

**THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009, 9:31 AM
AS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS UNDER ITS CONTROL**

The State Board of Education of the State of Alabama (also referred to herein as the Board) met in official session to consider postsecondary education matters beginning at 9:31 a.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2009, in the Bencze Theatre in Cherry Hall, George C. Wallace Community College, Dothan, Alabama. The meeting was called in accordance with Section 16-3-7, *Code of Alabama* 1975.

**PRESIDING: MR. RANDY MCKINNEY
VICE PRESIDENT**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. McKinney. The Pledge of Allegiance, led by Dr. Caylor, followed the invocation by Mr. Byers. On roll call, the following Board members were present:

Mrs. Ella Bell
Mrs. Stephanie Bell
Mr. David Byers
Dr. Mary Jane Caylor
Mr. Randy McKinney
Mrs. Betty Peters
Mr. Gary Warren

Also present was Mr. Bradley Byrne, Chancellor of the Department of Postsecondary Education

Absent were Dr. Ethel Hall and Governor Bob Riley

Dr. Linda Young, President of Wallace Community College, welcomed the Board, the Chancellor and staff, and all visitors. She gave a short history of the College and praised the students, programs and projects going on presently.

Mrs. Peters, Board member for District 2, thanked Dr. Young and Wallace Community College faculty and staff for their hospitality during the visit by the Board. She then introduced each Board member.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Mrs. Ella Bell, second by Mr. Byers, the agenda was approved unanimously as presented.

APPROVED

MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2009 MEETING

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, second by Mrs. Ella Bell, the minutes of the January 22, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously as presented.

SECTION VI

PUBLIC HEARING

Mary Bruce Ogles of the Alabama Education Association spoke regarding her concerns with the CITY Program reduction-in-force plan. She stated this action may not put the CITY Program in a financially solvent situation, and that the reduction of actual programs could be necessary without additional funding. She asked that the Board consider directing funds to the CITY Program from other sources for the remainder of this fiscal year to avoid terminating employees that work every day to turn young people's lives around.

SECTION VII
(INSTRUCTIONAL AND STUDENT SERVICES, FACILITIES, FISCAL,
AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)

ADOPTED

On motion by Dr. Caylor, second by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board approved unanimously the following ten (10) items:

JOHN C. CALHOUN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The Board authorized Calhoun Community College to construct parking spaces on the Research Park (Huntsville) Campus. Planning must be completed and construction contracts executed no later than November 26, 2009, or this authorization will expire. Fiscal consideration: \$1,275,000 – College Plant Fund (Unexpended)

JOHN C. CALHOUN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
RENOVATION PROJECT

The Board authorized Calhoun Community College to renovate Harris Hall on the Decatur Campus. Planning must be completed and construction contracts executed no later than November 26, 2009, or this authorization will expire. Fiscal consideration: \$2,000,000 – College Plant Fund (Unexpended)

CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION ON BOND ISSUE

The Board approved the Authorizing Resolution which sets forth details regarding the issuance of approximately \$9,000,000 limited obligation Alabama State Board of Education revenue bonds for the benefit of Chattahoochee Valley Community College to finance the construction of a three-story instructional center. Fiscal consideration: Estimated debt service on the 25-year bond issue is approximately \$647,188 annually. The principal and interest will be paid from student tuition and fees, including a Special Building Fee of \$8 per credit hour.

JEFFERSON DAVIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION ON RENOVATION PROJECT

The Board granted Jefferson Davis Community College additional authorization on a renovation project previously approved on November 13, 2008. Planning must be completed and construction contracts executed no later than August 13, 2009, or this authorization will expire. Fiscal consideration: \$60,000 – Alabama Public School and College Authority (PSCA-Project #7C41)

GADSDEN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PURCHASE OF INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT

The Board authorized Gadsden State Community College to purchase equipment for instructional purposes. This purchase must be completed no later than August 26, 2009, or this authorization will expire. Fiscal consideration: \$353,100 – Current Restricted Fund (Federal Vocational Funds)

GADSDEN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PURCHASE OF COMPUTERS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT
FOR INSTRUCTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES

The Board authorized Gadsden State Community College to purchase computers and related equipment for instructional and administrative purposes. This purchase must be completed no later than August 26, 2009, or this authorization will expire. Fiscal consideration: \$1,259,000 – Current Unrestricted Fund

NORTHEAST ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
RENOVATION PROJECT – ROOF REPLACEMENT

The Board authorized Northeast Alabama Community College to replace the roof on the Health and Fine Arts Building. Planning must be completed and construction contracts executed no later than November

26, 2009, or this authorization will expire. Fiscal consideration: \$350,000 – College Plant Fund (Renewal and Replacement)

**SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PURCHASE OF INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT**

The Board authorized Shelton State Community College to purchase instructional equipment. Fiscal consideration: \$140,000 – Current Restricted Fund (WIRED Grant)

**H. COUNCIL TRENHOLM STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

The Board authorized Trenholm State Technical College to construct a pedestrian bridge on the Trenholm Campus. Planning must be completed and construction contracts executed no later than November 26, 2009, or this authorization will expire. Fiscal consideration: \$1,321,064 (\$723,653 – Current Restricted Fund [Department of Transportation]; \$572,411 – College Plant Fund [Unexpended]; and \$25,000 – Current Unrestricted Fund)

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
ALLOCATION OF 2008-2009 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUNDS**

The Board authorized the allocation of a portion of the 2008-2009 State Workforce Development Funds as outlined below: Fiscal consideration: \$902,647 – 2008-2009 State Workforce Development Funds

\$235,557 – Calhoun Community College
\$110,557 – Drake State Technical College
\$ 57,769 – Northeast Community College
\$110,557 – Snead State Community College
\$110,557 – Wallace State Community College – Hanceville
\$261,900 – Alabama Technology Network
\$ 15,750 – Southern Union State Community College

**SECTION VIII
(EXECUTIVE AND LEGAL)**

ADOPTED

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, second by Mrs. Peters, and with Mrs. Ella Bell voting no, the Board approved the following two (2) items:

**CENTRAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
REDUCTION-IN-FORCE GUIDELINES FOR CITY PROGRAM**

The Board approved the Reduction-in-Force Guidelines developed by Central Alabama Community College for the CITY Program. Fiscal consideration: None

**CENTRAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2009 CITY PROGRAM REDUCTION-IN-FORCE PLAN**

The Board approved the 2009 Reduction-in-Force Plan developed by Central Alabama Community College for the CITY Skills Training Consortium. Fiscal consideration: None

**ENTERPRISE-OZARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE
APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE**

On motion by Mrs. Peters, second by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to appoint a Presidential Search Committee, comprised of the following individuals, for the presidential vacancy at Enterprise-Ozark Community College. Fiscal consideration: Travel expenses that the committee members

might incur will be paid by the College. The College also will pay all expenses related to formal notice of the vacancy, including advertising and distribution costs and all costs related to visits by the candidates.

**ENTERPRISE-OZARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PRESIDENT SEARCH COMMITTEE
2009**

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ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
PROFESSIONAL LEGAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, second by Mrs. Peters, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chancellor to negotiate the terms of and obtain professional legal liability insurance within certain prescribed parameters and report such to the Board. The Board further authorized and directed each college, the Alabama Industrial Development Training Institute, and the Alabama Technology Network to purchase professional legal liability insurance under the policy recommended by the Chancellor for the coverage period March 1, 2009, through February 28, 2010. Fiscal consideration: Maximum of \$478,750 – Current Unrestricted Fund

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
REVISED 2009 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, second by Mrs. Peters, and with Mr. McKinney abstaining, the Board adopted the revised Legislative Program for the Alabama Community College System for the 2009 Alabama Legislative Session(s). The Board further authorized the Chancellor to form position statements and issue directives as necessary during such legislative session(s) to further the interests of the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama Community College System. Fiscal consideration: None

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, second by Mrs. Peters, the Board adopted unanimously the following resolution:

RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM, THOMAS EDWARD CORTS

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas Edward Corts was born in Terre Haute, Indiana and grew up in Ashtabula, Ohio, graduated from Georgetown College of Kentucky, earned Master's and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Indiana University, and was afforded many academic honors during his lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Corts retired after 23 years of distinguished service as President of Samford University, which became Alabama's largest privately-supported institution of higher learning, and after his retirement was granted the title of President Emeritus; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Corts served as a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellows, and was appointed by the President of the United States to the Fulbright Scholarship Board, and named by the President of the United States as coordinator of The President's Initiative to Expand Education and, subsequently, as Coordinator of Basic Education in the Office of the Director of Foreign Assistance, in the U.S. State Department, a program providing aid to four million school children in Africa and Central America; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Corts, in his role of coordinating our country's global education and health programs, envisioned a link between health and education and literacy and quality of life, and sought to make a difference in fulfilling what he observed to be a "universal desire for education;" and

WHEREAS, Dr. Corts served as President of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, President of the American Association of Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities, the Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities, and the National Fellowship of Baptist Educators, and as Chairman of the President's Advisory Council of the Association of Governing Boards of Colleges and Universities; and was a founding Director of the Council of Higher Education Accreditation, and founding Chairman of Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform; and

WHEREAS, his numerous awards and recognitions included the Outstanding Educator Award in Alabama, Citizen of the Year Award, the National Council of Accreditation for Teacher Education's "Most Supportive President" Award, the Downtown Action Committee's Jefferson Award, the Charles D. Johnson Award from the International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities, and induction into the Alabama Academy of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Corts fulfilled many civic and community responsibilities, and was listed in *Who's Who in America* and several other *Who's Who* publications, and authored books, articles and publications on various subjects; served as Director of the Public Affairs Research Council of Alabama, and was a lifelong member of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufacturers and Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Corts was named Interim Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System on August 15, 2006; having been recommended by Governor Bob Riley and appointed by the Alabama State Board of Education to provide stable and principled guidance to the system; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Corts was a visionary leader of unquestionable character who readily accepted this challenge to help move the Alabama Community College System forward, saying, "Leadership and personnel may change, but our charge still endures – to provide worthwhile opportunities for the people of Alabama;" and

WHEREAS, Dr. Corts fully supported the mission of the Alabama Community College System, and once said, "Thousands of dedicated persons are working to provide enriching opportunities for our citizens, and as a result, are creating a better Alabama;" and

WHEREAS, Dr. Corts served as Interim Chancellor, bringing the weight and benefit of his personal integrity and professional dedication to the Alabama Community College system, to begin a new era of ethical leadership; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Interim Chancellor, Dr. Corts, as in his previous roles, earned the enduring respect and admiration of his colleagues for his faith, vision, professionalism, gentility, kindness, and his determination to bring beneficial change; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Corts passed from this world on February 6, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Corts was a rare and visionary leader, and left an indelible imprint on the State of Alabama:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education and the Chancellor of the Department of Postsecondary Education, along with the entire Alabama Community College System family, wish to extend their heartfelt condolences to the family of Dr. Thomas Edward Corts, and to record their heartfelt appreciation for his lasting contributions to education throughout our state, nation, and world and to the Alabama Community College System in particular; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chancellor of the Department of Postsecondary Education file this resolution with the permanent minutes of the Board, and present a copy hereof to the Corts family.

SECTION IX
(SUBSIDIARY ITEMS)

TABLED

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, second by Mrs. Peters, the Board voted unanimously to table the following two (2) items:

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
REVISION OF POLICY 609.01: DUTY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

The Board tabled the revised Policy 609.01: Duty Days and Holidays which would allow the President of each institution authority to require additional hours to the normal forty (40) hour work week, if deemed necessary. Fiscal consideration: None

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
REVISION OF POLICY 609.03: OPERATION OF THE INSTITUTION

The Board tabled the revised Policy 609.03: Operation of the Institution which would require at least a forty (40) hour work week. Fiscal consideration: None

SECTION X
(CHANCELLOR'S REPORT)

The Chancellor thanked Dr. Young and her staff for their hospitality and the hard work they did to make this Board meeting and visit possible. He stated that the Department continues to monitor the state's fiscal situation and the coming fiscal stimulus bill. He also presented to the Board the published copy of the Chancellor's Annual Report.

DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next Board work session for postsecondary matters will be held on March 12, 2009, in the Auditorium on the 7th floor of the Alabama Center for Commerce in Montgomery, Alabama. The next Board meeting for postsecondary matters will be held on March 26, 2009, in the Auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building in Montgomery, Alabama.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Mrs. Ella Bell, second by Mrs. Peters, the postsecondary Board meeting was adjourned unanimously at 10:05 a.m.

Vice President

Chancellor