

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY JULY 8, 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, July 8, 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: MR. JEB SHELL, CHAIRMAN

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Shell.

The invocation was delivered by Dr. Joe Whitmore, President of Snead State Community College and followed by the pledge of allegiance.

On roll call, the following Board members were present:

Mr. Goodrich Rogers
Mr. John Mitchell (via phone)
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. Houston, second by Mr. Rogers, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add item VIII.A.3 – Trenholm State Community College – Approval of Change of Official Institutional Address.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2026 meeting as presented without discussion.

**SECTION VI
PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

Chancellor Baker called Dean Myrick, Commissioner of the Alabama Community College Conference, to recognize the National Championship Winning teams and an individual. Mr. Myrick advised that the 2025-26 season has been the most successful one to date and commended the teams, coaches and players for their hard work. Mr. Myrick introduced each of the teams. Northeast Alabama Community College's Softball team claimed the NJCAA Division 1 Softball Championship in their second year of existence. Shelton State Community College won their second consecutive National Championship in Division II women's golf. Wallace State Community College athlete, Mallory Brooks, claimed the individual National Championship in Women's Golf Division II. Wallace State Community College Men's Tennis Team won the National Championship for NJCAA Division II.

SECTION VII

COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT – WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE – SELMA

Dr. Donitha Griffin thanked Chancellor Baker and the Board for the opportunity to spotlight Wallace Community Selma, a college that stands as a beacon of hope in the heart of Alabama's Black Belt region and proudly serves 8 of the state's most economically challenged counties. In addition to traditional students, the college serves 36 high schools for dual enrollment programs. Dr. Griffin discussed the success of the College in preparing students for Alabama's workforce. Dr. Griffin presented a video about the College. Dr. Griffin also introduced former student Aquinas Coleman. Mr. Coleman is a two-time graduate of Wallace Selma who had been employed as a welder since high school and most recently obtained a degree in industrial maintenance. Mr. Coleman advised that he didn't have to look for a job but had one waiting on him when he completed his degree. Mr. Coleman expressed his appreciation to the College for the impact on his life and thanked the Board for allowing him the opportunity to speak at the meeting.

SECTION VIII

(EXECUTIVE, LEGAL, AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

ADOPTED

BEVILL STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT HOUSING FEE – SUMMER STORAGE FEE

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. Rogers, the Board of Trustees authorized Bevill State Community College to implement a new housing fee identified as a Summer Storage Fee for the College's residence hall, effective Fall Semester 2026.

Fiscal Consideration: \$250 per student per summer semester

CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
NAMING OF BASEBALL STADIUM

President Funderburk thanked Chancellor Baker and the Board for their support of the request to name the baseball stadium after Coach B. R. Johnson and gave a brief background on the impact Coach Johnson had made at the college. President Funderburk introduced members of Coach Johnson's family that were in attendance.

On motion by Mr. Gray, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board of Trustees authorized the President of Chattahoochee Valley Community College to name the Baseball Stadium in Honor of Coach B.R. Johnson and to add appropriate signage.

Fiscal Consideration: None

TRENHOLM STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
APPROVAL OF CHANGE OF OFFICIAL INSTITUTIONAL ADDRESS

On motion by Ms. Gray, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board of Trustees authorized the President of Trenholm State Community to change the official institutional address to 3920 Troy Highway Montgomery, AL 36116, effective January 1, 2027.

Fiscal Consideration:
None.

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

BISHOP STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING BOND ISSUE

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution providing (1) for the construction, renovating, and equipping of facilities on the Bishop State Community College, (2) for the financing thereof by the issuance of revenue bonds in the par amount of approximately \$10,000,000, (3) for a maximum interest rate, redemption terms, and other parameters, (4) for securing the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds, and (5) for payment of costs of issuing the bonds.

Fiscal Consideration: Approximately \$10,000,000 in revenue bonds for no more than 30 years with average annual debt service expense of approximately \$800,000.

COASTAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
REFUNDING AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION, BOND SERIES 2016

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Ms. Gray, the Board of Trustees adopted an Authorizing Resolution which sets forth details regarding the previously approved issuance of approximately \$4,005,000 limited obligation Alabama Community College System revenue bonds, Series 2016, (formerly issued under Faulker State Community College), for the benefit of Coastal Alabama Community College.

Fiscal Consideration: \$4,005,000 - Revenue Refunding Bonds
Estimated average annual debt service is \$470,000 for this 20-year bond issue.

JEFFERSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
REFUNDING AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION, BOND SERIES 2016

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Ms. Rhone, the Board of Trustees adopted an Authorizing Resolution which sets forth details regarding the previously approved issuance of approximately \$7,035,000 limited obligation Alabama Community College System revenue bonds, Series 2016, for the benefit of Jefferson State Community College.

Fiscal Consideration: \$7,035,000 - Revenue Refunding Bonds
Estimated average annual debt service is \$1,165,000 for this 15-year bond issue.

GEORGE C. WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE - DOTHAN
ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING BOND ISSUE

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution providing (1) for the construction, renovating, and equipping of facilities on the George C Wallace Community College - Dothan, (2) for the financing thereof by the issuance of revenue bonds in the par amount of approximately \$30,000,000, (3) for a maximum interest rate, redemption terms, and other parameters, (4) for securing the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds, and (5) for payment of costs of issuing the bonds.

Fiscal Consideration: Approximately \$30,000,000 in revenue bonds for no more than 30 years with average annual debt service expense of approximately \$2,400,000.

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
2026-2027 ACCS SALARY SCHEDULES

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Ms. Gray, the Board of Trustees adopted the 2026-2027 ACCS Salary Schedules for the community and technical colleges and the Alabama Technology Network.

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
ALLOCATION OF THE 2026-2027 TWO-YEAR COLLEGE SYSTEM AND PRISON
EDUCATION OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE APPROPRIATIONS

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board of Trustees approved the allocation of the 2026-2027 Education Trust Fund (ETF) appropriation for operations and maintenance of the two-year colleges and the prison education appropriation as recommended by the Chancellor.

Fiscal Consideration:

\$471,954,885 - College Operations and Maintenance (ETF)
23,276,380 - Prison Education Operations and Maintenance (ETF)
\$495,231,265 - Total O & M and Prison O & M funds

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

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

Fiscal Consideration: \$1,149,588

SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
FREDD CAMPUS HARDSCAPE AND LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

On motion by Mr. Rhone, second by Mr. Houston, the Board of Trustees authorized Shelton State Community College to proceed with the project named Fredd Campus Hardscape and Landscape Improvements.

Fiscal Consideration: \$8,154,811

WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE - SELMA
DEMOPOLIS CAMPUS RURAL HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE CENTER

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On motion by Mr. Rhone, second by Mr. Rogers, the Board of Trustees authorized Wallace Community College Selma to proceed with the project named Demopolis Campus Rural Healthcare Workforce Center.

Fiscal Consideration: \$5,427,482

BEVILL STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
HAMILTON CAMPUS DRAFTING BUILDING AND MAIN BUILDING RENOVATION

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Ms. Gray, the Board of Trustees authorized Bevill State Community College to proceed with the project named Hamilton Campus Drafting Building and Main Building Renovation (Bid Package B).

Fiscal Consideration: Construction Bid Package B \$4,168,000

JEFFERSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
JEFFERSON CAMPUS HVAC EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENTS

On motion by Mr. Rhone, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board of Trustees authorized Jefferson State Community College to proceed with the project named Jefferson Campus HVAC Equipment Replacements.

Fiscal Consideration: \$761,059

LURLEEN B. WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ANDALUSIA CAMPUS BASEBALL SOFTBALL VOLLEYBALL IMPROVEMENTS

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Rogers, the Board of Trustees authorized Lurleen B. Wallace Community College to proceed with the project named Andalusia Campus Baseball Softball Volleyball Improvements.

Fiscal Consideration: \$4,848,379

LURLEEN B. WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
OPP CAMPUS BUILDING D (WELDING) RENOVATION

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Ms. Gray, the Board of Trustees authorized Lurleen B. Wallace Community College to proceed with the project named Opp Campus Building D (Welding) Renovation.

Fiscal Consideration: \$7,343,741

WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE - DOTHAN

DOTHAN CAMPUS PURCHASE OF VILLA POINTE PROPERTY

On motion by Mr. Mitchell, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board of Trustees authorized Lurleen B. Wallace Community College to proceed with the project named Dothan Camps Purchase of Villa Pointe Property.

Fiscal Consideration: \$1,453,700

SNEAD STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BEVILL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER RENOVATION AND BLACK BOX THEATER
ADDITION

On motion by Mr. Houston, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board of Trustees authorized Snead State Community College to proceed with the project named Bevill Performing Arts Center Renovation and Black Box Theater Addition.

Fiscal Consideration: \$25,398,125

SECTION X
PERSONNEL

None.

SECTION XI
CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Neil Scott gave an enrollment update. Fall 2026 semester enrollment has increased 4.3% over Fall 2025 with a 4% in credit hours for the same time period. Mr. Scott advised that these numbers only represent the for credit sector of students. The system is doing tremendous work in the area of adult education, workforce development and workforce education.

Ken Kirkland gave an update on healthcare programs. The ACCS health serviced programs represent 33 career pathways that are made up between credit hour and non-credit seeking programs. The system currently serves 18,444 students, which is an increase from last year. These students are made up of a diverse group of people. The system is seeing a growth in non-traditional students from the ages of 40-64 returning to college. The majority of the students in health care are female. Mr. Kirkland discussed the types of apprenticeship programs and reimbursement programs available in the healthcare fields. Mr. Kirkland advised that the ACCS was awarded \$1,000,000 by the Charles Barkley Foundation for scholarships for students in healthcare programs. Many of the ACCS colleges participate in health outreach clinics or vaccine clinics. The dental hygiene program provides free or reduced preventative services.

Mr. Kirkland advised that the ACCS is also involved in the regulatory world as well. The ACCS owns two certification exams, nursing support technician and medication technician. These exams serve as gateways to permitting through the Alabama Board of Nursing. The ACCS is involved with emergency preparedness and serves as a liaison with the Alabama EMA for mass sheltering. Mr. Kirkland discussed the 2020 relationship with Alabama Department of Public Health for a shared ventilator program that was in place with 15 ACCS institutions. Mr. Kirkland discussed the future of the Rural Health Transformation Program and advised that the next five years the ACCS would be expanding new programs in the healthcare sector.

Chief Mark Bailey gave a Safety and Security update. Three years ago the ACCS developed a plan to have police departments at all ACCS colleges, with the exception of Ingram State Technical College. Part of the initiative 3 years ago was to provide training to support public safety around ACCS colleges. During the last 3 years, the system has seen an average of 2,500 to 3,000 officers come through the training program. The department has worked with ATF on bomb threat management classes, with the DEA on basic narcotics training, and with the Secret Service teaching executive protection classes. The police departments are routinely working with other agencies on complicated cases. Chief Bailey advised that the goal for 2026 is to have each of the 23 departments be accredited through ACOG. Chancellor Baker has been working with the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission to develop a pathway for ACCS Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement students to the APOST Basic Academy.

Nick Moore provided an update on the Adult Education initiatives. By 2030, well over half to three quarter of all jobs will require some form of post-high school credential. The ACCS is working to provide apprenticeships and certifications that will help people move quickly into the labor force with a livable wage. Mr. Moore discussed the level of literacy in the state of Alabama and the number of young people not involved in education or employment. Mr. Moore advised that the focus should be on getting people educated and into the labor force. Mr. Moore discussed the changes that will be made in the Adult Education Department that will better facilitate the needs of the department.

SECTION XII

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

SECTION XIII

(DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING)

The next Board meeting will be held at Calhoun Community College, at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 9. A work session will follow at 10:20 a.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Chairman

Chancellor