

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
JULY 13, 2021  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its Annual meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 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 Reverend Shane Isner, Pastor, First Christian Church, Montgomery, Alabama, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was done in unison.

The following members were present:

**Present**

Dr. Tonya Chestnut  
Governor Kay Ivey  
Dr. Cynthia McCarty  
Mrs. Belinda McRae  
Dr. Wayne Reynolds  
Dr. Yvette Richardson  
Mrs. Tracie West  
Mrs. Jackie Zeigler

**Absent**

Mrs. Stephanie Bell

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 JUNE 10, 2021, MEETING**

On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Dr. Tonya Chestnut, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of June 10, 2021.

**ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT PRO TEM**

On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Dr. Tonya Chestnut, the Board voted unanimously in support of the motion for Dr. Yvette Richardson as Vice President. On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted unanimously for Dr. Wayne Reynolds as President Pro Tem.

**EXECUTIVE (INCLUDES LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)**

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

**STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Mackey stated that today is the Alabama State Board of Education's Annual meeting, which is the only meeting scheduled in the state constitution and occurs on the second Tuesday in July in order to elect the Vice President and President Pro Tem. He thanked the Board Members who made some arrangements to meet today to serve the Board's constitutional duties to elect officers.

Dr. Mackey noted that the MEGA Conference is going on this week in Mobile, Alabama. He stated that Mrs. Jackie Zeigler was able to join him yesterday to welcome 3,600 professional educators in person and approximately 1,000 virtual attendees. Dr. Mackey stated that approximately five percent of employees are gathered together at one place listening, learning, and getting high-quality professional development. He said it was a great kick off ceremony for the conference. Dr. Mackey stated that he shook a lot of hands and greeted hundreds of educators attending the MEGA Conference. He said it was good to see people back together learning in person.

Dr. Mackey gave a big thank you to everyone in the Alabama State Department of Education. Dr. Mackey stated that Mrs. Nora Thorington serves on the MEGA Committee and helps to coordinate the conference delayed her departure until after the Board's meeting. He said that it is a positive sign for the upcoming schools after witnessing lots of good discussions about classroom interventions and things that educators want to do. Dr. Mackey thanked all of the sponsors and supporters of the MEGA Conference. He said that he hopes that is a good sign of a positive school year to come.

There being no other business before the Board, on motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Mrs. Belinda McRae, 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 12, 2021, at 10 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building followed by the Work Session.

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Vice President

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Secretary and Executive Officer