

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
JUNE 11, 2026
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, June 11, 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 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

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 Mrs. Tracie West, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MAY 14, 2026, MEETING

On motion by Dr. Allen Long and seconded by Dr. Tonya Chestnut, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of May 14, 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
2026-2027 STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE FOR
DIGITAL LITERACY AND COMPUTER SCIENCE GRADES K-12**

WHEREAS, the *Code of Alabama* 1975, §16-36-60, provides for the appointment of a State Textbook Committee; and

WHEREAS, said law provides that four elementary teachers and four high school teachers are to be selected to serve on the State Textbook Committee and are to come from each of the eight State Board of Education districts of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, said law provides that four people who shall be teachers, principals, supervisors, or superintendents are to be selected from the state-at-large; and

WHEREAS, said law provides that two members of said State Textbook Committee are to be selected from the institutions of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, said law provides that the fourteen people on the attached list are to be nominated to the Alabama State Board of Education by the State Superintendent of Education; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education recommends approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the people on the attached list are hereby appointed to the 2026-2027 State Digital Literacy Textbook Committee for a term beginning June 23, 2026, and ending on June 23, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board recognizes that said law provides that the Governor of Alabama is to appoint nine people not in the field of education to serve on this State Textbook Committee and welcomes them to full membership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That State Superintendent of Education Eric G. Mackey is hereby authorized to fill any vacancy that may occur on this State Textbook Committee until the next meeting of this Alabama State Board of Education after such vacancy occurs and same to be added as ad interim business.

Done on this 11th day of June 2026

**2026-2027 DIGITAL LITERACY AND COMPUTER SCIENCE
STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE**

TERM: June 23, 2026 – June 23, 2027

ALABAMA STATE BOARD DISTRICT

I	Miranda Mosley	Secondary	Mobile County School System
II	Logan Rasmusson	Elementary	Phenix City School System
III	Haley Lushington	Elementary	Vestavia Hills City School System
IV	Keith Summerford	Secondary	Tuscaloosa City School System
V	Rita Carmichael	Elementary	Selma City School System
VI	Stephanie Pittman	Secondary	AL Institute for Deaf & Blind
VII	Anna Jeffreys	Elementary	Franklin County School System
VIII	Teresa Hodge	Secondary	Madison County School System

STATE-AT-LARGE

A.	Tiffany Fowler	Teacher	Dothan City School System
B.	Katrina Jennings	Teacher	Blount County School System
C.	Amanda Frye	Teacher	Lawrence County School System
D.	Faith Plunkett	Teacher	Decatur City School System

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

A.	Fan Wu	Professor	Tuskegee University
B	Jung Won Hur	Professor	Auburn University

Done this 11th day of June 2026

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

RESOLUTION TO EMBED CAREER PREPARATION STANDARDS AND FINANCIAL LITERACY REQUIREMENTS INTO BUSINESS SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS I

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students graduate from high school prepared for postsecondary education, gainful employment, and responsible citizenship; and

WHEREAS, career preparation is a required component for graduation in the State of Alabama, designed to equip students with essential employability skills, workplace readiness behaviors, and career preparation competencies; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2023, the Alabama State Board of Education amended *Alabama Administrative Code* Rule 290-3-1-.02 to align Alabama High School Graduation Requirements with *Act 2023-179*, enacted during the 2023 Alabama Legislative Session, which established required instruction and assessment in personal financial literacy and money management to ensure students develop essential financial decision-making skills; and

WHEREAS, the Business Software Applications I course provides an appropriate instructional setting for embedding career preparation standards and financial literacy competencies through applied learning and real-world business scenarios, and such embedding promotes instructional efficiency, reduces duplication across courses, and ensures equitable access to required competencies for all students across the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Department of Education, through its Office of Career and Technical Education and Workforce Development, has reviewed and determined that embedding these required competencies within Business Software Applications I aligns with state graduation requirements, workforce expectations, and statutory financial literacy mandates:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the revised Business Software Applications I standards shall clearly identify career preparation competencies and financial literacy requirements as integral components of the course framework:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That local education agencies are authorized to implement the revised Business Software Applications I standards beginning with the 2026–2027 school year, and that the Alabama State Department of Education shall provide technical assistance, professional learning, and instructional guidance to support educators and local education agencies in the effective implementation of the revised standards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the full embedding of career preparation standards and required financial literacy instruction into the Business Software Applications I course standards is hereby approved by the Alabama State Board of Education on June 11, 2026.

Done this 11th day of June 2026

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

**RESOLUTION TO MODIFY PRAXIS
ASSESSMENTS AND SCORES
AS A PRECONDITION FOR INITIAL CERTIFICATION**

WHEREAS, by resolutions from time to time, the Alabama State Board of Education has adopted certain Praxis subject assessments and minimum passing scores as a condition for initial educator certification in the state of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, earning a passing score on the appropriate Praxis subject assessment is a prerequisite for initial certification in all subjects wherein a Praxis subject assessment has been adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education has followed the pattern of adopting the multi-state passing score from Educational Testing Service as the Alabama passing score; and

WHEREAS, certain Praxis subject assessments previously approved by the Alabama State Board of Education have recently been updated and revised:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby discontinues the following current Praxis subject assessments and adopts the following replacement Praxis subject assessments and the multi-state passing scores as a precondition for initial educator certification in the state of Alabama; and

Discontinued Subject Assessment	Passing Score for Discontinued Subject Assessment	Replacement Subject Assessment	Recommended Passing Score for Replacement Subject Assessment	Effective Date
5089 Middle School Social Studies	153	5589 Middle School Social Studies	149	September 1, 2026
5531 Pre-Kindergarten Education	155	5533 Early Childhood Education: Foundational Knowledge	156	September 1, 2026

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 11th day of June 2026

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

**REPEAL AND REPLACE ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 290-3-2,
PERTAINING TO TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

EXECUTIVE (INCLUDES LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

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

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. Allen Long, Board Members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m. The next Alabama State Board of Education Meeting for Elementary and Secondary Education will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 10 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building followed by the Work Session.

Vice President

Secretary and Executive Officer