

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
JULY 8, 2025
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its Annual meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 10:00 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 Bishop Yvonne Jones, Covenant Ministries International, Montgomery, Alabama, and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag that was done in unison.

The following members were present:

Present

Governor Kay Ivey in person
Dr. Allen Long in person
Mrs. Marie Manning in person
Mrs. Kelly Mooney in person
Dr. Wayne Reynolds in person
Dr. Yvette Richardson in person
Mrs. Tracie West in person
Mrs. Jackie Zeigler in person

Absent

Dr. Tonya Chestnut

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On motion by Mrs. Marie Manning and seconded by Mrs. Tracie West, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 12, 2025, MEETING

On motion by Mrs. Jackie Zeigler and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of June 12, 2025.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT PRO TEM

On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Tracie West, the Board voted unanimously in support of the motion for Mrs. Marie Manning as Vice President. On motion by Mrs. Tracie West and seconded by Mrs. Marie Manning, the Board voted unanimously for Mrs. Kelly Mooney as President Pro Tem.

On motion by Mrs. Tracie West and seconded by Mrs. Marie Manning, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS
Miles College**

WHEREAS, *Alabama Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.59(3), allows a program leading to an Alabama Professional Educator Certificate be approved through the Continuous Improvement in Educator Preparation (CIEP) program review process; and

WHEREAS, Miles College submitted their Class B programs in Biology, Chemistry, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, English Language Arts, General Science, General Social Studies, Mathematics, and Music—Instrumental for review January 2022, and was granted conditional approval until June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Miles College had a CAEP site visit in April 2021 and was granted continuing accreditation; and

WHEREAS, Miles College must submit their next self-study for continuing CAEP accreditation for a review Spring 2028; and

WHEREAS, Miles College decided to submit programs through the CIEP review process during the August 2023 CIEP review session; and

WHEREAS, during the program review, all programs submitted were deemed met pending a few clarifications; and

WHEREAS, a review team visited Miles College for discovery and clarification on March 20, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Miles College was able to address all concerns during the onsite review of programs and documented compliance with all standards for the programs submitted; and

WHEREAS, Miles College submitted a progress report in September 2023 (i.e., revised course syllabi, matrix of program progression, evidence of faculty training in the Science of Reading, evidence of newly adopted textbooks, etc.) detailing their efforts toward meeting the *Alabama Literacy Act* and the recommendations provided by Barksdale Institution for Science of Literacy; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama literacy review team examined the evidence presented by Miles College and determined that significant progress has been made toward implementing the *Alabama Literacy Act* requirements and recommendations submitted by Barksdale; and

WHEREAS, Miles College is engaged in a process of continuous improvement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby grants approval of the following programs until July 31, 2032:

Class B Biology (6-12)
Class B Chemistry (6-12)
Class B Early Childhood 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 Mathematics (6-12)
Class B Music—Instrumental (P-12)

Done this 8th day of July 2025

On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Dr. Allen Long, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS
Oakwood University**

WHEREAS, *Alabama Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.59(3), allows a program leading to an Alabama Professional Educator Certificate be approved through the Continuous Improvement in Educator Preparation (CIEP) program review process; and

WHEREAS, Oakwood University submitted their Class B programs in Biology, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, English Language Arts, General Social Studies, Mathematics, Music—Choral, Music—Instrumental, and Physical Education for review in 2022, and was granted conditional approval until June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Oakwood University had a CAEP site visit in October 2022 resulting in the institution being placed on probation until June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Oakwood University had a probationary CAEP visit in November 2024, and the CAEP Council rendered a decision in April 2025 that Oakwood University was no longer on probation but had achieved full accreditation; and

WHEREAS, Oakwood University decided to submit programs through the CIEP review process during the August 2023 CIEP review session; and

WHEREAS, during the program review, all programs submitted were deemed met pending a few clarifications; and

WHEREAS, a review team visited Oakwood University for discovery and clarification on January 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Oakwood University was able to address all concerns during the onsite review of programs and documented compliance with all standards for the programs submitted; and

WHEREAS, Oakwood University submitted a progress report in September 2023 (i.e., revised course syllabi, matrix of program progression, evidence of faculty training in the Science of Reading, evidence of newly adopted textbooks, etc.) detailing their efforts toward meeting the *Alabama Literacy Act* and the recommendations provided by Barksdale Institution for Science of Literacy; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama literacy review team examined the evidence presented by Oakwood University and determined that significant progress has been made toward implementing the *Alabama Literacy Act* requirements and recommendations submitted by Barksdale; and

WHEREAS, Oakwood University is engaged in a process of continuous improvement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby grants approval of the following programs until July 31, 2032:

Class B Biology (6-12)
Class B Early Childhood Education (P-3)
Class B Elementary Education (K-6)
Class B English Language Arts (6-12)
Class B General Social Studies (6-12)
Class B Mathematics (6-12)
Class B Music—Choral (P-12)
Class B Music—Instrumental (P-12)
Class B Physical Education (P-12)

Done this 8th day of July 2025

EXECUTIVE (INCLUDES LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

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

STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Mackey noted that the July meeting is usually concise but holds significant importance. Dr. Mackey reminded everyone that the Alabama State Board of Education meeting, held on the second Tuesday in July, is the only constitutionally mandated assembly where Board Members elect the Vice President and President Pro Tem. Dr. Mackey congratulated Mrs. Marie Manning who was selected as the Vice President, and Mrs. Kelly Mooney as the President Pro Tem. He said that he looks forward to working with them both, as well as the entire Board, in the year ahead.

Dr. Mackey stated that the 2025 MEGA Conference will take place in Mobile at the Convention Center, July 14-18, 2025. Dr. John C. Maxwell—renowned speaker, coach, and New York Times bestselling author—will serve as a keynote speaker during the Opening Session. Dr. Mackey stated that approximately 3,600 participants are expected to attend the conference. It will probably be the largest MEGA Conference ever. He said that several Board Members are expected to attend the conference, and the Department will be excited to have them. Dr. Mackey stated that we are very excited about Alabama teachers of the classroom who are participants in the Maxwell Leadership Institute. Alabama is the second busiest state for the Institute.

Dr. Mackey noted Board Members can expect a busier agenda in August with the start of the new school year. He mentioned that today's Work Session will cover several additional topics, including the release of positive new test data.

Dr. Mackey welcomed Dr. Farrell Seymore, who is currently the Executive Director of Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools (CLAS). Dr. Mackey noted that this is Dr. Seymore's first Board Meeting in this capacity. Dr. Seymore assumed the role following Dr. Vic Wilson's retirement on July 1, 2025.

There being no other business before the Board, on motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Mrs. Marie Manning, Board Members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m. The next Alabama State Board of Education Meeting for Elementary and Secondary Education will be held on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 10 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building followed by the Work Session.

Vice President

Secretary and Executive Officer