

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
JULY 14, 2020  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its Annual meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, 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 Mrs. Tracie West, Alabama State Board of Education Member, District Two, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was done in unison.

The following members were present:

**Present**

Mrs. Stephanie Bell via electronic means  
Governor Kay Ivey via electronic means  
Dr. Cynthia McCarty in person  
Mr. Jeff Newman via electronic means  
Dr. Wayne Reynolds via electronic means  
Dr. Yvette Richardson via electronic means  
Dr. Tommie Stewart via electronic means  
Mrs. Tracie West in person  
Mrs. Jackie Zeigler in person

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

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

**ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 290-010-010.04, WHICH ARE IN CONFLICT AND SUPERSEDED BY THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION RELATED TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT ISSUED ON MARCH 18, 2020; NAMELY, THE REQUIREMENT TO VOTE BY RAISED HAND AND THOSE PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM BY PHYSICAL PRESENCE AND MEETING BY ELECTRONIC MEANS**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Tracie West, the Board voted 8-0-1 to approve the agenda, Dr. Cynthia McCarty abstained.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 11, 2020, MEETING**

On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Jackie Zeigler, the Board voted 8-0-1 to approve the minutes for the meeting of June 11, 2020, Dr. Cynthia McCarty abstained.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted unanimously in support of the motion for Mrs. Jackie Zeigler as Vice President. On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Mrs. Tracie West, the Board voted unanimously for Dr. Yvette Richardson as President Pro Tem.

On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Dr. Tommie Stewart, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following.

**Approve Dr. Tracye Cutts Strichik as Exempt Director for Alabama Reading Initiative**

On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following.

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A REPLACEMENT MEMBER TO THE 2020-2021 MATHEMATICS STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE**

**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 seven congressional districts of Alabama and one statewide; 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 2020-2021 State Mathematics Textbook Committee for a term beginning June 1, 2020, and ending on May 31, 2021:

**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:

**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:

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That Mr. Robert Dolbare of the Dallas County School System replaces Ms. Felicia-King Thomas of the Dallas County School System on the Mathematics State Textbook Committee.

**2020-2021 STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE  
MATHEMATICS, GRADES K-12**

**TERM: JUNE 1, 2020 - MAY 31, 2021**

**CONGRESSIONAL  
DISTRICT**

I	Leanne Bullard	Secondary	Monroe County
II	Lashuana Taylor	Elementary	Montgomery County
III	Leigh Twigg	Elementary	Calhoun County
IV	Anna Boone	Elementary	Boaz City
V	Bonnie Jacquis	Secondary	Limestone County
VI	Josh Argo	Secondary	Leeds City
VII	Phala Mims	Secondary	Marengo County

**STATE-WIDE** Marissa Benjamin Elementary Hoover City

**STATE-AT-LARGE**

A.	Sandra Dempsey	Teacher	Gulf Shores City
B.	Robert Dolbare	Teacher	Dallas County
C.	Bianca Gaither	Teacher	Jefferson County
D.	Jennifer Johnson	Administrator	Houston County

**INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING**

A.	Heather G. Haskell	Lecturer	Auburn University
B.	Dr. Terri Johnson	Interim Dean	University of Alabama Huntsville

Done this 14th day of July 2020

On motion by Dr. Cynthia McCarty and seconded by Mrs. Tracie West, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM  
Athens State University**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education approves educator preparation programs, including the time frame for approved program status; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education granted conditional approval to the proposed Class B Health Education (6-12) and Physical Education (P-12) program at Athens State University on May 10, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) reviewed Athens State University programs during October 19-21, 2014, and granted continuing accreditation on April 29, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, additional documentation to address conditions was reviewed in May 2020 under the Continuous Improvement in Educator Preparation (CIEP) program review process; and

**WHEREAS**, compliance with Alabama State Board of Education rules has been verified; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Superintendent of Education recommends continued approval with conditions:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby grants approval of the following educator preparation program at Athens State University, with conditions to be addressed as noted on the attached pages, until June 30, 2022:

Class B Health Education (6-12) and Physical Education (P-12)

Done this 14th day of July 2020

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following.

**RESOLUTION OF DISTINGUISHED RECOGNITION – 2020 ALABAMA SCHOOL  
COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR, HAYDEN BELISLE,  
OAK MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, an innovative Alabama educator, who makes it her personal mission to incorporate strategies to make learning more engaging and relevant for students, Hayden Belisle has earned the prestigious Alabama School Counselor of the Year Award; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama School Counselor of the Year Award is one of the highest honors bestowed by the Alabama School Counselor Association; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Counselor of the Year Award honors school counseling professionals who devote their careers advocating for students in helping them to achieve success in school and throughout life; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama’s school counselors make significant contributions to the total and overall well-being of students and advocate for academic achievement, career development, and social growth; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama School Counselor of the Year Hayden Belisle is a counselor at Oak Mountain Elementary School located in the Shelby County School System; and

**WHEREAS**, this is her fifteenth year at Oak Mountain Elementary School where she has been instrumental in developing a variety of student-centered programs including student mentoring and leadership opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama School Counselor of the Year Hayden Belisle is described as, “a calm, decisive decision maker with wisdom that only comes from hard work, dedication, and innate character”; and

**WHEREAS**, her colleagues and peers in education truly feel that she embodies the spirit of a counselor – engaged, knowledgeable, and a mentor to all students; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama School Counselor of the Year Hayden Belisle received her Bachelor’s degree in Psychology from Auburn University, and Masters of Education degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of Montevallo; and

**WHEREAS**, the Great State of Alabama is proud of Alabama School Counselor of the Year Hayden Belisle and her many accomplishments:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby extend appreciation and heartfelt congratulations to Alabama’s 2020 School Counselor of the Year Hayden Belisle.

Done this 14th day of July 2020

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

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF LORIN ESO  
MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MADISON CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM  
WINNER OF THE 2020 “BRINGING OUR MISSING CHILDREN HOME”  
POSTER CONTEST**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Education strongly support the national effort to commemorate the valiant and unselfish acts of the many organizations and individuals that work to keep Alabama students safe; and

**WHEREAS**, each year 1.3 million children are reported missing; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement, citizens, and even children have been instrumental in keeping children safe and returning them home to their families, community, and school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education is committed to working with the United States Department of Justice through the Alabama Department of Public Safety and the Alabama Center for Missing and Exploited Children in sponsoring a poster contest entitled “Bringing Our Missing Children Home”; and

**WHEREAS**, the statewide “Bringing Our Missing Children Home” poster contest is an excellent opportunity for Alabama’s public schools to emphasize and increase community involvement, to partner with law enforcement officials to raise awareness and increase support for assistance in finding missing children, and to educate parents and others about child safety:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Lorin Eso, a fifth-grader at Madison Elementary School in the Madison City School System, as the winner of the “Bringing Our Missing Children Home” poster contest and wishes her well in the national poster competition; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education recognizes all the Alabama educators who participated, Mrs. Casey Cotton, Teacher; Mr. Jamie Brian Golliver, Principal, Madison Elementary School; and Mr. Robert Vincent Parker, Superintendent, Madison City School System.

Done this 14th day of July 2020

On motion by Dr. Cynthia McCarty and seconded by Mr. Jeff Newman, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following.

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING BETH BRUMLEY  
ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION,  
2020 NEW CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION  
TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, Beth Brumley made a career change from healthcare to start the very first Health Science Program for the Colbert County School System; and

**WHEREAS**, immediately upon hiring Beth Brumley, she began building the program from scratch starting with facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, in less than one month, Beth Brumley successfully and completely renovated the former Home Economics Department at Colbert Heights High School from a fully equipped food preparation area into a complete simulation lab and classroom for health science studies; and

**WHEREAS**, Beth Brumley visited Health Science programs in colleges and other high schools to learn about best practices in setting up simulation labs while ensuring that her students would have the best academic and hands-on experience possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the program began its first year with only a few students from Colbert Heights High School enrolled in Foundations of Health Science and a small group of eighth graders enrolled in Health Explorations, with classes averaging about twelve students each; and

**WHEREAS**, four years later, Foundations of Health Science, Medical Terminology, Sports Medicine, and Health Science Internship with Certified Nursing Assistant and Certified Patient Care are now being offered to every high school in the Colbert County School System, with students being transported to Colbert Heights High School from other campuses; and

**WHEREAS**, Beth Brumley was recognized by the Association for Career and Technical Education national award in December as the 2020 Outstanding New Teacher of the Year:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Beth Brumley for her work and dedication in support of excellence in education.

Done this 14th day of July 2020

On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following.

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF KITSON HAMILL  
HUNTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, HUNTSVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM,  
AS A 2020 NATIONAL CENTER FOR WOMEN AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(NCWIT) ASPIRATIONS, HONORABLE MENTION RECIPIENT**

**WHEREAS**, now that the highly-versatile and sought-after computer science skillset is essential in today's information economy, initiatives that promote computer science awareness and lead to increased college graduates with computing-related degrees are more important than ever; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Center for Women and Information Technology Aspirations for Computing Initiative, chartered in 2004 by the National Science Foundation, provides girls and young women with ongoing engagement, visibility, and encouragement for their computing-related interests and achievements in high school through college and into the workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, inspiring more girls and young women to choose careers in STEM is not about parity; but it is about a compelling issue of innovation, competitiveness, and workforce sustainability; including the ability to design technology that is as broad and creative as the people it serves; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 8,000 applicants were submitted for the national Aspirations in Computing (AiC) awards program resulting in only 5% of applicants receiving recognition in the entire nation; and

**WHEREAS**, through the northern and southern regional affiliates, Alabama is honored to recognize seven 2020 NCWIT honorable mentions from among a number of young women who display aptitude and interest in computer science; and

**WHEREAS**, Kittson Hamill, Huntsville High School, Huntsville City School System, has demonstrated excellence in the computer science and information technology field in the classroom; and

**WHEREAS**, Kittson Hamill was chosen as a 2020 National Honorable Mention to receive the award for displaying a high aptitude and aspirations in technology and computing, as demonstrated by computing experience, computing-related activities, leadership experience, tenacity in the face of barriers to access, and plans for postsecondary education:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Kittson Hamill upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama's outstanding young women who display excellence in computer science.

Done this 14th day of July 2020

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mr. Jeff Newman, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following.

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF BEBE HOLLOWAY  
MOUNTAIN BROOK HIGH SCHOOL, MOUNTAIN BROOK CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AS A  
2020 NATIONAL CENTER FOR WOMEN AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (NCWIT)  
ASPIRATIONS, HONORABLE MENTION RECIPIENT**

**WHEREAS**, now that the highly-versatile and sought-after computer science skillset is essential in today's information economy, initiatives that promote computer science awareness and lead to increased college graduates with computing-related degrees are more important than ever; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Center for Women and Information Technology Aspirations for Computing Initiative, chartered in 2004 by the National Science Foundation, provides girls and young women with ongoing engagement, visibility, and encouragement for their computing-related interests and achievements in high school through college and into the workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, inspiring more girls and young women to choose careers in STEM is not about parity; but it is about a compelling issue of innovation, competitiveness, and workforce sustainability; including the ability to design technology that is as broad and creative as the people it serves; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 8,000 applicants were submitted for the national Aspirations in Computing (AiC) awards program resulting in only 5% of applicants receiving recognition in the entire nation; and

**WHEREAS**, through the northern and southern regional affiliates, Alabama is honored to recognize seven 2020 NCWIT honorable mentions from among a number of young women who display aptitude and interest in computer science; and

**WHEREAS**, Bebe Holloway, Mountain Brook High School, Mountain Brook City School System, has demonstrated excellence in the computer science and information technology field in the classroom; and

**WHEREAS**, Bebe Holloway was chosen as a 2020 National Honorable Mention to receive the award for displaying a high aptitude and aspirations in technology and computing, as demonstrated by computing experience, computing-related activities, leadership experience, tenacity in the face of barriers to access, and plans for postsecondary education:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Bebe Holloway upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama's outstanding young women who display excellence in computer science.

Done this 14th day of July 2020

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mrs. Tracie West, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following.

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF JADE MCGEE  
HOOVER HIGH SCHOOL, HOOVER CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM,  
AS A 2020 NATIONAL CENTER FOR WOMEN AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(NCWIT) ASPIRATIONS, HONORABLE MENTION RECIPIENT**

**WHEREAS**, now that the highly-versatile and sought-after computer science skillset is essential in today's information economy, initiatives that promote computer science awareness and lead to increased college graduates with computing-related degrees are more important than ever; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Center for Women and Information Technology Aspirations for Computing Initiative, chartered in 2004 by the National Science Foundation, provides girls and young women with ongoing engagement, visibility, and encouragement for their computing-related interests and achievements in high school through college and into the workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, inspiring more girls and young women to choose careers in STEM is not about parity; but it is about a compelling issue of innovation, competitiveness, and workforce sustainability; including the ability to design technology that is as broad and creative as the people it serves; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 8,000 applicants were submitted for the national Aspirations in Computing (AiC) awards program resulting in only 5% of applicants receiving recognition in the entire nation; and

**WHEREAS**, through the northern and southern regional affiliates, Alabama is honored to recognize seven 2020 NCWIT honorable mentions from among a number of young women who display aptitude and interest in computer science; and

**WHEREAS**, Jade McGee, Hoover High School, Hoover City School System, has demonstrated excellence in the computer science and information technology field in the classroom; and

**WHEREAS**, Jade McGee was chosen as a 2020 National Honorable Mention to receive the award for displaying a high aptitude and aspirations in technology and computing, as demonstrated by computing experience, computing-related activities, leadership experience, tenacity in the face of barriers to access, and plans for postsecondary education:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Jade McGee upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama's outstanding young women who display excellence in computer science.

Done this 14th day of July 2020

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mr. Jeff Newman, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following.

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF PHAEDRA MANUEL  
HOOVER HIGH SCHOOL, HOOVER CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM,  
AS A 2020 NATIONAL CENTER FOR WOMEN AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(NCWIT) ASPIRATIONS, HONORABLE MENTION RECIPIENT**

**WHEREAS**, now that the highly-versatile and sought-after computer science skillset is essential in today's information economy, initiatives that promote computer science awareness and lead to increased college graduates with computing-related degrees are more important than ever; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Center for Women and Information Technology Aspirations for Computing Initiative, chartered in 2004 by the National Science Foundation, provides girls and young women with ongoing engagement, visibility, and encouragement for their computing-related interests and achievements in high school through college and into the workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, inspiring more girls and young women to choose careers in STEM is not about parity; but it is about a compelling issue of innovation, competitiveness, and workforce sustainability; including the ability to design technology that is as broad and creative as the people it serves; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 8,000 applicants were submitted for the national Aspirations in Computing (AiC) awards program resulting in only 5% of applicants receiving recognition in the entire nation; and

**WHEREAS**, through the northern and southern regional affiliates, Alabama is honored to recognize seven 2020 NCWIT honorable mentions from among a number of young women who display aptitude and interest in computer science; and

**WHEREAS**, Phaedra Manuel, Hoover High School, Hoover City School System, has demonstrated excellence in the computer science and information technology field in the classroom; and

**WHEREAS**, Phaedra Manuel was chosen as a 2020 National Honorable Mention to receive the award for displaying a high aptitude and aspirations in technology and computing, as demonstrated by computing experience, computing-related activities, leadership experience, tenacity in the face of barriers to access, and plans for postsecondary education:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Phaedra Manuel upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama's outstanding young women who display excellence in computer science.

Done this 14th day of July 2020

On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following.

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF ELIZABETH RHONEMUS  
HUNTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, HUNTSVILLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM,  
AS A 2020 NATIONAL CENTER FOR WOMEN AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(NCWIT) ASPIRATIONS, HONORABLE MENTION RECIPIENT**

**WHEREAS**, now that the highly-versatile and sought-after computer science skillset is essential in today's information economy, initiatives that promote computer science awareness and lead to increased college graduates with computing-related degrees are more important than ever; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Center for Women and Information Technology Aspirations for Computing Initiative, chartered in 2004 by the National Science Foundation, provides girls and young women with ongoing engagement, visibility, and encouragement for their computing-related interests and achievements in high school through college and into the workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, inspiring more girls and young women to choose careers in STEM is not about parity; but it is about a compelling issue of innovation, competitiveness, and workforce sustainability; including the ability to design technology that is as broad and creative as the people it serves; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 8,000 applicants were submitted for the national Aspirations in Computing (AiC) awards program resulting in only 5% of applicants receiving recognition in the entire nation; and

**WHEREAS**, through the northern and southern regional affiliates, Alabama is honored to recognize seven 2020 NCWIT honorable mentions from among a number of young women who display aptitude and interest in computer science; and

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth Rhonemus, Huntsville High School, Huntsville City School System, has demonstrated excellence in the computer science and information technology field in the classroom; and

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth Rhonemus was chosen as a 2020 National Honorable Mention to receive the award for displaying a high aptitude and aspirations in technology and computing, as demonstrated by computing experience, computing-related activities, leadership experience, tenacity in the face of barriers to access, and plans for postsecondary education:



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Elizabeth Rhonemus upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama's outstanding young women who display excellence in computer science.

Done this 14th day of July 2020

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

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MARCELLA TODD  
ALABAMA SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE,  
AS A 2020 NATIONAL CENTER FOR WOMEN AND INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY (NCWIT) ASPIRATIONS, HONORABLE MENTION RECIPIENT**

**WHEREAS**, now that the highly-versatile and sought-after computer science skillset is essential in today's information economy, initiatives that promote computer science awareness and lead to increased college graduates with computing-related degrees are more important than ever; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Center for Women and Information Technology Aspirations for Computing Initiative, chartered in 2004 by the National Science Foundation, provides girls and young women with ongoing engagement, visibility, and encouragement for their computing-related interests and achievements in high school through college and into the workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, inspiring more girls and young women to choose careers in STEM is not about parity; but it is about a compelling issue of innovation, competitiveness, and workforce sustainability; including the ability to design technology that is as broad and creative as the people it serves; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 8,000 applicants were submitted for the national Aspirations in Computing (AiC) awards program resulting in only 5% of applicants receiving recognition in the entire nation; and

**WHEREAS**, through the northern and southern regional affiliates, Alabama is honored to recognize seven 2020 NCWIT honorable mentions from among a number of young women who display aptitude and interest in computer science; and

**WHEREAS**, Marcella Todd, Alabama School of Mathematics and Science, has demonstrated excellence in the computer science and information technology field in the classroom; and

**WHEREAS**, Marcella Todd was chosen as a 2020 National Honorable Mention to receive the award for displaying a high aptitude and aspirations in technology and computing, as demonstrated by computing experience, computing-related activities, leadership experience, tenacity in the face of barriers to access, and plans for postsecondary education:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Marcella Todd upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama's outstanding young women who display excellence in computer science.

Done this 14th day of July 2020

On motion by Mrs. Tracie West and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following.

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF JENNIFER VIZUETH  
RUSSELL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, RUSSELL COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM,  
AS A 2020 NATIONAL CENTER FOR WOMEN AND INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY (NCWIT) ASPIRATIONS, HONORABLE MENTION RECIPIENT**

**WHEREAS**, now that the highly-versatile and sought-after computer science skillset is essential in today's information economy, initiatives that promote computer science awareness and lead to increased college graduates with computing-related degrees are more important than ever; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Center for Women and Information Technology Aspirations for Computing Initiative, chartered in 2004 by the National Science Foundation, provides girls and young women with ongoing engagement, visibility, and encouragement for their computing-related interests and achievements in high school through college and into the workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, inspiring more girls and young women to choose careers in STEM is not about parity; but it is about a compelling issue of innovation, competitiveness, and workforce sustainability; including the ability to design technology that is as broad and creative as the people it serves; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 8,000 applicants were submitted for the national Aspirations in Computing (AiC) awards program resulting in only 5% of applicants receiving recognition in the entire nation; and

**WHEREAS**, through the northern and southern regional affiliates, Alabama is honored to recognize seven 2020 NCWIT honorable mentions from among a number of young women who display aptitude and interest in computer science; and

**WHEREAS**, Jennifer Vizueth, Russell County High School, Russell County School System, has demonstrated excellence in the computer science and information technology field in the classroom; and

**WHEREAS**, Jennifer Vizueth was chosen as a 2020 National Honorable Mention to receive the award for displaying a high aptitude and aspirations in technology and computing, as demonstrated by computing experience, computing-related activities, leadership experience, tenacity in the face of barriers to access, and plans for postsecondary education:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Jennifer Vizueth upon the honor of being selected as one of Alabama's outstanding young women who display excellence in computer science.

Done this 14th day of July 2020

On motion by Dr. Cynthia McCarty and seconded by Mrs. Tracie West, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following.

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING MAGNOLIA NATURE SCHOOL AT CAMP MCDOWELL,  
WINSTON COUNTY, AS STATE NOMINEE FOR  
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
2020 GREEN RIBBON SCHOOL AWARD**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education recognizes the importance of saving energy, reducing costs, creating environmentally sustainable learning spaces, and protecting health and fostering wellness for Alabama students; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Education recognizes those schools in the nation that are striving to achieve an energy-efficient and healthy school environment with the Green Ribbon School Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Magnolia Nature School at Camp McDowell has been nominated for the Green Ribbon School Award for its innovative strides to become energy independent through the use of a geothermal system, solar arrays, and a hydroelectricity system; all of which reduce traditional energy consumption; and

**WHEREAS**, Magnolia Nature School at Camp McDowell takes great efforts to promote water quality and conservation through the use of settling ponds and rain catchment systems and ensure student and environmental health and safety through land management, recycling, a student garden, and proper safety protocols; and

**WHEREAS**, Magnolia Nature School at Camp McDowell cares for all aspects of a child's physical and mental health and believes in the well evidenced benefits of being outside. Children participate in activities that encourage physical development and participate in the care of farm plants and animals; and

**WHEREAS**, Magnolia Nature School at Camp McDowell has an inquiry-based curriculum which focuses on exploring nature, encouraging creativity, and developing civic knowledge and skills in its students.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Magnolia Nature School at Camp McDowell for its commitment to environmental awareness and education and does hereby express its congratulations to the students and educators of Magnolia Nature School at Camp McDowell.

Done this 14th day of July 2020

On motion by Mrs. Tracie West and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following.

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING MORRIS AVENUE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, OPELIKA CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AS STATE NOMINEE FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 2020 GREEN RIBBON SCHOOL AWARD**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education recognizes the importance of saving energy, reducing costs, creating environmentally sustainable learning spaces, and protecting health, and fostering wellness for Alabama students; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Education recognizes those schools in the nation that are striving to achieve an energy-efficient and healthy school environment with the Green Ribbon School Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Morris Avenue Intermediate School, Opelika City School System, has been nominated for the Green Ribbon School Award for its strides to reduce overall energy consumption and promote environmental sustainability through reducing, recycling, and reusing; and

**WHEREAS**, Morris Avenue Intermediate School takes great efforts to promote energy saving modes of transportation, provide students with a healthy environment, and educate students with the skills and knowledge to lead healthy and active lives through the school's "Fruit and Fitness" trail; and

**WHEREAS**, Morris Avenue Intermediate School educates students about key relationships between dynamic environmental energy and human systems through grade-specific learning units while championing students to become civically responsible lifelong learners in the realm of their impact on the environment:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Morris Avenue Intermediate School, Opelika City School System, for its commitment to environmental awareness and education and does hereby express its congratulations to the students and educators of Morris Avenue Intermediate School and the Opelika City School System.

Done this 14th day of July 2020

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

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF 2019-2020  
ALABAMA SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM OF DISTINCTION  
FAIRHOPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
BALDWIN COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction recognizes school counseling programs that demonstrate an exemplary level of implementation of a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program; and

**WHEREAS**, the program components align with the Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance Model for Alabama Public Schools and the American School Counselor Association National Model; and

**WHEREAS**, comprehensive developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success in school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama School Counselor Association (ALSCA) recognizes Fairhope Elementary School, Baldwin County School System, as a 2019-2020 ALSCA Program of Distinction; and

**WHEREAS**, the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) recognizes Fairhope Elementary School, Baldwin County School System, as a 2019-2020 Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) School of Distinction; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the professional school counselors of Fairhope Elementary School, Baldwin County School System, on achieving the status of an Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction in 2019-2020.

Done this 14th day of July 2020

On motion by Mrs. Jackie Zeigler and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following.

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF 2019-2020  
ALABAMA SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM OF DISTINCTION  
FAIRHOPE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
BALDWIN COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction recognizes school counseling programs that demonstrate an exemplary level of implementation of a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program; and

**WHEREAS**, the program components align with the Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance Model for Alabama Public Schools and the American School Counselor Association National Model; and

**WHEREAS**, comprehensive developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success in school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama School Counselor Association (ALSCA) recognizes Fairhope Intermediate School, Baldwin County School System, as a 2019-2020 ALSCA Program of Distinction; and

**WHEREAS**, the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) recognizes Fairhope Intermediate School, Baldwin County School System, as a 2019-2020 Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) School of Distinction; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the professional school counselors of Fairhope Intermediate School, Baldwin County School System, on achieving the status of an Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction in 2019-2020.

Done this 14th day of July 2020

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

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF 2019-2020  
ALABAMA SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM OF DISTINCTION  
FOLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
BALDWIN COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction recognizes school counseling programs that demonstrate an exemplary level of implementation of a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program; and

**WHEREAS**, the program components align with the Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance Model for Alabama Public Schools and the American School Counselor Association National Model; and

**WHEREAS**, comprehensive developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success in school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama School Counselor Association (ALSCA) recognizes Foley Middle School, Baldwin County School System, as a 2019-2020 ALSCA Program of Distinction; and

**WHEREAS**, the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) recognizes Foley Middle School, Baldwin County School System, as a 2019-2020 Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) School of Distinction; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the professional school counselors of Foley Middle School, Baldwin County School System, on achieving the status of an Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction in 2019-2020.

Done this 14th day of July 2020

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following.

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF 2019-2020  
ALABAMA SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM OF DISTINCTION  
HELENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction recognizes school counseling programs that demonstrate an exemplary level of implementation of a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program; and

**WHEREAS**, the program components align with the Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance Model for Alabama Public Schools and the American School Counselor Association National Model; and

**WHEREAS**, comprehensive developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success in school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama School Counselor Association (ALSCA) recognizes Helena Elementary School, Shelby County School System, as a 2019-2020 ALSCA Program of Distinction; and

**WHEREAS**, the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) recognizes Helena Elementary School, Shelby County School System, as a 2019-2020 Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) School of Distinction; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the professional school counselors of Helena Elementary School, Shelby County School System, on achieving the status of an Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction in 2019-2020.

Done this 14th day of July 2020

On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following.

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF 2019-2020  
ALABAMA SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM OF DISTINCTION  
HOMEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL  
HOMEWOOD CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction recognizes school counseling programs that demonstrate an exemplary level of implementation of a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program; and

**WHEREAS**, the program components align with the Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance Model for Alabama Public Schools and the American School Counselor Association National Model; and

**WHEREAS**, comprehensive developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success in school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama School Counselor Association (ALSCA) recognizes Homewood Middle School, Homewood City School System, as a 2019-2020 ALSCA Program of Distinction; and

**WHEREAS**, the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) recognizes Homewood Middle School, Homewood City School System, as a 2019-2020 Recognized ASCA Model Program (RAMP) School of Distinction; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the professional school counselors of Homewood Middle School, Homewood City School System, on achieving the status of an Alabama School Counseling Program of Distinction in 2019-2020.

Done this 14th day of July 2020

**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. Eric G. Mackey thanked Governor Ivey and the Alabama State Board of Education members for approving so many resolutions today. Dr. Mackey stated that he was sorry the recipients of the resolutions could not be in attendance due to COVID-19 and social distancing. Dr. Mackey stated that the list was longer than usual because some of the resolutions were kept for a couple of months in hopes that the honorees could be invited to attend the meeting. Dr. Mackey stated that he knew the Board members were thrilled to have so many young women recognized today through the National Center for Women and Information Technology Aspirations (NCWIT) program. Dr. Jeff Gray, Department of Computer Science at The University of Alabama, was very instrumental in helping to pull the NCWIT recognition program together. Dr. Mackey expressed appreciation to the young women and informed the Board that none of last year's recipients were able to attend the meeting because of their busy work schedules.

Dr. Mackey stated that Alabama students, teachers, and counselors who were honored by the Board were heroes. Dr. Mackey stated if there is anybody in this country who did not know six months ago that there are no greater heroes, they know now that teachers, counselors, and that all other individuals who work with children on a daily basis are true heroes.

Dr. Mackey notified the Board that the Teacher of the Year (TOY) program will be recognized in August. Dr. Mackey stated that the selection was narrowed down to four finalists. He also stated that he was able to talk to all four finalists. Dr. Mackey informed the Board that he called one of the finalists out of a faculty meeting this morning who was working with a grade-level teacher to do the work. Dr. Mackey stated that even though it is in the summer, they are doing great work and, hopefully, we will be able to have those individuals attend the August meeting. Dr. Mackey stated that during this difficult time, it is not possible to have the annual ceremony at the RSA Plaza. The Alabama Teacher of the Year and the finalists will be announced and honored next month without the traditional celebration.

Dr. Mackey stated that as a matter of record that some of the Elementary and Early Childhood Education Preparation Programs under discussion last month met some of the provisions in the *Alabama Administrative Code*, but did not meet all of the components in *the Alabama Literacy Act*. Dr. Mackey informed the Board that members of his staff have been in conversations with all seven of the colleges/universities on last month's agenda and sent formal letters regarding the missing components. Dr. Mackey stated that some of them have already met all of *the Alabama Literacy Act* components but will not bring the information forward until the official verifications are received. Dr. Mackey reminded the Board that the Department stipulated a 12-month timeframe for the colleges/universities to meet all of the *Alabama Literacy Act* components. Dr. Mackey expressed to the Board how much he appreciates their patience with the Department in working through this process, as well as making sure that all are focused on early childhood literacy even in difficult times.

Dr. Mackey stated that the last point of his report is to say goodbye to an old friend and welcome to a friend. Dr. Mackey stated that Karen Porter, for many years, very ably led the Alabama Reading Initiative Section. Dr. Mackey stated that Karen grew up in Selma and is an amazing person who has some amazing personal stories about her pilgrimage. Dr. Mackey stated that if you understand and hear Karen's stories, you will know why she was so deeply committed to all children, especially children in poverty and difficult circumstances. Dr. Mackey stated that Karen decided to ride off into retirement this month. Dr. Mackey stated the department was able to get Tracye Strichik, who served as the Deputy Secretary at Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education, to lead the Alabama Reading Initiative Section starting in two days.

There being no other business before the Board, on motion by Dr. Cynthia McCarty and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 a.m. The next Alabama State Board of Education Meeting for Elementary and Secondary Education will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2020, 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