

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
APRIL 8, 2021
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, April 8, 2021, at 10 a.m., in the auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building, Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting was called to order by the President of the Board in accordance with *Alabama Code* (1975), §16-3-7, as amended.

PRESIDING: GOVERNOR KAY IVEY, PRESIDENT

The invocation was done by Dr. Coley C. Chestnut, Pastor, Fresh Anointing House of Worship, Selma, Alabama, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was done in unison.

The following members were present:

Present

Mrs. Stephanie Bell via electronic means
Dr. Tonya Chestnut in person
Governor Kay Ivey in person
Dr. Cynthia McCarty in person
Mrs. Belinda McRae in person
Dr. Wayne Reynolds in person
Dr. Yvette Richardson in person
Mrs. Tracie West in person
Mrs. Jackie Zeigler in person

Dr. Eric G. Mackey, State Superintendent of Education, was also present.

On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Mrs. Tracie West, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following.

ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 290-010-010.04, WHICH ARE IN CONFLICT AND SUPERSEDED BY THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION RELATED TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT ISSUED ON MARCH 18, 2020; NAMELY, THE REQUIREMENT TO VOTE BY RAISED HAND AND THOSE PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM BY PHYSICAL PRESENCE AND MEETING BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On motion by Dr. Cynthia McCarty and seconded by Dr. Wayne Reynolds, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 11, 2021, MEETING

On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of March 11, 2021.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID–
ACCESS TO FEDERAL STUDENT AID**

At this time, Mr. Dave Weis, President of Madison County Board of Education; Ms. Tamia Kemp, Miles College; Ms. Amberly Jones, Bishop State Community College; Ms. Savannah Berryman, Northwest Shoals Community College; Ms. Laterrius Christian, Counselor at A. H. Parker High School; Mr. Austin Bullock, Central Six Industry Partnership Manager; Mr. Michael Bejarano, Central Six Project Manager; Ms. Stacia Gaines, Central Six, Alabama Works; Mrs. Kathy Dean, Counselor of Sulligent School; and Mrs. Chandra Scott, Executive Director, Alabama Possible, who registered to speak prior to the State Board of Education meeting on the agenda item H.2.h (Adopt Amended *Alabama Administrative Code*, Rule 290-3-1-.02 (21), Pertaining to The Free Application for Federal Student Aid–Access to Federal Student Aid), did so individually via in person or electronic means. Their speeches may be viewed in full, as well as the complete Board meeting, by clicking [here](#). The Board members and State Superintendent thanked the members of the public for providing their input and sharing their views.

NEW BUSINESS

On motion by Dr. Cynthia McCarty and seconded by Mrs. Belinda McRae, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following.

RESOLUTION HONORING MRS. DAWN MORRISON ON BEING SELECTED “BARBARA FANNIN MEMORIAL EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER” APRIL–JUNE 2021

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dawn Morrison, Education Administrator in the Alabama State Department of Education, Career and Technical Education/Workforce Development Section, exhibits a positive attitude and is always cooperative; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dawn Morrison has worked for the Alabama State Department of Education for 19 years and clearly believes in and has a passion for public education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dawn Morrison is a top Education Administrator who exhibits a level of knowledge and personal experience, which is a great asset to our Department’s Career and Technical Education processes; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dawn Morrison not only possesses a wealth of both institutional and professional knowledge, but is also always willing to go to extraordinary lengths to assist in helping to meet the needs of every local education agency (LEA); provides regional, state, and national trainings regarding Career and Technical Education; and is widely respected as a leader in the field of Career and Technical Education; and

WHEREAS, as much as her strong professional skills and expertise in her field set characterizes her as an effective leader, it is her interpersonal skills and caring spirit that draws people, superiors, and subordinates alike to her and make for a positive and supportive environment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Department of Education and the Career and Technical Education/Workforce Development Section specifically, hereby express its gratitude to Mrs. Dawn Morrison for her dedication and caring service:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Mrs. Dawn Morrison for her commitment to the Alabama State Department of Education and does hereby express its sincere congratulations.

Done this 8th day of April 2021

On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Dr. Tonya Chestnut the Board voted unanimously to approve the following.

RESOLUTION TO MODIFY PASSING PRAXIS SCORE FOR THE AREA OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE AS A PRECONDITION FOR INITIAL CERTIFICATION

WHEREAS, by Resolutions of April 14, 2005; February 9, 2006; October 12, 2006; December 14, 2006; March 8, 2007; July 10, 2012; July 9, 2013; December 14, 2017; December 13, 2018; August 8, 2019; March 12, 2020, and other Resolutions from time to time, the Alabama State Board of Education has adopted certain Praxis subject assessments and minimum passing scores as conditions for initial educator certification in the state of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, earning a passing score on a Praxis subject assessment is a prerequisite for initial certification, via State-approved program and several other certification approaches in all subjects for which there is a Praxis subject assessment; and

WHEREAS, Educational Testing Service recommended a passing score of 153 for Praxis 5122 Family and Consumer Science based on the October 2013 Multistate Standard-Setting Study; and

WHEREAS, an additional Alabama Standard-Setting Study comprised of Alabama Family and Consumer Science Educators was performed in October 2013 and resulted in a suggested passing score of 161; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education approved a Resolution to adopt a passing score of 161 on Praxis 5122 Family and Consumer Science on March 12, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the current director of the Alabama State Department of Education, Office of Career and Technical Education, requests that the Alabama State Board of Education discontinue the current required score of 161 and adopt the Educational Testing Service recommended multistate passing score of 153; and

WHEREAS, Alabama uses the Educational Testing Service recommended multistate score on all currently required Praxis tests except Praxis 5122 Family and Consumer Science:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That effective the date of this Resolution, the Alabama State Board of Education hereby discontinues the current required score of 161 on Praxis 5122 Family and Consumer Science and adopts the Educational Testing Service recommended multistate passing score of 153; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Superintendent of Education is hereby directed to take any and all actions necessary to implement this resolution.

Done this 8th day of April 2021

On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Mrs. Tracie West, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REVIEW
OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS
University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH)**

WHEREAS, *Alabama Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.56(4)(b)2., requires that approval by the Alabama State Board of Education shall be secured before a proposal for a new program is reviewed by the Office of Teaching and Leading of the Alabama State Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education has received from the President at UAH a written request to develop Alternative Class A programs for Collaborative Special Education K-6 and 6-12; and

WHEREAS, UAH personnel have been advised that the proposed programs may not be implemented prior to Alabama State Board of Education approval based on documentation of compliance with all applicable standards; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education recommends that the programs be reviewed by the Office of Teaching and Leading of the Alabama State Department of Education:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby authorizes a review of the following programs:

Alternative Class A Collaborative Special Education (K-6)
Alternative Class A Collaborative Special Education (6-12)

Done this 8th day of April 2021

On motion by Mrs. Jackie Zeigler and seconded by Mrs. Tracie West, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following.

**RESOLUTION TO EXTEND APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS
Spring Hill College**

WHEREAS, a review of educator preparation programs was conducted in summer 2019 and continuing over an extended period of time, by the Alabama State Department of Education in accordance with the *Alabama State Board of Education, State Department of Education Administrative Code*, Rule 290-3-3-.56(2)(b)2; and

WHEREAS, a state team conducted a virtual site visit in November 2020 and after the visit, the Division of Education submitted additional documentation of compliance with the College and University standards in Rule 290-3-3-.02; and

WHEREAS, Spring Hill College has begun the process of seeking accreditation by the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP); and

WHEREAS, Spring Hill College has been advised and has acknowledged that no new candidates may be admitted to the Class B Elementary Education (K-6) program until the State Superintendent of Education deems the faculty standard is met; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Superintendent of Education recommends approval of the programs:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby grants continuing approval of the following educator preparation programs at Spring Hill College, with conditions to be addressed as noted on the attached pages, until June 30, 2024; and

Class B Elementary Education (K-6)
Class B Biology (6-12)
Class B English Language Arts (6-12)
Class B Spanish (6-12)

AND NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby grants probationary approval of the following educator preparation program at Spring Hill College, with conditions to be addressed as noted on the attached pages, until June 30, 2022:

Class B Visual Arts (P-12)

Done this 8th day of April 2021

On motion by Mrs. Jackie Zeigler and seconded by Mrs. Belinda McRae, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following.

**RESOLUTION TO EXTEND APPROVAL OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS
University of South Alabama**

WHEREAS, reviews of educator preparation programs were conducted in July 2018 and 2019, with follow-up reviews thereafter, by the Alabama State Department of Education in accordance with the *Alabama State Board of Education, State Department of Education Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.56(2)(b)2; and

WHEREAS, all programs have been recommended for approval based on compliance with Alabama State Board of Education rules; and

WHEREAS, the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) conducted a site visit in February 2020 and granted continuing accreditation on October 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Superintendent of Education recommends approval of the programs:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby approves the following programs, with approval to expire on June 30, 2028:

Class B Biology (6-12)
Class B Chemistry (6-12)
Class B Collaborative Special Education Teacher (K-6)
Class B Collaborative Special Education Teacher (6-12)
Class B Early Childhood Education (P-3)
Class B Early Childhood Special Education (P-3)
Class B Elementary Education (K-6)
Class B English Language Arts (6-12)
Class B General Science (6-12)
Class B General Social Studies (6-12)
Class B Health Education (6-12)
Class B Health Education (6-12) and Physical Education (P-12)
Class B Mathematics (6-12)
Class B Physics (6-12)
Class B Music, Choral (P-12)
Class B Music, Instrumental (P-12)
Class B Physical Education (P-12)

Alternative Class A Collaborative Special Education (K-6)
Alternative Class A Collaborative Special Education (6-12)
Alternative Class A Early Childhood Education (P-3)
Alternative Class A Elementary Education (K-6)

Alternative Class A English for Speakers of Other Language (P-12)
Alternative Class A English Language Arts (6-12)
Alternative Class A French (P-12)
Alternative Class A General Science (6-12)
Alternative Class A General Social Studies (6-12)
Alternative Class A German (P-12)

Alternative Class A Mathematics (6-12)
Alternative Class A Music, Choral (P-12)
Alternative Class A Music, Instrumental (P-12)
Alternative Class A Spanish (P-12)
Alternative Class A Visual Arts (P-12)

Class A Collaborative Special Education Teacher (K-6)
Class A Collaborative Special Education Teacher (6-12)
Class A Early Childhood Education (P-3)
Class A Elementary Education (K-6)
Class A English for Speakers of Other Languages (P-12)
Class A English Language Arts (6-12)
Class A General Science (6-12)
Class A General Social Studies (6-12)
Class A Health Education (6-12)
Class A Instructional Leadership (P-12)
Class A Library Media (P-12)
Class A Mathematics (6-12)
Class A Music, Choral (P-12)
Class A Music, Instrumental (P-12)
Class A Physical Education (P-12)
Class A Reading Specialist (P-12)
Class A School Counseling (P-12)
Class A Visual Arts (P-12)

Class AA Collaborative Special Education Teacher (K-6)
Class AA Collaborative Special Education Teacher (6-12)
Class AA Early Childhood Education (P-3)
Class AA Elementary Education (K-6)
Class AA English Language Arts (6-12)
Class AA General Science (6-12)
Class AA General Social Studies (6-12)
Class AA Instructional Leadership (P-12)
Class AA Mathematics (6-12)
Class AA Reading Specialist (P-12)
Class AA Teacher Leader (P-12)

Done this 8th day of April 2021

On motion by Dr. Cynthia McCarty and seconded by Mrs. Tracie West, the Board voted 8-0-1 to adopt the following. Mrs. Stephanie Bell abstained.

ANNOUNCE INTENT TO AMEND ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 290-3-1, PERTAINING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL GOVERNANCE

On motion by Mrs. Tracie West and seconded by Mrs. Belinda McRae, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following.

ADOPT AMENDED ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, EMERGENCY RULE 290-3-1-.02 - .01 ER, PERTAINING TO REGULATIONS GOVERNING PUBLIC SCHOOLS (SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS) AS AN EMERGENCY RULE

On motion by Dr. Cynthia McCarty and seconded by Dr. Tonya Chestnut, the Board voted 6-3-0 to adopt the following. Mrs. Stephanie Bell, Dr. Wayne Reynolds, and Mrs. Jackie Zeigler opposed.

ADOPT AMENDED ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RULE 290-3-1-.02 (21), PERTAINING TO THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)– ACCESS TO FEDERAL STUDENT AID

On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted 7-0-2 to adopt the following. Mrs. Stephanie Bell and Mrs. Jackie Zeigler abstained.

PROMOTE MRS. ANGELA MARTIN TO DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF INSTRUCTION

On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Dr. Tonya Chestnut, the Board voted 7-0-2 to adopt the following. Mrs. Stephanie Bell and Mrs. Jackie Zeigler abstained.

APPROVE MRS. SHANTHIA WASHINGTON AS ASSISTANT STATE SUPERINTENDENT– EVALUATION, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND SUPPORT

EXECUTIVE (INCLUDES LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

Dr. Eric G. Mackey stated that there was no report necessary for the month of April.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Mackey thanked the Governor and Board for approving the promotion of Mrs. Angela Martin to Deputy State Superintendent of Division of Instruction and the hiring of Mrs. Shanthia Washington as Assistant State Superintendent of Evaluation, Accountability, and Support. He stated the two wonderful ladies are going to do excellent jobs. Dr. Mackey stated that the department is very sorry about losing Dr. Daniel Boyd. He said Dr. Boyd will mentor Mrs. Martin over the next two months. He stated that a couple of the Board members asked whether or not they will see him again. Dr. Mackey stated that unless Dr. Boyd goes AWOL, the Board will see him again. Dr. Mackey stated that Dr. Boyd will be given a proper celebration of his retirement at the right time. He said the department is fortunate to have good people that Dr. Boyd has worked with and mentored. Dr. Mackey stated that when he and Dr. Boyd discussed the scope of work that needs to be done, they both agreed that Mrs. Martin is the right person. He said there are many qualified people across the state and within the department, but Mrs. Martin will be able to step right in and execute a smooth transition. He said that even though times are difficult because of the pandemic, there is no doubt that Mrs. Martin can lead the Division of Instruction with integrity.

Dr. Mackey stated that many may remember Mrs. Shanthia Washington was in the department as an Assistant State Superintendent and retired when Dr. Ed Richardson served as Interim State Superintendent. He said that Mrs. Washington was brought back to do some interesting things at the department. She served as Interim Special Education Director for the department and is assisting the new Special Education Director. Dr. Mackey stated that the department is thrilled that Mrs. Washington was willing to come out of retirement.

Dr. Mackey recognized some educators that attended the Board Meeting. He thanked Mr. Dave Weis, Chairman of the Madison County Board of Education; Ms. Laterrius Christian, Counselor of A. H. Parker High School; Mrs. Kathy Dean, Counselor of Sulligent School; and Mrs. Priscilla Yother, retired principal of Eura Brown Elementary School, Gadsden City School System. Dr. Mackey said that Mrs. Yother has always wanted to attend a Board Meeting and was glad she was able to attend this one. He thanked Mrs. Yother for her service as a principal. Dr. Mackey stated that Mr. Sean Stevens spoke highly of Ms. Christian and Mrs. Dean. He said they both are outstanding counselors.

Dr. Mackey recognized Mrs. Dawn Morrison, Education Administrator, in the Career and Technical Education/Workforce Development Section. He commended Mrs. Morrison for her contributions to the department. He said she has been leading the Computer Science outstanding work for a number of years.

Dr. Mackey recognized Dr. DaLee Chambers, who is the new Special Education Director. Dr. Mackey stated that Dr. Chambers has been in the department for some time and recently assumed the role of director.

Finally, Dr. Mackey stated that the vast majority of Alabama students are back in the classrooms resuming in-person instruction.

There being no other business before the Board, on motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 a.m. The next Alabama State Board of Education Meeting for Elementary and Secondary Education will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2021, at 10 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building followed by the Work Session.

Vice President

Secretary and Executive Officer