

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY APRIL 9, 2025, 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, April 9, 2025, at Jefferson State Community College, Shelby Hoover Campus. 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 Reverend Elizabeth Goodrich, Board Chair of the Women's Foundation and co-owner of Thank You Books, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

On roll call, the following Board members were present:

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

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. Lightsey, second by Mr. Houston, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. Shell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2025 meeting as presented without discussion.

**SECTION VI  
PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **SECTION VII**

### **COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT – JEFFERSON STATE**

President Keith Brown of Jefferson State Community College introduced Jefferson State graduate, Ms. Deanna Hill, who shared her story. Ms. Hill began by stating that Jefferson State's Workforce Education program changed her life. She added that despite financial struggles and working multiple jobs, she desired to become a nurse in the Officer Corps of the Air Force, where she enlisted right out of high school. Her journey was very non-traditional. Per Ms. Hill, she started at Jefferson State working three jobs and taking night classes to complete her Associate degree in Science with a pre-requisite for UAB's nursing program. After being accepted by the Jefferson State and the UAB nursing program, she transferred to UAB's Nursing program to acquire a Bachelor's degree in order to achieve her Air Force career goals. She was initially unable to complete the Bachelor's program due to failing a class by .07 of a point. Determined to not give up, she met with a Shelby campus counselor who helped her overcome her setbacks. Ms. Hill enrolled in the CNA certificate program, which changed everything. Her confidence was rebuilt and she was able to work daily and take classes in the evenings. She completed the certificate program and was hired as a Nursing Assistant at the VA in Birmingham. After waiting the two required years, she reapplied to the Jefferson State Nursing program and was accepted and graduated.

Ms. Hill thanked the incredible faculty and staff for supporting her through great difficulties and credits her success to them. Today, Ms. Hill has completed her Bachelor's degree in Nursing from UAB. She currently works in the CCU/ICU of the VA Hospital in Birmingham and has applied for a Clinical Nurse Officer position at her base. She stated that none of this would have been possible without Jefferson State.

## **SECTION VIII**

### **(EXECUTIVE, LEGAL, AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)**

#### **ADOPTED**

#### **NORTHWEST SHOALS COMMUNITY COLLEGE REVIEW OF REVISED MISSION STATEMENT**

On motion by Mr. Rhone, second by Mr. Houston, the Board of Trustees approved the revised Mission Statement of Northwest Shoals Community College.

**Fiscal Consideration: None**

**SNEAD STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**DORM AND BOARD RATE INCREASES**

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. Houston, the Board of Trustees authorized Snead State Community College to increase the College's dorm and board rates by \$300 each in a staggered manner. The first rate increase of \$150 for each will take effect Fall Semester 2025 and the second increase of \$150 each will take effect Fall Semester 2027.

**Fiscal Consideration: Dorm - \$13,000 additional revenue per each yearly increase**  
**Board - \$10,000 additional revenue per each yearly increase**

**MARION MILITARY INSTITUTE**  
**NAMING OF THE NEW MATH AND SCIENCE BUILDING**

On motion by Mr. Rhone, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board of Trustees authorized the President of Marion Military Institute to name the new Math and Science Building as the Anthony J. Rane Hall and to add appropriate signage.

**Fiscal Consideration: None**

**CALHOUN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**BOOKSTORE OPERATIONS AGREEMENT**

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board of Trustees authorized the President of Calhoun Community College ("Calhoun") to enter into a bookstore operation and services agreement with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC ("Barnes & Noble") for a period of five years, with an option for an additional five one year renewals and to charge a \$24 per credit hour fee for textbook rental. This agreement would take effect at the end of the current agreement with Follet.

**Fiscal Consideration: On an annualized basis, Barnes & Noble College will pay Calhoun calculated commission as follows:**

**12.5% of all Gross Sales of Course Materials and all Gross Sales of General Merchandise**  
**7.0% of all Gross Sales of First Day and Digital Products**

**BISHOP STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**REVIEW OF REVISED MISSION STATEMENT**

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On motion by Mr. Rhone, second by Mr. Houston, the Board of Trustees approved the revised Mission Statement of Bishop Community College.

**Fiscal Consideration: None**

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**  
**COMMUNITY COLLEGE MONTH PROCLAMATION BY THE ALABAMA COMMUNITY**  
**COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

On motion by Mr. Shell, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board of Trustees adopted the attached Proclamation designating April as Community College Month in Alabama.

**Fiscal Consideration: None**

**ENTERPRISE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**NAMING OF NEWLY CONSTRUCTED PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Shell, the Board of Trustees authorized the President of Enterprise State Community College to name the newly constructed Performing Arts Center as the Performing Arts Center, Jimmy Baker Hall in honor of Chancellor Jimmy Baker and to add appropriate signage.

**Fiscal Consideration: None**

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

**CALHOUN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. Shell, the Board of Trustees approved Calhoun Community College's application for an Associate in Applied Science in Radiologic Technology, to be implemented Fall Semester 2025.

### **Fiscal Consideration:**

**Sources of Funds Required to Support Program:**

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Library	1200							1,200
Equipment	150,000		20,000		50,000		20,000	240,000
Other	6,600	2,450	2,450	2,450	3,600	3,600	3,600	24,750
Total	<b>350,213</b>	<b>194,863</b>	<b>241,863</b>	<b>194,863</b>	<b>246,013</b>	<b>196,013</b>	<b>216,013</b>	<b>1,612,841</b>

**Sources of Funds Available to Support Program:**

	<b>YEAR 1</b>	<b>YEAR 2</b>	<b>YEAR 3</b>	<b>YEAR 4</b>	<b>YEAR 5</b>	<b>YEAR 6</b>	<b>YEAR 7</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Extramural		50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	300,000
Tuition	162,000	364,500	364,500	364,500	364,500	364,500	364,500	2,349,000
Total	<b>162,000</b>	<b>414,500</b>	<b>414,500</b>	<b>414,500</b>	<b>414,500</b>	<b>414,500</b>	<b>414,500</b>	<b>2,649,000</b>

**CALHOUN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**DECATUR CAMPUS PURCHASE OF COOKS PROPERTY**

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. Houston, the Board of Trustees authorized Calhoun Community College to proceed with the project named Decatur Campus Purchase of Cooks Property. Closing shall be executed no later than June 1, 2025, or this authorization shall expire.

**Fiscal Consideration: TOTAL PROJECT COST \$1,216,540**

**CALHOUN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**DECATUR CAMPUS PURCHASE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES**  
**PROPERTY**

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. Houston, the Board of Trustees authorized Calhoun Community College to proceed with the project named Decatur Campus Purchase of Vocational Rehabilitation Services Property. Closing shall be executed no later than June 1, 2025, or this authorization shall expire.

**Fiscal Consideration: TOTAL PROJECT COST \$991,140**

**CALHOUN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**HUNTSVILLE CAMPUS SPARKMAN BUILDING CHILLER AND MECHANICAL**  
**EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT**

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board of Trustees authorized Calhoun Community College to proceed with the project named Huntsville Campus Sparkman Building Chiller and Mechanical Equipment Replacement (Pre-Purchase Major Mechanical Equipment). Construction contracts shall be executed no later than June 30, 2025, or this authorization shall expire.

**Fiscal Consideration: TOTAL PROJECT COST - TBD**

**WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**CAPITAL PROJECTS APPROVAL FOR LOCAL COLLEGE BOND FINANCING**

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. Houston, the Board of Trustees approved the following capital projects for bond financing consideration at Wallace State Community College (New Construction of a STEM Building, Automotive Building, Precision Machining & Advanced Manufacturing, and road/parking lot improvements). The approval of the capital projects will allow the Chancellor and the President of the College to pursue local college bond financing up to \$18M for the projects.

**Fiscal Consideration: Bond Request Amount: \$15M - \$18M**

**SNEAD STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**PURCHASE OF ALBERTVILLE AIRPORT HANGAR FOR AVIATION TRAINING**  
**PROGRAM**

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. Shell, the Board of Trustees authorized Snead State Community College to proceed with the project named Purchase of Albertville Airport Hangar for Aviation Training Program. Closing shall be executed no later than April 30, 2025, or this authorization shall expire.

**Fiscal Consideration: TOTAL PROJECT COST \$1,641,172**

**LURLEEN B. WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**ANDALUSIA REGIONAL HOSPITAL GIFTING OF BUILDING FOR RURAL**  
**HEALTHCARE PROGRAM**

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Shell, the Board of Trustees authorized Lurleen B. Wallace Community College to proceed with the project named Andalusia Regional Hospital Gifting of Building to College for Rural Healthcare Program. Closing shall be executed no later than July 1, 2025, or this authorization shall expire.

**Fiscal Consideration: TOTAL PROJECT COST \$12,500**

**LURLEEN B. WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**OPP CAMPUS BUILDING C RENOVATION**

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Shell, the Board of Trustees authorized Lurleen B. Wallace Community College to proceed with the project named Opp Campus Building C Renovation. Construction contracts for the project shall be executed no later than May 1, 2025, or this authorization shall expire.

**Fiscal Consideration: TOTAL PROJECT COST \$2,097,724**

**ENTERPRISE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**ENTERPRISE CAMPUS PURCHASE OF C&T WHOLESALE PROPERTY**

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Shell, the Board of Trustees authorized Enterprise State Community College to proceed with the project named Enterprise Campus Purchase of C&T Wholesale and Diefenderfer Property. Closing shall be executed no later than May 1, 2025, or this authorization shall expire.

**Fiscal Consideration: TOTAL PROJECT COST \$194,826**

**ENTERPRISE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**ENTERPRISE CAMPUS PURCHASE OF SPANN PROPERTY**

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Shell, the Board of Trustees authorized Enterprise State Community College to proceed with the project named Enterprise Campus Purchase of Spann Property. Closing shall be executed no later than May 1, 2025, or this authorization shall expire.

**Fiscal Consideration: TOTAL PROJECT COST \$159,695**

**CENTRAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**ALEXANDER CITY CAMPUS LIBRARY RENOVATION**

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. Shell, the Board of Trustees authorized Central Alabama Community College to proceed with the project named Alexander City Campus

Library Renovation. Construction contracts for the project shall be executed no later than May 1, 2025, or this authorization shall expire.

**Fiscal Consideration: TOTAL PROJECT COST \$6,990,228**

**J.F. INGRAM STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE**  
**PERRY COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY NEW WORKFORCE TRAINING**  
**BUILDING**

On motion by Mr. Rhone, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board of Trustees authorized J.F. Ingram State Technical College to proceed with the project named Perry County Correctional Facility New Workforce Training Building. Construction contracts for the project shall be executed no later than May 1, 2025, or this authorization shall expire.

**Fiscal Consideration: TOTAL PROJECT COST \$4,816,505**

**JEFFERSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**JEFFERSON CAMPUS HAROLD MARTIN BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT**

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board of Trustees authorized Jefferson State Community College to proceed with the project named Jefferson Campus Harold Martin Building Roof Replacement. Construction contracts for the project shall be executed no later than May 1, 2025, or this authorization shall expire.

**Fiscal Consideration: TOTAL PROJECT COST \$888,894**

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**  
**ALLOCATION OF FY2024-2025 INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION INITIATIVE FUNDS –**  
**EXISTING INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAM**

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. Shell, the Board of Trustees authorized the Chancellor to distribute an additional \$300,000 through grants from the legislative appropriation for Industry Certification Initiative funds that support existing industry training. The original allocation of \$300,000 approved on September 11, 2024, has been expended on various training programs at our colleges. Individual grants awarded by the Chancellor shall be limited to a maximum of \$15,000 for the purpose of providing training for existing businesses. The Chancellor and his staff are authorized and encouraged to use all appropriate means to expedite the award of grants to timely meet the needs of existing businesses.

**Fiscal Consideration: \$300,000 – FY2024-2025 Education Trust Fund Industry Certification Initiative Funds**



**SECTION X**  
**PERSONNEL**

None.

**SECTION XI**  
**CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Neil Scott, Vice Chancellor of Student Success, gave an update on enrollment numbers. Per Dr. Scott, for Spring 2025, 84,153 students enrolled in for-credit courses, an 8.01% increase over final Spring 2024. Credit-hour production shows a 6.71% increase over Spring 2024, with 22 colleges showing an increase. Summer 2025 also shows a 13.09% increase in registrations with 2,300 more students than same time last year, with 20 colleges currently up in applications. For Fall 2025, 51,069 applications have been received, an 11.62% increase from Fall 2024.

Dr. Scott further added that since January 2025, 13,797 registrations have been received for Workforce Development and 13,509 for Adult Education programs.

Next, Chancellor Baker asked Mark Salmon, Chief Facilities Officer, to speak on construction activities within the ACCS. Per Mr. Salmon, a lot of buildings in the system are over 40 years old and in need of capital renewal. The process begins with the Presidents creating master plans for their facilities to establish an understanding of what condition their facilities are in, then taking care of immediate needs first. Per Mr. Salmon, most campuses are underutilized, so much work is needed in repurposing buildings.

Mr. Salmon further added that four years ago, there was a \$4 billion deficit of needed facility renewal. Within the last few years, the ACCS has been able to address planning for over \$1 billion of that need. The last report shows 600+ projects in some form of planning, progress, or close-out. Per Mr. Salmon, no project is brought to the Board for approval without knowing funding is available. Chancellor Baker ensures that there is enough funding in reserve to cover any economic downturns. Mr. Salmon also credited the Legislature for being supportive and making these projects possible. He further thanked the Facilities Committee for their direction, hard work, and unity with the Presidents and Board of Trustees. He also thanked Chris Cox, Deputy Chancellor for Instruction, Research, and Development, for assisting in the justification of these projects.

**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, May 14, 2025. A work session will follow at 10:20 a.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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Chairman

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Chancellor