Computer Information Systems Lab housed in Building 500 as the Leidos Lab and to add appropriate signage.

**Fiscal Consideration: \$1,750,000 Pledge by Leidos to be paid over a period of 5 years**

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**SELF-EVALUATION RESOLUTION**

On motion by Ms. Gray, second by Mr. Houston, the Board of Trustees adopted the Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees Self-Evaluation Resolution evidencing its undertaking to define and self-evaluate the Board's responsibilities and expectations in compliance with SACSCOC principle 4.2 (g).

**Fiscal Consideration: None**

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

**COASTAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**BAY MINETTE CAMPUS NEW SOFTBALL FIELD HOUSE**

On motion by Mr. Shell, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board of Trustees authorized Coastal Alabama Community College to proceed with the project named Bay Minette Campus New Baseball Softball Field House.

**Fiscal Consideration: TOTAL PROJECT COST \$3,733,200**

**LAWSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**BIRMINGHAM CAMPUS ADULT EDUCATION BUILDING RENOVATION AND WATER**  
**INTRUSION MITIGATION**

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board of Trustees authorized Lawson State Community College to proceed with the project named Birmingham Campus Adult Education Building Renovation and Water Intrusion Mitigation.

**Fiscal Consideration: TOTAL PROJECT COST \$1,198,292**

**SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**FREDD CAMPUS ELECTRICAL UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

On motion by Mr. Rhone, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board of Trustees authorized Shelton State Community College to proceed with the project named Fredd Campus Electrical Utility Improvements.

**Fiscal Consideration: TOTAL PROJECT COST \$1,118,335**

**SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**MARTIN CAMPUS 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR RENOVATIONS**

On motion by Mr. Rhone, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board of Trustees authorized Shelton State Community College to proceed with the project named Martin Campus 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Renovations (Swing Space Flooring Package).

**Fiscal Consideration: TOTAL PROJECT COST \$2,232,082**

**TRENHOLM STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**EXECUTIVE PARK RENOVATION FOR HEALTH CARE AND CULINARY**

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board of Trustees authorized Trenholm State Community College to proceed with the project named Trenholm Executive Park Campus Renovation for Healthcare and Culinary (early release Mechanical & Electrical Equipment Purchase Packages).

**Fiscal Consideration: Early Release Mechanical Equipment Purchase \$1,400,000**  
**Early Release Electrical Equipment Purchase \$400,000**

**LURLEEN B. WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**ANDALUSIA CAMPUS PURCHASE OF SHADOWOOD APARTMENT COMPLEX**

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Ms. Gray, the Board of Trustees authorized Lurleen B. Wallace Community College to proceed with the project named Andalusia Campus Purchase of Shadowood Apartment Complex.

**Fiscal Consideration: TOTAL PROJECT COST \$2,780,050**

**SECTION X**  
**PERSONNEL**

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

**Dr. LaRita Brewster – Regional Chief Information Officer (Central Region)**  
**Patrick Adkinson – Regional Chief Information Officer (Southeast Region)**  
**Jody Noles – Regional Chief Information Officer (Central Region)**

**SECTION XI**  
**CHANCELLOR’S REPORT**

Ms. Susan Price, Sr. Deputy for System Development & Strategic Advancement / Chief of Staff, spoke briefly on a new collegewide review of the major operations and programs at Wallace Community College in Dothan. The goal is to identify the strengths and opportunities for the college and to capture the voice and need of the communities that it serves. Understanding where the college is today will assist in selecting the individual with the right skill set to serve as the next permanent President. The review is already underway and the peer review team is already at work. It is comprised of experienced professionals from the colleges as well as the System Office. The team’s purpose is not to investigate or disrupt, but to learn about the operations of the college and its various programs to identify best practices and opportunities. Areas under review are Organizational Structure, Fiscal Operations, Human Resources, Academics, Student Services, Workforce Development, etc. The team will offer observations and recommendations based on their experience. Ms. Price added that review teams are not new tools and have been used for years. The new team’s work is expected to be complete by early 2025.

Per Chancellor Baker, the selecting of a new President at Wallace will be delayed until the review team has had a chance to conduct its work. The goal is to make Wallace Community College in Dothan the best partner in development in that community and to create a plan to move forward.

**SECTION XII**  
**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

**SECTION XIII**  
**(DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING)**

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The next Board meeting will be held in Montgomery at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2024. A work session will follow at 10:20 a.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

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Chairman

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Chancellor