

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
NOVEMBER 12, 2020
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its Annual meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, November 12, 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 in person
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 Mrs. Jackie Zeigler, 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TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 290-010-010.04, WHICH ARE IN CONFLICT AND SUPERSEDED BY THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION RELATED TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT ISSUED ON MARCH 18, 2020; NAMELY, THE REQUIREMENT TO VOTE BY RAISED HAND AND THOSE PROVISIONS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 THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 8, 2020, MEETING

On motion by Dr. Cynthia McCarty and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of October 8, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

On motion by Dr. Tommie Stewart and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following.

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING GLENDORA CHRISTIAN, AS THE "BARBARA FANNIN
MEMORIAL EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER"
OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2020**

WHEREAS, Glendora Christian, Administrative Support Assistant II in the Alabama State Department of Education Child Nutrition Programs Section, exhibits a positive attitude and is always cooperative; and

WHEREAS, Glendora Christian has a great working relationship with each person in the Child Nutrition Programs Section and always represents the office with grace, courtesy, and tact whether she is speaking with a stakeholder, staff, or superiors; and

WHEREAS, a colleague said, "Glendora has maintained a professional mindset ever since I have worked with her. She handles all staff and vendors with a smile on her face"; and

WHEREAS, Glendora Christian's dependable work ethic is the backbone of the Child Nutrition Programs Section, and when she takes on an assignment, there is never a doubt that it will be completed in a timely and organized manner. She helps all staff when they are in need and often goes over and beyond by walking around asking if her assistance is needed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Department of Education and the Child Nutrition Programs Section hereby express their gratitude to Glendora Christian for her dedication and caring service:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Glendora Christian for being selected as the recipient of the "Barbara Fannin Memorial Employee of the Quarter" for October through December 2020, and expresses its appreciation for her exemplary service to the department and students of Alabama's public schools.

Done this 12th day of November 2020

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

**RESOLUTION TO
APPOINT THE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
STATE COURSE OF STUDY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, *Code of Alabama* (1975) §16-35-1 through 5, provides that the Alabama State Board of Education shall constitute Courses of Study Committees for the purposes and functions as provided within the statute; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education recommends approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education appoints those persons listed on the attached as members of the Career and Technical Education State Course of Study Committee for a period of one year or until their successors are appointed.

Done this 12th day of November 2020

**2021 Career and Technical Education
Course of Study Committee**

Committee Members			
Name	Congressional District	Board District	System
Ms. Jennifer Boyd, Chair	3	2	Lanett City Schools
Shameka Baker	7	5	Lowndes County Schools
Christopher Clark	3	5	Macon County Schools
Dennis Duncan	7	4	Tuscaloosa County Schools
Ron Engle	7	8	Gadsden City Schools
Steven Howard	4	7	Haleyville City Schools
Steve Icenogle	2	2	Enterprise City Schools
Scott Larson	1	1	Baldwin County Schools
Dexter LeBlanc	6	3	Vestavia Hills City Schools
Kevin Lockridge	3	6	Calhoun County Schools
Pamela Long	5	8	Limestone County Schools
Mark McCary	6	3	Shelby County Schools
Dorothy Moore	7	5	Dallas County Schools
Lee Ann Pessoney	5	8	Madison City Schools
Robert Peterson	3	6	Calhoun County Schools
Ronnie Phillips	6	4	Bibb County Schools
Michael Ricketts	4	7	Colbert County Schools
Richard Robinson	2	5	Montgomery County Schools
Timothy Thompson	1	1	Mobile County Schools
Higher Education			
Chad Bryant	4	7	Bevill State Community College
Nina Bullock	5	7	Calhoun Community College
Chadwick Springer	3	2	Auburn University

Congressional District Representation

District	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
Committee	2	2	5	3	3	3	4

Board District Representation

District	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
Committee	2	3	2	2	4	2	4	3

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE SOCIAL STUDIES
STATE COURSE OF STUDY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, *Code of Alabama* (1975) §16-35-1 through 5, provides that the Alabama State Board of Education shall constitute Courses of Study Committees for the purposes and functions as provided within the statute; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education recommends approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education appoints those persons listed on the attached as members of the Social Studies State Course of Study Committee for a period of one year or until their successors are appointed.

Done this 12th day of November 2020

**2021 Social Studies
Course of Study Committee**

Committee Members			
Name	Congressional District	Board District	System
Michael Todd Freeman, Chairman	6	3	Vestavia Hills Schools
Dotty Armstrong	3	6	Oxford City Schools
Angela Belrose	7	4	Jefferson County Schools
Kim Burney	4	7	Russellville City Schools
Blake Busbin	3	2	Auburn City Schools
Jessica Campbell	3	2	Russell County Schools
Candice Evans	5	6	Decatur City Schools
Phyllis Jackson	2	5	Pike County Schools
Amanda Killough	2	3	Elmore County Schools
Andrea Kohutek	1	1	Mobile County Schools
Dara Moss	1	5	Mobile County Schools
Adam Nesmith	6	6	Blount County Schools
Tama Nunnally	4	6	Guntersville City Schools
Deborah Scott	5	8	Madison City Schools
Daniel Sigler	4	8	Etowah County Schools
Amber Smalley	1	1	Mobile County Schools
Ronald Smith	7	5	Lowndes County Schools
Kelli Stuckey	6	3	Shelby County Schools
Carolyn Tubbs	7	5	Perry County Schools
Higher Education			
Tondra Loder-Jackson	7	4	The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)
Erin Piedmont	5	7	University of North Alabama
Jesus Tirado	3	2	Auburn University

Congressional District Representation

District	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
Committee	3	2	4	3	3	3	4

Board District Representation

District	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
Committee	2	3	3	2	4	4	2	2

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

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REVIEW OF
EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS
Jacksonville State University**

WHEREAS, *Alabama Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.56(4)(b)2., requires that approval by the Alabama State Board of Education shall be secured before a proposal for new programs is reviewed by the Office of Teaching and Leading of the Alabama State Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education has received from the President of Jacksonville State University a written request to develop a Class B Computer Science (6-12) program and an innovative Class A Mathematics Specialist (K-5) program; and

WHEREAS, the request lists the specific proposed programs for which the Alabama State Board of Education authorization is being sought; and

WHEREAS, Jacksonville State University personnel have been advised that the proposed programs may not be implemented prior to Alabama State Board of Education approval, based on documentation of compliance with all applicable standards; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education recommends that the programs be reviewed by the Office of Teaching and Leading of the Alabama State Department of Education:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby authorizes a review of the following programs:

- Class B Computer Science (6-12)
- Class A Mathematics Specialist (K-5)

Done this 12th day of November 2020

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM
The University of Alabama (UA)**

WHEREAS, *Alabama Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.56(4)(b)2., requires that approval by the Alabama State Board of Education shall be secured before a proposal for a new program is reviewed by the Office of Teaching and Leading of the Alabama State Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education authorized a review of a proposed Class AA Library Media program to be provided by The University of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, a review of the proposed program determined that all applicable standards were met; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education recommends that the program be approved:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby approves the following program through June 30, 2024, the date when approval of all other University of Alabama educator preparation programs will expire:

- Class AA Library Media (P-12)

Done this 12th day of November 2020

EXECUTIVE (INCLUDES LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

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

STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Mackey thanked his colleagues at Jacksonville State University (JSU) for promoting two very innovative programs. Dr. Mackey reminded the Board that they approved for a review of the beginning of authorizing possibly two new programs at JSU. Dr. Mackey informed the Board that after the review is completed, the programs will come back before the Board. Dr. Mackey stated that the new programs are Class B Computer Science, Grades 6-12, and Class A Mathematics Specialist, Grades K-5. Dr. Mackey stated that after the review is completed at JSU, this will be the first Computer Science degree program under the new rules that the Board adopted last year to allow the development of such programs at universities. Dr. Mackey expressed that he was very happy that JSU stepped out and decided to offer the new Computer Science specialty program. He stated that it will be an undergraduate Computer Science certification program.

Dr. Mackey stated that the other program the Board approved was a master's level Class A Mathematics Specialist, Grades K-5 program. Dr. Mackey stated that JSU asked for permission to develop a master's degree for elementary teachers that will have a Mathematics specialist degree. He said that this will be the first of its kind across the state. Dr. Mackey stated that JSU has thrown out two really good ideas and are kind of leading the way. Dr. Mackey stated that Alabama has good programs all over the state, but specifically focused on JSU because of its new creative and innovative leadership programs. Dr. Mackey stated that he is excited about both programs, but especially the Mathematics Specialist. Teachers who are interested in obtaining a master's degree in Elementary Education, with a focus on Mathematics leadership, can attend JSU. Dr. Mackey stated that the teachers can continue to be certified elementary teachers with a master's degree in Mathematics leadership for elementary grades.

Dr. Mackey informed the Board that the National Blue Ribbon Schools was announced last month. He said that Alabama's National Blue Ribbon Schools will not be recognized during the Board meeting today, because the National Blue Ribbon Schools are being honored by the U.S. Secretary of Education in Washington, D.C. Dr. Mackey stated that Alabama has five National Blue Ribbon Schools that will be honored by Alabama in December or January. The National Blue Ribbon Schools in Alabama are listed below:

Bob Jones High School, Madison City School System
Alabama State Board of Education, District Eight

Cleburne County Elementary School, Cleburne County School System
Alabama State Board of Education, District Two

Hewitt-Trussville High School, Trussville City School System
Alabama State Board of Education, District Seven

John S. Jones Elementary School, Etowah County School System
Alabama State Board of Education, District Eight

New Century Technology High School, Huntsville City School System
Alabama State Board of Education, District Eight

There being no other business before the Board, on motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m. The next Alabama State Board of Education Meeting for Elementary and Secondary Education will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2020, at 10 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building followed by the Work Session.

Vice President

Secretary and Executive Officer