

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY MAY 13, 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, May 13, 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, CHAIRMAN

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gray.

The invocation was delivered by Dr. Duran Odoms of Morningstar Baptist Church in Monroeville, AL, 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
Ms. Valerie Gray
Mr. Llevelyn Rhone
Mr. Jeb Shell
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. Rogers, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2026 meeting as presented without discussion.

**SECTION VI
(NEW BUSINESS)**

Ms. Gray took a moment to reflect on her time as Chairman and thanked the Chancellor and the Board for having the confidence in her to allow her to serve as Chair. Ms. Gray expressed her pride in the accomplishments of the ACCS.

A. Election of Board Officers

Chairman

Mr. Lightsey nominated Mr. Jeb Shell as Board Chair.

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board unanimously approved closing the nominations and voted unanimously to elect Mr. Jeb Shell as the new Board Chair.

Chairman Gray officially passed the gavel to new Chair Jeb Shell.

Vice Chairman

Mr. Rogers nominated Mr. Ron Houston as Vice Chairman.

On motion by Ms. Gray, second by Mr. Rogers, the Board unanimously approved closing the nominations for Vice Chairman and voted unanimously to elect Mr. Ron Houston as the new Board Vice Chairman.

SECTION VII
PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SECTION VIII

COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT – NORTHWEST SHOALS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dr. Jeff Goodwin, President of Northwest Shoals Community College, gave a brief overview of the College and its offerings. Dr. Goodwin advised that the College has recently seen its highest enrollment number since 1992. The College has expanded its athletic programs. Dr. Goodwin reported that Jaden Culver, a dual enrollment student at the College, placed third in a national welding competition against 250 people. The College's FAME chapter won a state championship and will be competing in the national championship. The team was tasked with creating a solution to a real-life work problem involving how to clean plant motor parts without a full shut down. Dr. Goodwin also discussed the \$2.4 billion dollar investment by the United States Navy into the Barton Plant which will build submarine components. The Barton Plant will be the furthest inland naval plant of this kind that exists in the United States.

Next Dr. Goodwin introduced a former student and current employee of Northwest Shoals Community College, Ms. Erica Daniel. Ms. Daniel is a first-generation high school and college graduate. She attended Northwest Shoals and then completed her degree at the University of Alabama. Ms. Daniel served at Northwest Shoals as an ambassador, SGA Senator and was a member of the student support services. Upon graduating from the University of Alabama, Ms. Daniel returned to Northwest Shoals as an advisor for the TRIO Student Support Services Program and is currently the Director of that program. Ms. Daniel expressed her thanks to the college and stated that Northwest Shoals changed her life and the lives of her family members as well.

SECTION IX
(EXECUTIVE, LEGAL, AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

ADOPTED

COASTAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
REVIEW OF MISSION STATEMENT

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. Rogers, the Board of Trustees approved the current mission statement of Coastal Alabama Community College.

Fiscal Consideration: None

SNEAD STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
NAMING OF THE MAZE MUSIC BUILDING REHEARSAL HALL

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Ms. Gray, the Board of Trustees authorized Snead State Community College to name the rehearsal hall in the Maze Music Building as the Truman and Bobbie Glasco Rehearsal Hall.

Fiscal Consideration: \$793,000

COASTAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
NAMING OF NEW BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL HITTING FACILITY

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board of Trustees authorized Coastal Alabama Community College to name the new Baseball and Softball Hitting Facility as the Wayne Larker Baseball/Softball Hitting Facility.

Fiscal Consideration: None

LURLEEN B. WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOOKSTORE OPERATIONS AGREEMENT

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board of Trustees authorized Lurleen B. Wallace Community College to enter into a bookstore operation and services agreement with BibliU Campus and to charge a \$21.50 per credit hour fee for textbook rental which would take effect in the Fall Semester of 2026.

Fiscal Consideration:

13% Commission on Gross Sales of General Merchandise and Non-Digital
\$25,000 Signing Bonus in two equal install payments in the first contract year
\$50,000 for Capital Improvements
\$2,500 Annually for Textbook Scholarships

BEVILL STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOOKSTORE OPERATION AGREEMENT

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board of Trustees authorized the President of Beville State Community College (“Beville State”) to enter into a bookstore operation and service agreement with Barnes & Noble College Bookseller, LLC and to charge a \$27 per credit hour fee for textbook rental which would take effect in the Fall Semester of 2026.

Fiscal Consideration:

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
\$5,000 for annual donations to be awarded at the discretion of BSCC
\$25,000 bonus to BSCC to use at its discretion. The bonus will be amortized on a straight-line basis over the course of the five-year agreement.
\$130,000 to design, construct and install proprietary fixtures in the Bookstore.

SECTION X

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

SNEAD STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT

On motion by Mr. Rhone, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board of Trustees authorized the President of Snead State Community College to expend \$725,000 for the purpose of purchases

equipment and instructional supplies to support the advancement and training of the Additive Manufacturing Program.

Fiscal Consideration: \$725,000 – Legislative Funds

BISHOP STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MAIN CAMPUS BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY BUILDING INSTALLATION OF BACKUP
GENERATOR SYSTEM

On motion by Ms. Gray, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board of Trustees authorized Bishop State Community College to proceed with the project named Main Campus Multi Business Technology Building Installation of Backup Generator (Electrical Equipment Bid).

Fiscal Consideration: \$580,409

BISHOP STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MAIN CAMPUS CHILLER HYDRONIC LINES REPLACEMENT AND FILTRATION
SYSTEM INSTALLATION

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board of Trustees authorized Bishop State Community College to proceed with the project named Main Campus Chiller Hydronic Lines Replacement and Filtration System Installation.

Fiscal Consideration: TOTAL PROJECT COST \$1,110,804

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

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. Lightsey, 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 (Change Order #3).

Fiscal Consideration: Change Order #3 \$6,878.00

COASTAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BAY MINETTE CAMPUS STONE AND LIBRARY BUILDING RENOVATIONS

On motion by Ms. Gray, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board of Trustees authorized Coastal Alabama Community College to proceed with the project named Bay Minette Campus Stone and Library Building Renovations (Pre-purchase Mechanical Equipment).

Fiscal Consideration: \$705,000

REID STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PURCHASE OF MCINTYRE PROPERTY

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board of Trustees authorized Reid State Community College to finalize the project named Purchase of McIntyre Property. This authorization replaces the Board of Trustees approval of June 11, 2025.

Fiscal Consideration: TOTAL PROJECT COST \$645,972

SECTION XI
PERSONNEL

Chancellor Baker thanked the former Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Corrections, John Hamm, for attending the Board meeting.

Chancellor Baker recommended Mr. David Walters to the Board as President of Ingram State Technical College. David O'Brien, Sr. Associate Counsel, read a short biography on Mr. David Walters. On motion by Ms. Gray, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved Mr. David Walters as the new President of Ingram State Technical College effective May 16, 2026.

Mr. Walters briefly addressed the Board and thanked Chancellor Baker and the Board for giving him the opportunity to lead at Ingram State Technical College. Mr. Walters expressed his commitment to the College and takes seriously the responsibility the position carries. Mr. Walters also thanked his family, former Commissioner Hamm and the College's cabinet leadership team for attending the meeting.

Chancellor Baker also recognized Dr. Kathy Murphy, President of Wallace Community College Dothan, and her leadership team that attended the meeting.

SECTION XII
CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Dr. Chris Cox gave an enrollment update and reported that the summer numbers were down by approximately 2%, but the fall numbers were up. Summer enrollment has not closed, so the numbers are anticipated to improve.

SECTION XIII
COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

SECTION XIV
(DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING)

The next Board meeting will be held at Calhoun Community College, at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2026. A work session will follow at 10:20 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Chairman

Chancellor