

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY JUNE 11, 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, June 11, 2025, in the Fielder Auditorium of Snead State Community College in Boaz, Alabama. The meeting was called in accordance with Act No. 2015-125.

PRESIDING: MS. VALERIE GRAY, CHAIR

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gray.

The invocation was delivered by Pastor Chris Bartlett of Bridge Church in Boaz, AL, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

On roll call, the following Board members were present:

Ms. Valerie Gray
Mr. Goodrich Rogers
Mr. John Mitchell
Mr. Britton Lightsey
Mr. Ron Houston
Mr. Llevelyn Rhone
Mr. Tim McCartney
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 was Governor Kay Ivey.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Mr. McCartney, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. Rogers, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2025 meeting as presented without discussion.

**SECTION VI
(PUBLIC COMMENT)**

None.

SECTION VII
COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT – SNEAD STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dr. Joe Whitmore, President of Snead State, introduced Representatives Jeana Ross and Brock Colvin of Marshall County. Representative Colvin thanked everyone and stated that he was proud of Snead State, where he and his siblings attended. He added that his mother retired from the college recently. He further stated that community colleges play a vital role in Alabama in meeting industry needs.

Dr. Whitmore thanked the legislators for understanding the community college mission. He presented a brief history of Snead State, which was established in 1898 as a seminary and became Snead Jr. College in 1935. It became Snead State Community College in 1992. Today, the college has campuses in Albertville, Arab, Guntersville, and Birmingham, with the main campus in Boaz.

Dr. Whitmore shared enrollment numbers showing a 56% increase in headcount from Spring 2021 to Spring 2025. Dual enrollment from Spring 2021 to Spring 2025 is up by 137%. Since 2022, the Aviation Maintenance program is up 88%. Dr. Whitmore further stated that the college has added four new CTE programs in the last two years and it has expanded off-campus instructional sites. Three new industry partners have also been added this year to support apprenticeship programs. The Foundation balance has more than doubled in recent years.

Snead State successfully completed the SACSCOC reaffirmation program in 2024. The college was also recognized in 2023 as having the highest success rate of Academic Transfer in the state (67% vs. 30% national average). Dr. Whitmore stated that the college's economic impact, per Lightcast reports, is \$50.8 million.

Dr. Whitmore added that the new Workforce and Career Institute in Guntersville has been very well received by the community. Over 400 people attended the groundbreaking. Teaching began in August 2024, and there is currently a waiting list for the welding program. Dr. Whitmore wrapped up with a short video showcasing Snead State and the success of its programs and students. He also introduced one of Snead's students, Ms. Tinsley Andrews. Ms. Andrews was born with a rare form of dwarfism and was told she would have difficulty in life being successful. At Snead, she is a third semester nursing student and a cheerleader, works in the McCain Center, and she serves as an ambassador and secretary for SGA. She has overcome loss of vision and received a valedictorian scholarship to Snead State from the Alabama School for the Blind for her outstanding achievement. Ms. Andrews stated that Snead has brought her out of her shell and pushed her to become successful.

SECTION VIII
(EXECUTIVE, LEGAL, AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

ADOPTED

WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE - DOTHAN
APPROVAL OF MISSION STATEMENT

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Houston, the Board of Trustees approved the current Mission Statement of Wallace Community College - Dothan.

Fiscal Consideration: None

INGRAM STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE
APPROVAL OF MISSION STATEMENT

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. Rogers, the Board of Trustees approved the current Mission Statement of Ingram State Technical College.

Fiscal Consideration: None

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
SELF-EVALUATION RESOLUTION

On motion by Mr. Rhone, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board of Trustees adopted the attached 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

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
REVISED POLICY 610.01: LEAVES WITH PAY

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board of Trustees adopted the revised Policy 610.01: Leaves with Pay. It is further recommended that the policy take effect July 1, 2025.

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 IN DIESEL TECHNOLOGY

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

Fiscal Consideration:

Sources of Funds Required to Support Program:

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	YEAR 7	TOTAL
Faculty	\$101,012	\$101,012	\$101,012	\$101,012	\$101,012	\$101,012	\$101,012	\$707,084
Equipment	\$85,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$185,000
Facilities	\$32,000	\$42,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$74,000
Total	\$218,012	\$193,012	\$151,012	\$101,012	\$101,012	\$101,012	\$101,012	\$966,084

Sources of Funds Available to Support Program:

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	YEAR 7	TOTAL
Reallocations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Extramural	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
Tuition	\$44,550	\$97,500	\$193,000	\$193,000	\$193,000	\$193,000	\$193,000	\$1,107,050
Total	\$44,550	\$147,500	\$193,000	\$193,000	\$193,000	\$193,000	\$193,000	\$1,157,050

COASTAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ATMORE CAMPUS BUILDING "E" RENOVATION FOR RURAL HEALTHCARE
CENTRALIZED TRAINING

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. Rogers, the Board of Trustees authorized Coastal Alabama Community College to proceed with the project named Atmore Campus Building "E" Renovation for Rural Healthcare Centralized Training. Construction contract shall be executed no later than August 30, 2025, or this authorization shall expire.

Fiscal Consideration: TOTAL PROJECT COST \$2,500,000

REID STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE
PURCHASE OF McINTYRE PROPERTY

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board of Trustees authorized Reid State Technical College to proceed with the project named Purchase of McIntyre Property. Closing shall be executed no later than September 1, 2025, or this authorization shall expire.

Fiscal Consideration: TOTAL PROJECT COST \$626,100

BEVILL STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CARROLLTON CAMPUS GIFTING OF EDUCATIONAL CENTER TO PICKENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board of Trustees authorized Bevill State Community College to proceed with the project named Carrollton Campus Gifting of Educational Center to Pickens County School District. Closing shall be executed no later than September 1, 2025, or this authorization shall expire.

Fiscal Consideration: None

CENTRAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PRATTVILLE CAMPUS PROPERTY WARRANTY DEED TO GIFT TO CENTRAL ALABAMA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE FOR POWER SUBSTATION

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board of Trustees authorized Central Alabama Community College to proceed with the project named Prattville Campus Property Warranty Deed of Gift to Central Alabama Electric Cooperative for Power Substation. Closing shall be executed no later than September 1, 2025, or this authorization shall expire.

Fiscal Consideration: None

CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ADAMS HALL RENOVATION

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board of Trustees authorized Chattahoochee Valley Community College to proceed with the project named Adams Hall Renovation (Phase 2). Construction contracts for the renovation bid shall be executed no later than August 30, 2025, or this authorization shall expire.

Fiscal Consideration: TOTAL PROJECT COST \$8,241,850

ENTERPRISE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ENTERPRISE CAMPUS PURCHASE OF CLARK THEATER

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

Fiscal Consideration: TOTAL PROJECT COST \$236,000

ENTERPRISE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
GENEVA CAMPUS ARMORY RENOVATION FOR WORKFORCE TECHNICAL
EDUCATION (GTECH)

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Rogers, the Board of Trustees authorized Enterprise State Community College to proceed with the project named Geneva Campus Armory Renovation for Workforce Technical Education (GTECH). Construction contracts shall be executed no later than September 1, 2025, or this authorization shall expire.

Fiscal Consideration: TOTAL PROJECT COST \$2,177,977

SECTION X
PERSONNEL

None.

SECTION XI
CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Baker asked Dr. Neil Scott, Vice Chancellor for Student Success, to speak on enrollment numbers. Per Dr. Scott, Summer 2025 enrollment numbers are up, with 53,528 students enrolled in for-credit courses. This is an 8.71% increase over Summer 2024. Credit hours are also up 8.98% over Summer 2024. Fall 2025 enrollment shows 35,143 students

enrolled in for-credit courses. This is a 29.36% increase over Fall 2024. Credit hours are also up 27.79% over Fall 2024.

Dr. Scott also added that several higher education areas may be affected by a new Federal budget proposal. Areas possibly affected include student loan reform, adult education, TRIO programs, and PELL grant reform. Contingency plans are already being put in place to adjust to possible changes.

Chancellor Baker commented that the Alabama Community College System has always maintained reserve funds in preparation for any unexpected changes.

SECTION XII

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

SECTION XIII

(DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING)

The next Board meeting will be held in Montgomery at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2025. A work session will follow at 10:20 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Chairman

Chancellor