

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12, 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, August 12, 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. John Ed Mathison and followed by the pledge of allegiance.

On roll call, the following Board members were present:

Mr. Goodrich Rogers
Mr. Britton Lightsey
Mr. Ron Houston (via phone)
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 were Mr. John Mitchell and Governor Kay Ivey.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2026 meeting as presented without discussion.

**SECTION VI
PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

Chairman Shell announced the partnership between ACCS and Alabama Fiber Network to expand broadband service to rural areas around the state, followed by a video. Gadsden State, Lurleen B. Wallace, Northwest Shoals, Shelton State, Snead State, Southern Union and Wallace Community College-Selma are the first ACCS institutions to join the network. These colleges will serve as “community hubs” providing Wi-Fi, public access and digital literacy training for vulnerable, rural or low-income communities who lack Internet access.

In attendance for the announcement were Terry Metze with Alabama Fiber Network, Senator Donnie Chesteen, ADECA Executive Director Ken Boswell and Deputy Director Ashley Toole, Dr. Joe Whitmore, President of Snead State Community College and Nate Crooms, Lurleen B. Wallace Community College student. Mr. Metze, Senator Chesteen, Dr. Whitmore and Mr. Crooms gave remarks about the importance of this initiative and what it will mean to the State of Alabama.

SECTION VII

COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT – CENTRAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

President Jeff Lynn thanked Chancellor Baker and the Board for the opportunity to spotlight Central Alabama Community College and former student Jenna Hurley. Ms. Hurley is a visually impaired Computer Information Systems graduate from Central Alabama Community College. Ms. Hurley currently lives in Oregon and plans to continue working toward her Bachelor’s degree in Computer Science.

SECTION VIII

(EXECUTIVE, LEGAL, AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

ADOPTED

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM ADOPTION OF REVISED POLICY 610.01: LEAVES WITH PAY

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Ms. Gray, the Board of Trustees adopted revised Policy 610.01: Leaves with Pay to add Section 11 in accordance with a change in Alabama law HB361.

Fiscal Consideration: None

ENTERPRISE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE NAMING OF THE GENEVA REGIONAL TECHNICAL CENTER

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board of Trustees authorized the President of Enterprise State Community College to name the Geneva Regional Technical Center in Honor of Senator Donnie Chesteen and to add appropriate signage.

Fiscal Consideration: None

TRENHOLM STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
APPROVAL OF CHANGE OF OFFICIAL INSTITUTIONAL ADDRESS

On motion by Mr. Rhone, second by Ms. Gray, 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.

GADSDEN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
APPROVAL FOR NAMING OF THE ADVANCED MANUFACTURING CENTER
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. Rogers, the Board of Trustees authorized the President of Gadsden State Community College to name the Advanced Manufacturing Center Multipurpose Room as the Jerry and Irene Weaver Multipurpose Room and to add appropriate signage.

Fiscal Consideration: \$100,000

SOUTHERN UNION STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ATLANA OF RICHLAND IN AUBURN

On motion by Ms. Gray, second by Mr. Rogers, the Board of Trustees ratified the College's entry into a lease agreement with Atlas of Richland in Auburn for student housing and approved the College's request to charge housing fees to participating students.

Fiscal Consideration: \$53,200 monthly rent

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

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

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. Rogers, the Board authorized Coastal Alabama Community College to proceed with the project named Bay Minette Campus Stone and Library Building Renovations.

Fiscal Consideration: \$10,121,161

REID STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BUILDING 300 (WELDING) RENOVATION AND BUILDING 700 (ELT/ILT)
RENOVATION AND ADDITION (NAVY MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE BASE)

On motion by Mr. McCartney, second by Mr. Rhone, the Board of Trustees authorized Reid State Community College to proceed with the project named Building 300 (Welding) Renovation and Building 700 (ELT/ILT) Renovation and Addition (Navy Maritime Infrastructure Base).

Fiscal Consideration: \$10,293,678

TRENHOLM STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
EXECUTIVE PARK CAMPUS PURCHASE OF FAIRLANE PROPERTIES

On motion by Mr. Rhone, second by Ms. Gray, the Board of Trustees authorized Trenholm State Community College to proceed with the project named Executive Park Campus Purchase of Fairlane Properties.

Fiscal Consideration: \$1,657,850

WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE - HANCEVILLE
LEASE PURCHASE OF REHAU RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER PROPERTY

On motion by Mr. Lightsey, second by Mr. Rogers, the Board of Trustees authorized Wallace State Community College Hanceville to proceed with the project named lease purchase of Rehau Research and Development Center Property.

Fiscal Consideration: \$2,575,413

SOUTHERN UNION STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
OPELIKA CAMPUS PURCHASE OF 1801 MARKET ST. PROPERTY

On motion by Ms. Gray, second by Mr. Lightsey, the Board of Trustees authorized Southern Union State Community College to proceed with the project named Opelika Campus Purchase of 1801 Market St. Property.

Fiscal Consideration: \$984,716

ENTERPRISE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ENTERPRISE CAMPUS LOLLEY GYM RENOVATION

On motion by Mr. Rogers, second by Mr. McCartney, the Board of Trustees authorized Enterprise State Community College to proceed with the project named Enterprise Campus Lolly Gym Renovation.

Fiscal Consideration: \$1,414,268

SECTION X
PERSONNEL

None.

SECTION XI
CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Neil Scott gave an enrollment update. Mr. Scott reported that the 2026 enrollment numbers were nearly even to the same time last year. As a system, the unduplicated headcount was over 136,000 students which is a 5.7% increase over the 2025 Fall enrollment and is the highest unduplicated headcount since 2010. Credit hour production was 1.9 million credit hours in for credit courses which is a 3.8% increase over 2024-2025. Completion numbers also increased by 16.6%.

SECTION XII
COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

SECTION XIII
(DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING)

The next Board meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, in the Board Room of the Alabama Community College System. A work session will follow at 10:20 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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The Board meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Chairman

Chancellor