

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
JULY 11, 2023
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its Annual meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 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 Minister Barrett Long, Pastor of First Baptist Church of Tuscumbia, Tuscumbia, Alabama, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was done in unison.

The following members were present:

Present

Governor Kay Ivey in person
Dr. Tonya Chestnut in person
Mrs. Marie Manning 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

Absent

Mrs. Stephanie Bell

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On motion by Dr. Tonya Chestnut and seconded by Mrs. Belinda McRae, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 8, 2023, MEETING

On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Tracie West, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of June 8, 2023.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT PRO TEM

On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Mrs. Marie Manning, the Board voted unanimously in support of the motion for Mrs. Tracie West as Vice President. On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Mrs. Belinda McRae, the Board voted unanimously for Dr. Tonya Chestnut as President Pro Tem.

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

**RESOLUTION HONORING DR. KAREN ANDERSON ON BEING SELECTED “BARBARA
FANNIN MEMORIAL EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER”
JULY–SEPTEMBER 2023**

WHEREAS, Dr. Karen Anderson, Director in the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), Office of Mathematics Improvement, is known for exhibiting a positive and professional attitude, which encourages collaboration between all staff members; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Karen Anderson is a proud graduate of Auburn University, where she earned a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in Educational, Instructional, and Curriculum Supervision; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Karen Anderson has worked for the ALSDE for over nine years and is a Director who is dedicated to the improvement of education for all students in Alabama, and possesses knowledge and experience, which are great assets to the ALSDE’s Office of Mathematics Improvement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Karen Anderson was appointed Director of the Office of Mathematics Improvement in March 2023 and 18 regional coordinators were hired to serve in 11 in-service center regions across the state under her direction; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Karen Anderson asserts that all students are capable of learning Math; and the impact of early learning and math proficiency creates a positive effect on higher learning in mathematics; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Karen Anderson consistently demonstrates resourcefulness in problem solving. When faced with challenges, Dr. Anderson thinks outside the box, explores alternative solutions, and effectively utilizes available resources; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the ALSDE and Office of Mathematics Improvement specifically, hereby express its gratitude to Dr. Karen Anderson on her dedication and caring service:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Dr. Karen Anderson for her commitment to the ALSDE and does hereby express its sincere congratulations.

Done this 11th day of July 2023

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

**RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF AN INNOVATIVE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM
Jacksonville State University**

WHEREAS, a review of an innovative educator preparation program at Jacksonville State University was conducted on January 30, 2023, by the Alabama State Department of Education in accordance with the *Alabama State Board of Education State Department of Education Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.56(2)(b)2; and

WHEREAS, additional documentation was reviewed on February 17, 2023, and May 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the innovative program will allow local education agencies (LEAs) the option of having trained specialists at improving mathematics education outcomes for students; and

WHEREAS, the innovative program leads to a master's degree in Mathematics Specialist (K-6) and a Class A Professional Educator Certificate; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Superintendent of Education recommends approval of the program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby approves the following new program with approval to expire on June 30, 2028:

Class A Mathematics Specialist (K-6)

Done this 11th day of July 2023

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

**RESOLUTION FOR REVISION OF
2022 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
STATE COURSE OF STUDY
(Career Cluster: Architecture and Construction)**

WHEREAS, Title 16, Chapter 35, Section 3 of the *Code of Alabama*, 1975 requires the State Courses of Study Committee to prepare the contents of the courses of study for each grade of the elementary and secondary schools; and

WHEREAS, the report of its recommendations with respect to the compulsory minimum content of courses of study and of recommended revisions of courses, materials, subject content, and treatment in specific courses in such areas are required; and

WHEREAS, said law requires that the reports be submitted to the State Superintendent of Education and to members of the State Textbook Committee for separate written recommendations to the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education has reviewed the State Course of Study Committee's report for revision of the Career and Technical Education and recommends its adoption:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the attached report by the Career and Technical Education State Course of Study Committee on the 2023 Revised Career and Technical Education Course of Study: Architecture and Construction is approved by the Alabama State Board of Education on July 11, 2023.

Done this 11th day of July 2023

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

**RESOLUTION FOR REVISION OF
2022 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
STATE COURSE OF STUDY
(Career Cluster: Transportation, Distribution and Logistics)**

WHEREAS, Title 16, Chapter 35, Section 3 of the *Code of Alabama*, 1975 requires the State Courses of Study Committee to prepare the contents of the courses of study for each grade of the elementary and secondary schools; and

WHEREAS, the report of its recommendations with respect to the compulsory minimum content of courses of study and of recommended revisions of courses, materials, subject content, and treatment in specific courses in such areas are required; and

WHEREAS, said law requires that the reports be submitted to the State Superintendent of Education and to members of the State Textbook Committee for separate written recommendations to the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education has reviewed the State Course of Study Committee's report for revision of the Career and Technical Education and recommends its adoption:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the attached report by the Career and Technical Education State Course of Study Committee on the 2023 Revised Career and Technical Education Course of Study: Transportation, Distribution and Logistics is approved by the Alabama State Board of Education on July 11, 2023.

Done this 11th day of July 2023

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 stated that Dr. Karen Anderson, Director of the Office of Mathematics Improvement, who was honored this morning as the Barbara Fannin Memorial Employee of the Quarter presented at the Southern Legislative Conference on July 9, 2023, in Charleston, South Carolina. Dr. Anderson's session was "F" is for Future: Where do States go after "Failing" the Nation's Report Card. Dr. Mackey was informed by multiple legislatures on the splendid job Dr. Anderson performed representing Alabama at the conference.

Dr. Mackey received letters from the U. S. Department of Education congratulating Special Education Services for Alabama meeting the requirements and purposes of Part B of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (IDEA), which is based on the totality of the state's data and information, including the federal fiscal year 2021 State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report, other state-reported data, and other publicly available information. Federal Programs' letter was to congratulate Alabama for being the only state to submit their recent *Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief* (ESSER) report with zero errors.

Dr. Mackey thanked Mrs. Angela Martin, Deputy State Superintendent, Division of Instruction; Mrs. Shanthia Washington, Assistant State Superintendent of Evaluation, Accountability, and Support; Dr. DaLee Chambers, Program Director of Special Education Services; and Dr. Molly Killingsworth, Program Director of Federal Programs for their hard work.

Dr. Mackey introduced Mr. Anthony J. Buckner, Coordinator of the Office of School Improvement (OSI), who presented an update on the progress of Alabama Turnaround Schools and shared a brief overview of the work performed by the group.

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 10:32 a.m. The next Alabama State Board of Education Meeting for Elementary and Secondary Education will be held on Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 10 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building followed by the Work Session.

Vice President

Secretary and Executive Officer