

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
APRIL 14, 2022  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 10 a.m., in the auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building, Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting was called to order by the Vice President of the Board in accordance with *Alabama Code* (1975), §16-3-7, as amended.

**PRESIDING: DR. YVETTE RICHARDSON, VICE PRESIDENT**

The invocation was done by Dr. Kathy McFadden, Pastor, Old Ship AME Zion Church, Montgomery, Alabama, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was done in unison.

The following members were present:

**Present**

Mrs. Stephanie Bell in person  
Dr. Tonya Chestnut 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

**Absent**

Governor Kay Ivey

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

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Dr. Tonya Chestnut, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 10, 2022, MEETING**

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mrs. Belinda McRae, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of March 10, 2022.

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mrs. Tracie West, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:

**RESOLUTION HONORING MR. ROBERT M. DAVIS ON BEING SELECTED “BARBARA  
FANNIN MEMORIAL EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER”  
APRIL-JUNE 2022**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Robert Davis, Stock Clerk II in the Alabama State Department of Education, Procurement and Operations Section, demonstrates a positive attitude and is always cooperative; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Robert Davis has worked for the Alabama State Department of Education for 36 years and clearly displays passion for public education and the department’s stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Robert Davis remains professional when supporting colleagues, other state agencies, and members of the public, regardless of the circumstance, and remains pleasant and positive with his communication skills; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Robert Davis is described by his peers as always helpful and goes the extra mile to assist his fellow colleagues. Mr. Davis is always willing to assist others in completing tasks that requires strength and endurance. He is a diligent employee who works tirelessly from the moment he arrives at the office until he leaves at the end of the workday. Mr. Davis is always willing to go to extraordinary lengths to assist others in the department to meet extremely tight deadlines; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Department of Education and the Procurement and Operations Section specifically, hereby express its gratitude to Mr. Robert Davis for his dedication and caring service:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Mr. Robert Davis for his commitment to the Alabama State Department of Education and does hereby express its sincere congratulations.

Done this 14th day of April 2022

On motion by Dr. Cynthia McCarty and seconded by Mrs. Jackie Zeigler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM  
Jacksonville State University**

**WHEREAS**, *Alabama Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.59(2)(a)1., 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 Alabama State Board of Education authorized a review of a proposed Class AA Elementary Education (K-6) program to be provided by Jacksonville State University; and

**WHEREAS**, a review of the proposed program determined that all applicable standards were met; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Superintendent of Education recommends that the program be approved:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby grants approval of the following program to be addressed as noted on the attached pages, until June 30, 2028:

Class AA Elementary Education (K-6)

Done this 14th day of April 2022

On motion by Dr. Cynthia McCarty and seconded by Mrs. Tracie West, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT PASSING SCORE FOR FOUNDATIONS OF READING 190**

**WHEREAS**, *the Alabama Literacy Act*, enacted June 10, 2019, and now codified as Section 16-6G-1, *et seq.*, *Code of Alabama* (1975) affirms Alabama's commitment to improving K-3 reading proficiency by establishing specific guidelines for the licensure and certification of Alabama educators; and

**WHEREAS**, a passing score on a foundational reading assessment is a precondition for initial certification, via the Alabama-approved Educator Preparation Program approach, and other certification approaches, in the areas of Elementary Education (K-6), Early Childhood Education (P-3), and Collaborative Special Education (K-6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education approved Foundations of Reading 190, a Massachusetts foundational reading assessment administered by the Evaluation Systems Group of Pearson, as the required foundation reading assessment beginning September 1, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, an Alabama Standard-Setting Study comprised of Alabama educators was conducted on December 13, 2021, and resulted in a suggested passing score of 233:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That effective September 1, 2022, the Alabama State Board of Education hereby adopts the recommended passing score of 233 for Foundations of Reading 190; 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 14th day of April 2022

On motion by Mrs. Belinda McRae and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted 7-0-1 to approve the following. Dr. Wayne Reynolds abstained.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN ADDENDUM TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, GRADES 4-12**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Textbook Law provides for the adoption of textbooks by the Alabama State Board of Education, the same to be adopted from recommendations made by the State Textbook Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Textbook Committee has made addended recommendations in keeping with said law; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Textbook Committee has worked long and hard hours in making such recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with said law, the Alabama State Board of Education received the recommendations at its December 9, 2021, meeting and 30 days prior notice of the date of consideration by the Alabama State Board of Education was given to news media:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education extends its sincerest appreciation to the State Textbook Committee and to all those who selflessly contributed their time and talents to prepare the attached addended recommendations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the attached addended recommendations for the adoption of textbooks for English Language Arts, Grades 4-12 are approved.

Done this 14th day of April 2022

**EXECUTIVE (INCLUDES LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)**

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

**STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Mackey acknowledged the higher education representatives in the audience. Dr. Mackey stated that several of them attended the Alabama Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (ALACTE) Spring Meeting Dinner last night. He asked them to stand and thanked them for their partnership, work with the Department, and attending the Board Meeting today. Dr. Mackey thanked Mr. Robert Davis, the Barbara Fannin Memorial Employee of the Quarter for his hard work and dedication.

Dr. Mackey stated that Action Item G.2.e, *Alabama Administrative Code* rule that dealt with school facilities approval of construction as permanent rule, was removed from the agenda due to legislators amending the law. The rule as proposed would no longer be in compliance with the law. The Board adopted the item on February 10, 2022, as an emergency rule. The emergency rule is applicable until October 1, 2022. Essentially, there is a six-month grace period to operate under the emergency rule, and the process will be different for schools to perform construction projects. Dr. Mackey informed the Board that another proposed rule will come before them next month to go through the 45 days process.

Dr. Mackey stated that the Pike Road High School Show Choir will be performing the musical today that includes a patriotic piece. He said students from across the state have been phenomenal. Mr. Jeffery Beams, Mr. Joe Clark, Mr. Robert Davis, Mr. James Diamond, Ms. Ayanna Long, and Ms. Theresa Patterson, who are veterans at the Department, will display a special flag during the musical program. The flag belongs to Attorney Earl C. Morgan, father-in-law of Mrs. Terrie Morgan, Director of Human Resources at the Department. On December 8, 1941, the day that President Franklin D. Roosevelt gave his famous speech, Attorney Morgan was a page in the House at the U. S. Capitol, and one of his duties at that time was to take the flag down. The flag has been on display at the Alabama Archives.

Dr. Mackey allowed Dr. Jimmy Hull, Assistant State Superintendent of Education for Career and Technical Education/Workforce Development, to introduce Mr. Russ Cofield, Director of Academy of Craft Training in Birmingham, Alabama, Mr. Mark McCord, Industry Department, and Mr. Todd Walker, Vice President of Associated Builders and Contractors. Mr. Cofield gave a presentation and overview about the program. The Board and audience watched a video on all the skills and education offered at the Academy of Craft Training.

Dr. Mackey stated that the special guest will join the Board at the beginning of the Work Session to answer questions.

There being no other business before the Board, on motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mrs. Tracie West, Board Members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The next Alabama State Board of Education Meeting for Elementary and Secondary Education will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 10 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building followed by the Work Session.

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Vice President

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Secretary and Executive Officer