

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
MARCH 12, 2026
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, March 12, 2026, 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 Reverend Candice Frazer, Rector, Church of the Ascension, Montgomery, Alabama, and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag that was done in unison.

The following members were present:

Present

Dr. Tonya Chestnut in person
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

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 12, 2026, MEETING

On motion by Mrs. Tracie West and seconded by Mrs. Marie Manning, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of February 12, 2026.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE RESOLUTION TO APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS FOR SOCIAL
STUDIES, GRADES K-12**

At this time, Becky Gerritson of Eagle Forum; Robert Monk; Dr. Bill Mann, Principal of the Vestavia Hills High School Freshman Campus; and Casey Piola, Social Studies Teacher at Homewood High School—who registered to speak prior to the Alabama State Board of Education meeting on agenda item G.2.e (Resolution to Approve Recommendations of the State Textbook Committee for Adoption of Textbooks for Social Studies, Grades K-12), did so in person. The speakers' speeches may be viewed in full, as well as the complete Board meeting, at [Alabama Achieves | SBOE | Meeting Videos](#). Governor Ivey, the Board Members, and the State Superintendent thanked the speakers for providing their input and for sharing their views.

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

**RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF THE
2026 COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM MODEL
FOR ALABAMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education encourage exemplary school counselors and school counseling programs in the state's public school systems; and

WHEREAS, school counseling is constantly changing and evolving to enhance the learning environment and contribute to student achievement; and

WHEREAS, research indicates a high correlation between quality school counseling programs and increased student achievement; and

WHEREAS, school counseling professionals, district and school administrators, and educators throughout the state provided input into the development of the *2026 Comprehensive School Counseling Program Model for Alabama Public Schools*, a revision of the *Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance State Model for Alabama Public Schools (2003)*; and

WHEREAS, the *2026 Comprehensive School Counseling Program Model for Alabama Public Schools* focuses on the role of the school counseling program as an integral component in the teaching and learning process and is designed to be used collaboratively by the learning community to improve student success in academic development, career development, and foundational wellness; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education has reviewed the State Task Force’s report on Comprehensive School Counseling Programs and recommends its adoption:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the attached report by the Task Force on the Alabama School Counseling State Model is approved by the Alabama State Board of Education on March 12, 2026.

Done this 12th day of March 2026

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT
THE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE COURSE OF STUDY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, *Code of Alabama (1975) §16-35-1 through 5* provides that the Alabama State Board of Education shall constitute Courses of Study Committees for the purposes and functions as provided within the statute; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education recommends approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education appoints those persons listed on the attached as members of the Energy and Natural Resources State Course of Study Committee for a period of one year or until their successors are appointed.

Done this 12th day of March 2026

2026 Energy and Natural Resources (CTE) Course of Study Committee

Committee Members			
Name	Congressional District	Board District	School System
Dr. Brock Nolin, CHAIR	6	3	Tallassee City School System
Brandon Hollis	7	4	Pickens County School System
Brooke Elliott-Elrod	6	3	Chilton County School System
Clay Ninas	2	2	Phenix City School System
Coleman Lett	3	6	Calhoun County School System
David Lowery	6	3	Chilton County School System
Jason Sasser	2	2	Phenix City School System
Jennifer Jaynes	1	1	Baldwin County School System
Jessica Hodnett	3	2	Tallapoosa County School System
Joshua Woody Bryan	3	2	Chambers County School System
Kara Slaton	5	7	Morgan County School System
Kimberly Murray	3	6	Talladega City School System
Lauren Graham	5	8	Limestone County School System
Logan Strock	6	5	Autauga County School System
Lovell Briggins	7	4	Hale County School System

Mary Coker	1	1	Andalusia City School System
Mary Jo Abrams	4	7	Walker County School System
Reigh Pelley	2	5	Montgomery County School System
Rachel Sullivan-Borden	4	7	Franklin County School System
Higher Education			
Bill Hames	3	2	Auburn University
Chris Clemons	3	2	Auburn University
Jason McKibben	3	2	Auburn University

Congressional District Representation

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	3	7	2	2	4	2

Board District Representation

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2	7	3	2	2	2	3	1

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE NOMINATIONS FOR
TWO OPEN POSITIONS ON THE
ALABAMA SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

WHEREAS, the *Code of Alabama (1975)*, Section 16-26B-4, states that as terms of board members of the Alabama School of Fine Arts Board of Trustees expire that the school shall recommend to the State Superintendent of Education and the Alabama State Board of Education qualified persons for appointments to the Board; and

WHEREAS, said statute also requires the Alabama School of Fine Arts to submit the names of qualified people for appointment to the board in order of preference; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama School of Fine Arts has submitted for consideration and approval via attached information the names of individuals nominated for two open positions on its Board of Trustees in order of preference with biographical information on the top nominee for each open position:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby approve the recommendation of Dr. Jeffrey Moore for open position one and Mrs. Manisha Mishra for open position two on the Alabama School of Fine Arts Board of Trustees.

Done this 12th day of March 2026

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE
FOR ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS FOR ARTS EDUCATION
GRADES K-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 its 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 February 12, 2026, 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 thanks to the State Textbook Committee and to all those who have worked to prepare the attached recommendations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the attached recommendations for approval or rejection of textbooks for Arts Education are hereby ratified.

Done this 12th day of March 2026

On motion by Dr. Tonya Chestnut and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted 5-4-0 to approve the following. Dr. Allen Long, Mrs. Kelly Mooney, Dr. Wayne Reynolds, and Mrs. Jackie Zeigler opposed.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE
FOR ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS FOR SOCIAL STUDIES
GRADES K-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 its 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 February 12, 2026, 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 thanks to the State Textbook Committee and to all those who have worked to prepare the attached recommendations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the recommendations for approval or rejection of textbooks for Social Studies are hereby ratified.

Done this 12th day of March 2026

EXECUTIVE (INCLUDES LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

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

STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

There was no report.

There being no other business before the Board, on motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, 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, April 9, 2026, at 10 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building followed by the Work Session.

Vice President

Secretary and Executive Officer