

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2026, 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, February 11, 2026, 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: MS. VALERIE GRAY, CHAIR**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gray.

The invocation was delivered by Reverend Shane Isner, First Christian Church, Montgomery, Alabama, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

On roll call, the following Board members were present:

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. Shell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2026, meeting as presented without discussion.

**SECTION VI  
(PUBLIC COMMENT)**

None.

**SECTION VII**  
**COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT – SOUTHERN UNION STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

President Todd Shackett of Southern Union State Community College presented a video spotlighting the college and some of its students. Per President Shackett, Workforce and Economic Development receive special emphasis at Southern Union. The college’s goal is to make sure students know the possibilities available and to connect their talents with the needs of the state.

President Shackett introduced Mr. Forrest Harmon, owner of Harmon Mechanical in the Auburn/Opelika area. Per Mr. Harmon, Southern Union helped shape his career. He stated that after graduating from high school, he was not thrilled about more school, but his parents encouraged him to get a degree. Before he registered at Southern Union, he acquired a job at a local HVAC company. He stated that working during the day and going to school at the same time changed his life, and he added that his first classes had no air conditioning. Mr. Harmon said that the education he received gave him a strong technical foundation and helped him move up quickly in his field. In 2019, he began his own company. Today, he has 8 service vehicles and is currently building a new office. He said he continues to hire Southern Union students because he knows they are prepared.

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

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**  
**PROFESSIONAL LEGAL LIABILITY INSURANCE**

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board of Trustees authorized the Chancellor and his appropriate staff members to negotiate the terms of and obtain professional legal liability insurance within certain prescribed parameters and report such to the Board. It is further recommended “That the Alabama Community College System authorize and direct each college and the Alabama Technology Network to purchase professional legal liability insurance under the policy recommended by the Chancellor for the coverage period March 1, 2026, to March 1, 2027.”

**Fiscal Consideration: Maximum of \$348,190 – Current Unrestricted Funds**

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

**BISHOP STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN FUNERAL SERVICES EDUCATION

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board of Trustees approved Bishop State Community College’s application for an associate in applied science in Funeral Services Education, 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	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$1,375,000
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Facilities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Library	\$5000	\$5000	\$5000	\$5000	\$5000	\$5000	\$5000	\$35,000
Accreditation	\$22,000	\$5000	\$13,500	\$13,500	\$13,500	\$13,500	\$13,500	\$94,500
Total	\$152,000	\$135,000	\$143,500	\$268,500	\$268,500	\$268,500	\$268,500	\$1,504,500

**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
External	\$117,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$104,000	\$371,000
Tuition & Fees	\$152,064	\$152,064	\$152,064	\$152,064	\$165,888	\$179,712	\$193,536	\$1,147,392
Total	\$269,064	\$177,064	\$177,064	\$202,064	\$190,888	\$204,712	\$297,536	\$1,518,392

**LURLEEN B. WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
NEW OFF CAMPUS INSTRUCTIONAL SITE FOR DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL  
SONOGRAPHY

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board of Trustees approved Lurleen B. Wallace Community College’s application for a new off-campus instructional site in support of their Diagnostic Medical Sonography at East Alabama Health, to be implemented Fall Semester 2026.

**Fiscal Consideration:** The operation of this site proposed herein is within the budget of the college as the new off campus instructional site is being provided at no cost to Lurleen B. Wallace Community College.

**REID STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN NURSING

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board of Trustees approved Reid State Community College’s application for an associate in applied science in nursing, 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	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$1,050,000
Equipment	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$80,000
Facilities	\$10,000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$16,000
Library	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Accreditation	\$7,000	\$2000	\$2000	\$2000	\$2000	\$2000	\$2000	\$19,000
Other Cost	\$5000	\$5000	\$5000	\$5000	\$5000	\$5000	\$5000	\$35,000
Total	\$192,000	\$168,000	\$168,000	\$168,000	\$168,000	\$168,500	\$168,000	\$1,200,000

**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
External Funding	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$70,000
Tuition & Fees	\$207,360	\$253,440	\$253,440	\$253,440	\$253,440	\$253,440	\$253,440	\$1,728,000
Total	\$217,360	\$263,440	\$263,440	\$263,440	\$263,440	\$263,440	\$263,440	\$1,798,000

**CALHOUN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN FILM AND MULTIMEDIA 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 Film and Multimedia Production, to be implemented Fall Semester 2026.

**Fiscal Consideration:**

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



Total	110,752	110,752	149,032	183,790	218,548	218,548	253,206	1,244,628
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**MARION MILITARY INSTITUTE**  
ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN FIRE SCIENCE

On motion by Mr. Rhone, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board of Trustees approved Marion Military Institute’s application for an Associate in Applied Science in Fire Science, 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	62,000	74,500	87,000	91,350	95,918	100,713	105,750	617,231
Equipment		25,000		25,000		25,000		75,000
Total	62,000	99,500	87,000	116,350	95,918	125,713	105,750	692,231

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

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	YEAR 7	TOTAL
Tuition & Fees	100,752	100,752	139,032	208,548	260,685	260,685	312,822	1,383,276
External Funding	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000			110,000
Total	122,752	122,752	161,032	230,548	282,685	260,685	312,822	1,493,276

**SNEAD STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
CERTIFICATE FOR PRACTICAL NURSING (PN)

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board of Trustees approved Snead State Community College’s application for a certificate in Practical Nursing program, 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	\$9,900	\$9,900	\$9,900	\$9,900	\$78,090	\$78,090	\$78,090	\$273,870
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Facilities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Library	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Accreditation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Cost	\$4,000	\$500	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$5,750
Total	\$13,900	\$10,400	\$10,150	\$10,150	\$78,340	\$78,340	\$78,340	\$279,620

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

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	YEAR 7	TOTAL
Reallocations	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$46,000
External Funding	\$177,917	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$189,917
Tuition & Fees	\$8,415	\$8,415	\$16,830	\$16,830	\$16,830	\$16,830	\$16,830	\$100,980
Total	\$196,332	\$16,415	\$24,830	\$24,830	\$24,830	\$24,830	\$24,830	\$336,897

**COASTAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
BAY MINETTE TENNIS FACILITY

On motion by Mr. Shell, second by Mr. Houston, the Board of Trustees authorized Coastal Alabama Community College to proceed with the project named Bay Minette Campus Tennis Facility. Construction contracts shall be executed no later than May 1, 2026, or this authorization shall expire.

**Fiscal Consideration: Total Project Cost \$3,971,064**

**NORTHWEST SHOALS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
PHIL CAMPBELL CAMPUS RENOVATION

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. Rogers, the Board of Trustees authorized Northwest Shoals Community College to proceed with the purchase of FF&E for the project named Phil Campbell Campus Renovation. FF&E contracts shall be executed no later than June 1, 2026, or this authorization shall expire.

**Fiscal Consideration: Total Project Cost \$40,956,573**

**JEFFERSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**CHILTON-CLANTON CAMPUS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. Shell, the Board of Trustees authorized Jefferson State Community College to proceed with the project named Chilton-Clanton Campus Workforce Development Projects. Construction contracts shall be executed no later than May 1, 2026, or this authorization shall expire.

**Fiscal Consideration: Total Project Cost \$4,129,677**

**WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE - DOTHAN**  
**OZARK DALE MEDICAL CENTER RENOVATION**

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board of Trustees authorized Wallace Community College to proceed with the project named Ozark Dale Medical Center Renovation. Construction contracts shall be executed no later than May 1, 2026, or this authorization shall expire.

**Fiscal Consideration: Total Project Cost \$1,503,551**

**SECTION X**  
**PERSONNEL**

None.

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

Dr. Neil Scott, Vice Chancellor of Student Success, spoke briefly on enrollment numbers. Per Dr. Scott, as of February 10, 2026, over 89,000 students have enrolled in for-credit courses for Spring 2026. This is a 6.2% increase over Spring 2025. Headcount has also shown an increase, as well as credit hours, which increased 5.1% over Spring 2025.

**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, March 11, 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 10:30 a.m.

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Chairman

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Chancellor