

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2022  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, September 8, 2022, 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 Reverend Shane Isner, Pastor, First Christian 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  
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.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 11, 2022, MEETING**

On motion by Mrs. Tracie West and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of August 11, 2022.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS NEW ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE 290-040-040-.02, PERTAINING TO CERTAIN TEACHING TECHNIQUES, AND NEW ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE 290-4-5-.08, PERTAINING TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE COORDINATOR**

At this time, Ms. Dana Pigg and Ms. Rachel Mobley, who registered to speak prior to the Alabama State Board of Education meeting on agenda item G.2.l (*New Alabama Administrative Code* Rule 290-040-040-.02, Pertaining to Certain Teaching Techniques), did so in person. Dr. Daniel Birdsong and Ms. Marlo Young, who also registered to speak prior to the Alabama State Board of Education meeting on agenda item G.2.m (*New Alabama Administrative Code* Rule 290-4-5-.08, Pertaining to Mental Health Service Coordinator), did so in person. You can review their speeches at <https://www.youtube.com/user/aldeptofed/live>.

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

**RESOLUTION OF DISTINGUISHED RECOGNITION  
2021 ALABAMA SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM OF DISTINCTION  
AMANDA BLAKE AND SHENIQUA ROBERSON  
SCHOOL COUNSELORS  
DAPHNE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
BALDWIN COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction recognizes school counseling programs that demonstrate an exemplary level of implementation of a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program; and

**WHEREAS**, the program components align with the Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance Model for Alabama Public Schools and the American School Counselor Association National Model; and

**WHEREAS**, comprehensive developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success in school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama School Counselor Association recognizes Daphne Middle School, Baldwin County School System, as a 2021 Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction; and

**WHEREAS**, the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) recognizes Daphne Middle School, Baldwin County School System, as a 2021 Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) School of Distinction:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Amanda Blake and Sheniqua Roberson, the professional school counselors of Daphne Middle School, Baldwin County School System, on achieving the status of an Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction in 2021.

Done this 8th day of September 2022

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

**RESOLUTION OF DISTINGUISHED RECOGNITION  
2021 ALABAMA SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM OF DISTINCTION  
SUMMER DAVIS, KRISTY ELDERKIN, AND KATRYNA KINN  
SCHOOL COUNSELORS  
E. R. DICKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
MOBILE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction recognizes school counseling programs that demonstrate an exemplary level of implementation of a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program; and

**WHEREAS**, the program components align with the Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance Model for Alabama Public Schools and the American School Counselor Association National Model; and

**WHEREAS**, comprehensive developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success in school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama School Counselor Association recognizes E. R. Dickson Elementary School, Mobile County School System, as a 2021 Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction; and

**WHEREAS**, the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) recognizes E. R. Dickson Elementary School, Mobile County School System, as a 2021 Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) School of Distinction:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Summer Davis, Kristy Elderkin, and Katryna Kinn, the professional school counselors of E. R. Dickson Elementary School, Mobile County School System, on achieving the status of an Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction in 2021.

Done this 8th day of September 2022

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

**RESOLUTION OF DISTINGUISHED RECOGNITION  
2021 ALABAMA SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM OF DISTINCTION  
CARISSA DAVIS AND JANIE EVANS  
SCHOOL COUNSELORS  
J. LARRY NEWTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
BALDWIN COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction recognizes school counseling programs that demonstrate an exemplary level of implementation of a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program; and

**WHEREAS**, the program components align with the Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance Model for Alabama Public Schools and the American School Counselor Association National Model; and

**WHEREAS**, comprehensive developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success in school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama School Counselor Association recognizes J. Larry Newton Elementary School, Baldwin County School System, as a 2021 Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction; and

**WHEREAS**, the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) recognizes J. Larry Newton Elementary School, Baldwin County School System, as a 2021 Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Carissa Davis and Janie Evans, the professional school counselors of J. Larry Newton Elementary School, Baldwin County School System, on achieving the status of an Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction in 2021.

Done this 8th day of September 2022

On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Belinda McRae, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:

**RESOLUTION OF DISTINGUISHED RECOGNITION  
2021 ALABAMA SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM OF DISTINCTION  
SHANNON PARKER, SCHOOL COUNSELOR  
MALACHI WILKERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL  
BIRMINGHAM CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction recognizes school counseling programs that demonstrate an exemplary level of implementation of a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program; and

**WHEREAS**, the program components align with the Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance Model for Alabama Public Schools and the American School Counselor Association National Model; and

**WHEREAS**, comprehensive developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success in school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama School Counselor Association recognizes Malachi Wilkerson Middle School, Birmingham City School System, as a 2021 Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction; and

**WHEREAS**, the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) recognizes Malachi Wilkerson Middle School, Birmingham City School System, as a 2021 Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) School of Distinction:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Shannon Parker, the professional school counselor of Malachi Wilkerson Middle School, Birmingham City School System, on achieving the status of an Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction in 2021.

Done this 8th day of September 2022

On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Dr. Wayne Reynolds, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:

**RESOLUTION OF DISTINGUISHED RECOGNITION  
2021 ALABAMA SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM OF DISTINCTION  
BRANDI SHANKLIN, LATONYA JEMISON, AND EMILY WOODROOF  
SCHOOL COUNSELORS  
HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL  
TUSCALOOSA COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction recognizes school counseling programs that demonstrate an exemplary level of implementation of a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program; and

**WHEREAS**, the program components align with the Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance Model for Alabama Public Schools and the American School Counselor Association National Model; and

**WHEREAS**, comprehensive developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success in school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama School Counselor Association recognizes Hillcrest High School, Tuscaloosa County School System, as a 2021 Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction; and

**WHEREAS**, the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) recognizes Hillcrest High School, Tuscaloosa County School System, as a 2021 Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) School of Distinction:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Brandi Shanklin, LaTonya Jemison, and Emily Woodroof, the professional school counselors of Hillcrest High School, Tuscaloosa County School System, on achieving the status of an Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction in 2021.

Done this 8th day of September 2022

On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF ALABAMA 2022 INAUGURAL PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, today over one million Americans are bravely serving in the United States Armed Services. More than 300,000 Alabamians served their nation at home and abroad; and

**WHEREAS**, over 40,000 children in the State of Alabama are members of military families; and

**WHEREAS**, students who have parents in the military may experience unique challenges as a result of their family's military service including attending multiple schools; and

**WHEREAS**, frequent moves, family separations through deployments, and reintegration which can cause academic difficulties for youth; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama Inaugural Purple Star Class of 2022 is committed to meeting the unique needs of all students, especially those of military youth:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama Inaugural Purple Star Class of 2022 offers our gratitude and support for all military personnel, their families, and veterans; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Alabama Inaugural Purple Star Class of 2022 will establish a trained point of contact at each building to support military families; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Alabama Inaugural Purple Star Class of 2022 for the 12 school districts and 53 schools listed below will make every effort to connect military families with the resources they need.

**Autauga County School System**

Daniel Pratt Middle School, Prattville Junior High School, and Prattville High School

**Dale County School System**

South Dale Middle School

**Enterprise City School System**

Coppinville Junior High School, Dauphin Junior High School, Enterprise Early Education Center, Enterprise High School, Harrand Creek Elementary School, Hillcrest Elementary School, Holly Hill Elementary School, Pinedale Elementary School, and Rucker Boulevard Elementary School

**Homewood City School System**

Homewood Middle School and Homewood High School

**Hoover City School System**

Riverchase Elementary School

**Madison City School System**

Bob Jones High School, Columbia Elementary School, Discovery Middle School, Heritage Elementary School, Horizon Elementary School, James Clemens High School, Liberty Middle School, Madison Elementary School, Midtown Elementary School, Mill Creek Elementary School, and Rainbow Elementary School

**Madison County School System**

Buckhorn High School, Lynn Fanning Elementary School, Meridianville Middle School, Mt. Carmel Elementary School, Riverton Elementary School, and Walnut Grove Elementary School

**Montgomery County School System**

Wynton Blount Elementary School

**Ozark City School System**

Carroll High School and Da Smith Middle School

**Phenix City School System**

Central Freshman Academy, Central High School, Lakewood Elementary School, Lakewood Primary School, Meadowlane Elementary School, Phenix City Elementary School, Phenix City Intermediate School, Ridgecrest Elementary School, Sherwood Elementary School, South Girard School, and Westview Elementary School

**Pike Road School System**

Pike Road Elementary School, Pike Road Intermediate School, Pike Road Junior High School, and Pike Road High School

**Russell Count School System**

Russell County Middle School and Russell County High School

Done this 8th day of September 2022

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

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2022 AS  
STATEWIDE PARENT ENGAGEMENT MONTH IN ALABAMA**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Education strongly support parent and family engagement in the education of Alabama students, and parent engagement is critical to student and school success; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education is committed to parent and family engagement in our schools as it strives to provide all public school children with an opportunity for a quality education with high academic standards that offer every student an opportunity to graduate and to obtain the necessary skills to be prepared for the 21st century; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 30 years of research identify parental engagement as a key component in ensuring a child's academic achievement, and a successful partnership between educators and parents is one of the most crucial factors influencing the success of students in school; and

**WHEREAS**, Statewide Parent Engagement Month provides parents the opportunity to learn how they can become more actively engaged in their children's education by visiting their children's school, learning about the curriculum, consulting with their children's teachers, and participating in school activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Statewide Parent Engagement Month is an excellent opportunity for Alabama's public schools to emphasize and increase parent engagement, to partner with communities to raise awareness, and increase support for public education; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education proclaims October 2022 as Statewide Parent Engagement Month in Alabama; declares this year's theme as **Home and School Partnerships: One Voice for Students** that encourages educators, communities, parents, and families to participate in this observance; and challenges educators to solicit sustained, year-round parent and family engagement.

Done this 8th day of September 2022

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE  
AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM  
University of Montevallo**

**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 B Early Childhood Education (P-3) program to be provided for the University of Montevallo; and

**WHEREAS**, a review of the proposed program determined that the program was met with conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Superintendent of Education recommends continued approval with conditions:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby grants approval of the following program with conditions to be addressed as noted on the attached pages, until June 30, 2023:

Class B Early Childhood Education (P-3)

Done this 8th day of September 2022

On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Mrs. Tracie West, the Board voted 8-0-1 to approve the following. Mrs. Stephanie Bell abstained.

**ALABAMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FISCAL YEAR 2023 OPERATING  
BUDGET**

On motion by Dr. Cynthia McCarty and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following.

**ADOPT AMENDED ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE 290-2-4-.06, PERTAINING  
TO LOCAL MECHANIC CERTIFICATION**

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

**ADOPT AMENDED ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE 290-2-1-.01, PERTAINING TO ANNUAL APPORTIONMENT OF FOUNDATION PROGRAM FUNDS**

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

**ADOPT AMENDED ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE 290-040-040-.02, PERTAINING TO CERTAIN TEACHING TECHNIQUES**

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

**ADOPT NEW ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE 290-4-5-.08, PERTAINING TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE COORDINATOR**

On motion by Dr. Cynthia McCarty and seconded by Mrs. Tracie West, the Board voted 6-3-0 to approve the following. Mrs. Stephanie Bell, Mrs. Belinda McRae, and Mrs. Jackie Zeigler opposed.

**ANNOUNCE INTENT TO ADOPT AMENDED ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE 290-3-1-.02, PERTAINING TO REGULATIONS GOVERNING PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**ALABAMA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION NOMINEES**

In accordance with the *Alabama Code*, Speaker of the House Mac McCutcheon recommended two nominees for one position on the Alabama Public Charter School Commission. The nominees were Mr. Luis Ferrer and Ms. Deborah Alvis. The Board voted 7-1-1 to recommend Mr. Luis Ferrer to serve on the Alabama Public Charter School Commission. Mrs. Belinda McRae opposed, and Mrs. Stephanie Bell abstained.

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

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

**STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Mackey congratulated the school counselors for their distinguished recognition as well as the 2022 Inaugural Purple Star Schools representatives. Dr. Mackey invited the participating honorees to remain for portraits immediately after the meeting.

Dr. Mackey stated that the Department is working statewide on improving schools with a very particular model through the Marzano Resources called Solution Tree. He acknowledged Mr. Jeffrey C. Jones, Chief Executive Officer, and Dr. Cameron L. Rains, Director of School Improvement for Solution Tree. Dr. Mackey introduced Dr. Dennis Willingham, Superintendent of the Walker County School System located in State School Board District 7. The Walker County School System has three schools that earned the distinguished national title. Dr. Willingham shared input and some highlights of great things that are happening in the Walker County School System. He recognized Ms. Paige Abner, Principal of Dora High School and her team; Mrs. Amber Freeman, Principal of Bankhead Middle School and her team; and Mrs. Diane Williams, Principal of Cordova Elementary School and her team. These three schools were the first in Alabama to reach level-one certification for Marzano's High Reliability Schools in high, middle, and elementary areas. They were allowed to systematically analyze their strengths, the spotlight, and celebrate those strengths and systematically analyze their weaknesses to make improvement. Most importantly, it is what is best for the kids. Dr. Willingham introduced Dr. Tanya Guin, Central Office Staff Member, to explain how the process got started. Dr. Guin stated that after attending an Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative (AMSTI) Zoom meeting, they decided to move from a system of schools to a unified school system. She gave an in-depth overview of the process and shared a short video. Dr. Guin stated that level one focuses on safe, supportive, and collaborative culture.

Dr. Mackey ended his report by stating that the partnership with the Walker County School System is exactly what the Department wants to do with the Alabama Multi-Tier System of Support (MTSS). MTSS is a comprehensive continuum of evidence-based, systemic practices to support all students' strengths and needs, with regular observation to facilitate data-based decision-

making. Dr. Mackey stated that the plan is to get Highly Reliability Schools across the state. There are currently 52 additional schools in the process of attaining Highly Reliability Schools certification. Dr. Mackey stated that his desire is to continue to push forward.

There being no other business before the Board, on motion by Dr. Cynthia McCarty and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, 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, October 13, 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