

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**  
**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10, 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, December 10, 2025, in the Jimmy H. Baker Center for the Arts at Enterprise State Community College in Enterprise, Alabama. The meeting was called in accordance with Act No. 2015-125.

**PRESIDING: MR. JEB. SHELL, VICE CHAIR**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Shell.

The invocation was delivered by Pastor Matt Jordan of First Methodist Church of Enterprise, Alabama, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

On roll call, the following Board members were present:

Ms. Valerie Gray (via phone)  
Mr. Jeb Shell  
Mr. John Mitchell  
Mr. Britton Lightsey  
Mr. Goodrich Rogers (via phone)  
Mr. Ron Houston  
Mr. Llevelyn Rhone  
Mr. Tim McCartney  
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. Mitchell, second by Mr. Houston, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve an amendment to the agenda to add two additional items. 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. Llevelyn Rhone, second by Mr. Houston, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2025, meeting as presented without discussion.

**SECTION VI**  
**(PUBLIC COMMENT)**

None.

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## **SECTION VII**

### **COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT – ENTERPRISE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Mr. Danny Long, President of Enterprise State, recognized the faculty and staff of the college and thanked them for their work. President Long next introduced Mr. Mike McDaniel, former student at Enterprise State. Mr. McDaniel went on to earn a Bachelor's degree at Troy University in Environmental Science after attending Enterprise State. He worked in the manufacturing industry, then bought an H&R Block franchise, which grew to 16 franchises. In 2022, he graduated from Enterprise's CDL truck driving program and earned his CDL license. When Mr. McDaniel's son enrolled in the Aviation College in 2024, he also enrolled and currently attends classes while driving a fuel truck in Ozark. He maintains a 3.9 Aviation GPA and has taken on special projects.

Mr. McDaniel briefly spoke on his experience at Enterprise State. He stated that at age 55, he is attending for the third time. He stated that in 1970-71 his father attended on the GI bill. In 1986, Mr. McDaniel took the ACT test with plans to attend college. In 1987, he competed on a scholars' bowl team; in 1988-90, he attended Enterprise State, then went on to Troy State University. In 2016, his daughter attended dual enrollment classes at Enterprise, then went on to Birmingham Southern for a Bachelor's degree and a Master's at Miami University. In 2022, Mr. McDaniel received his CDL license and was offered a job that same day. When his son decided to attend Aviation school, Mr. McDaniel did as well. He has now earned his Airframe Certification from the FAA and will finish his Powerplant certification in Spring 2026.

Mr. Long next introduced Enterprise ambassador student, Bryce Griffin. Mr. Griffin's interest in math and engineering led him to attend Enterprise State on an Ambassador scholarship. He hopes to transfer to Auburn University next summer for a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering and then apply to medical school.

Mr. Griffin stated that being an ambassador student has allowed him to earn an excellent education and develop his communication skills. He stated that the sense of community at Enterprise allows students to form meaningful connections on and off campus. He added that the college has some of the finest teachers in the state and they are willing to assist any student. He further added that President Long often interacts with students and remembers their faces and names. He stated that the faculty and staff at Enterprise State are genuinely invested in the students and go out of their way to support the students. He added that the past year has made him confident that choosing Enterprise State was the right choice, because he has gained not only an excellent education, but personal and professional growth that will benefit him in the future.

President Long summarized by thanking the trustees, legislators, and guests for their support.

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

**REID STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE**  
**APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT WELLNESS FEE**

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board of Trustees authorized Reid State Community College to implement a Wellness Fee of \$50 per semester. The Wellness Fee would be effective Spring Semester 2026.

**Fiscal Consideration: \$90,000 approximately**

**CALHOUN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**APPROVAL OF MISSION STATEMENT**

On motion by Mr. McCartney, second by Mr. Houston, the Board of Trustees approved the current Mission Statement of Calhoun Community College.

**Fiscal Consideration: None**

**WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE - HANCEVILLE**  
**BARNES & NOBLE FIRST DAY COMPLETE**

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board of Trustees ratified Wallace State Community College – Hanceville's amendment to its bookstore operations agreement with Barnes & Noble to include the First Day Complete Program and to charge a \$24 per credit hour fee for textbook rental. This agreement would take effect Spring Semester 2026.

**Fiscal Consideration: None**

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**  
**2026 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board of Trustees adopted the Legislative Agenda for the Alabama Community College System for the 2026 Alabama Legislative Session(s). It is further recommended "That the Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees authorized the Chancellor to form position statements and issue directives as necessary

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during such legislative session(s) to further the interests of the Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees and the Alabama Community College System.

**Fiscal Consideration:** None.

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**  
**ACCS ENHANCEMENT FEE INCREASE**

On motion by Mr. Rhone, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board of Trustees authorized an increase of ten dollars for the ACCS Enhancement Fee, beginning Fall 2026

**Fiscal Consideration:** **Approximately \$20,000,000 in additional revenue for the 2026-2027 academic term.**

**ALABAMA TECHNOLOGY NETWORK**  
**APPROVAL OF NAME CHANGE**

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board of Trustees authorized Alabama Technology Network to change its name to Alabama Training Network.

**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 VIDEO GAME PRODUCTION**

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 Video Game Production, to be implemented Fall Semester 2026.

**Fiscal Consideration:**

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

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	YEAR 7	TOTAL
Equipment					125,000			125,000

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Accreditation and other cost	8,000	15,000	10,000	12,000				45,000
Total	8,000	15,000	10,000	12,000	125,000	0	0	170,000

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

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	YEAR 7	TOTAL
Extramural					125,000			125,000
Tuition	17,472	24,960	37,440	44,928	57,408	72,348	77,376	331,932
Total	17,472	24,960	37,440	44,928	57,408	72,348	77,376	456,932

**DRAKE STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE**  
**ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN CYBERSECURITY**

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board of Trustees approved Drake State Community and Technical College's application for an Associate in Applied Science in Cybersecurity, to be implemented Fall Semester 2026.

**Fiscal Consideration:**

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

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	YEAR 7	TOTAL
Equipment								
Accreditation and other cost								
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	YEAR 7	TOTAL
Tuition	27,768	27,768	27,768	27,768	32,040	29,904	32,040	205,056
Total	27,768	27,768	27,768	27,768	32,040	29,904	32,040	205,056

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**JEFFERSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY**

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board of Trustees approved Jefferson State Community College's application for an Associate in Applied Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography, to be implemented Fall Semester 2026.

**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	170741	175156	177012	181498	183428	18\7991	189999	1265825
Staff	36000	36000	36000	36000	36000	36000	36000	252000
Facilities	19200							19200
Equipment	1070940							1070940
Library	2384	2384	2384	2384	2384	2384	2384	16888
Other	9400	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	21400
Total	1308665	215540	217396	221882	223812	228375	230383	2646053

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

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	YEAR 7	TOTAL
Internal Allocation		208676	208676	208676	208676	208676	208676	1252056
Extramural	1309147							1309147
Tuition		141360	195520	197600	199680	201760	203840	1139760
Total	1309147	350036	404196	406276	408356	410436	412516	3700963

**BEVILL STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**EQUIPMENT PURCHASE, INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES, AND PROGRAM SUPPORT**  
**SERVICES TO SUPPORT WEATHERIZATION TRAINING INITIATIVES**

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. Houston, the Board of Trustees approved the Bevill State Community College to purchase equipment, instructional supplies and program support services to support the weatherization training initiatives.

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**Fiscal Consideration: Not to Exceed \$6,200,921 – Alabama Weatherization Assistance Program Statewide Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator Project Grant.**

**BEVILL STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**APPROVAL OF CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH MARION COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. Mitchell, the Board of Trustees authorized the President of Bevill State Community College and the Alabama Community College System to enter into a Career Technical Education Center Development Agreement with Marion County Board of Education.

**Fiscal Consideration: ACCS Deed of Gift property described in Exhibit A to the Agreement**

**TRENHOLM STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**EDUCATIONAL HUB DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COLLEGE AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board of Trustees authorized Trenholm State Community College to proceed with the agreement named Educational Hub Development Agreement between the College and Montgomery County Board of Education. The agreement will transfer five parcels of property from the College's West Campus, as a Deed of Gift, to Montgomery County Board of Education.

The agreement will grant Montgomery County Board of Education an ownership interest in the College's West Campus on or before December 31, 2025. The College will remain in possession of the campus under a license agreement until no later than December 31, 2026, when the College shall vacate the premises.

**Fiscal Consideration: The term of this agreement shall be for a period of twenty (20) academic years commencing January 1, 2026, until December 31, 2046.**

**Property Current Value – \$6,222,600**

**SECTION X**  
**PERSONNEL**

None.

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

Dr. Neil Scott, Vice Chancellor of Student Success, presented the latest enrollment numbers. Per Dr. Scott, as of December 8, 2025, Spring 2026 enrollment shows an 11.2% increase in for-credit courses and a 10.1% increase in credit hours over Spring 2025. He added that Spring 2025 enrollment was 22.8% over Spring 2024, Summer 2025 was 9.8% over Summer 2024, and Fall 2025 was 8.9% over Fall 2024 in head count. In 2025, there were 150,377 students enrolled.

Dr. Scott further added that dual enrollment is strong, with over 40,000 students from all 67 counties participating. He introduced a 30-second video advertisement showcasing dual enrollment. He stated that affordability and access are driving this growth. The ACCS has seen a 91% student pass rate with a C or higher, and 143 Associate degrees earned before or by high school graduation. He added that dual enrollment provides faster transition to the workforce and exposure to high-demand fields as early as 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Dr. Scott further stated that we have a lot of capacity for growth.

Chancellor Baker next introduced Mr. Alan Bates to speak on External Affairs issues. Per Mr. Bates, the ACCS is the most valuable resource in workforce development and education. His goal is to ensure that every legislator knows the mission of the ACCS. He added that compensation and health insurance increases are big issues now and he will focus on advocating for our needs. Mr. Bates ended by introducing his staff.

Mr. Keith Phillips, Deputy Chancellor of Workforce Development, next spoke on Economic Development. Per Mr. Phillips, Eli Lilly has announced that they will invest in a \$6 billion facility in Huntsville, bringing in about 3,600 jobs. He mentioned that Ms. Melody Whitten, Chief Economic Development Officer, has worked on 130 projects, and was instrumental in the Eli Lilly investment. Per Mr. Phillips, the CEO of Eli Lilly stated that they visited 300 sites in 44 states, and the deciding factor that made them choose Alabama was innovation and workforce.

Calhoun Community College President Jimmy Hodges stated that Ms. Whitten was very instrumental in bringing Eli Lilly to the state and she has worked closely with Calhoun Community College. Per President Hodges, Eli Lilly toured Calhoun and commented that they will need welders and that Calhoun had a fine welding program. Calhoun will also be providing a clean room simulator to accommodate Eli Lilly's needs. This is the first time in history that a community college will be offering pre-employment training for AIDT.

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

None.

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

The next Board meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, in the Board Room of the Alabama Community College System. A work session will follow at 10:20 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

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Chairman

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Chancellor