

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
NOVEMBER 14, 2024
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 10:00 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 Father Manuel Williams, Pastor, Resurrection Catholic Church, Montgomery, Alabama, and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag that was done in unison.

The following members were present:

Present

Mrs. Stephanie Bell in person
Dr. Tonya Chestnut in person
Governor Kay Ivey in person
Mrs. Belinda McRae in person
Dr. Yvette Richardson in person
Mrs. Tracie West in person
Mrs. Jackie Zeigler in person

Absent

Mrs. Marie Manning
Dr. Wayne Reynolds

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 14, 2024, MEETING

On motion by Mrs. Tracie West and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of November 14, 2024.

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

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF
CARVER SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY
DOTHAN CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
AS A 2024 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Education Secretary Miguel Cardona named Carver School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology in the Dothan City School System as a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, over 10,000 of America's schools have received this coveted award that honors those that reflect the goals of high standards and accountability; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate overall academic excellence or show success in closing achievement gaps; and

WHEREAS, 356 public schools were selected nationwide, out of more than 133,000 public schools in the nation for the 2024 Blue Ribbon Schools award, which is one of the most prestigious education awards in the country; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools were honored at a conference and awards ceremony November 7-8, 2024, in Washington D.C.:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the faculty, staff, students, and parents of Carver School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology in the Dothan City School System, on achieving the status of U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School in 2024.

Done this 14th day of November 2024

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

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF BROOKWOOD FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MOUNTAIN BROOK CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
AS A 2024 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Education Secretary Miguel Cardona named Brookwood Forest Elementary School in the Mountain Brook City School System as a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, over 10,000 of America's schools have received this coveted award that honors those that reflect the goals of high standards and accountability; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate overall academic excellence or show success in closing achievement gaps; and

WHEREAS, 356 public schools were selected nationwide, out of more than 133,000 public schools in the nation for the 2024 Blue Ribbon Schools award, which is one of the most prestigious education awards in the country; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools were honored at a conference and awards ceremony November 7-8, 2024, in Washington D.C.:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the faculty, staff, students, and parents of Brookwood Forest Elementary School in the Mountain Brook City School System, on achieving the status of U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School in 2024.

Done this 14th day of November 2024

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

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF EPIC ALTERNATIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BIRMINGHAM CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
AS A 2024 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Education Secretary Miguel Cardona named EPIC Alternative Elementary School in the Birmingham City School System as a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, over 10,000 of America's schools have received this coveted award that honors those that reflect the goals of high standards and accountability; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate overall academic excellence or show success in closing achievement gaps; and

WHEREAS, 356 public schools were selected nationwide, out of more than 133,000 public schools in the nation for the 2024 Blue Ribbon Schools award, which is one of the most prestigious education awards in the country; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools were honored at a conference and awards ceremony November 7-8, 2024, in Washington D.C.:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the faculty, staff, students, and parents of EPIC Alternative Elementary School in the Birmingham City School System, on achieving the status of U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School in 2024.

Done this 14th day of November 2024

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

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF EAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CULLMAN CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
AS A 2024 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Education Secretary Miguel Cardona named East Elementary School in the Cullman City School System as a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, over 10,000 of America's schools have received this coveted award that honors those that reflect the goals of high standards and accountability; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate overall academic excellence or show success in closing achievement gaps; and

WHEREAS, 356 public schools were selected nationwide, out of more than 133,000 public schools in the nation for the 2024 Blue Ribbon Schools award, which is one of the most prestigious education awards in the country; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools were honored at a conference and awards ceremony November 7-8, 2024, in Washington D.C.:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the faculty, staff, students, and parents of East Elementary School in the Cullman City School System, on achieving the status of U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School in 2024.

Done this 14th day of November 2024

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

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF CRESTLINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
HARTSELLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
AS A 2024 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Education Secretary Miguel Cardona named Crestline Elementary School in the Hartselle City School System as a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, over 10,000 of America's schools have received this coveted award that honors those that reflect the goals of high standards and accountability; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate overall academic excellence or show success in closing achievement gaps; and

WHEREAS, 356 public schools were selected nationwide, out of more than 133,000 public schools in the nation for the 2024 Blue Ribbon Schools award, which is one of the most prestigious education awards in the country; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools were honored at a conference and awards ceremony November 7-8, 2024, in Washington D.C.:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the faculty, staff, students, and parents of Crestline Elementary School in the Hartselle City School System, on achieving the status of U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School in 2024.

Done this 14th day of November 2024

On motion by Mrs. Belinda McRae and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following:

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING KARISSA LANG, PRINCIPAL,
CRESTLINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HARTSELLE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM,
RECIPIENT OF THE TERREL H. BELL AWARD
FOR OUTSTANDING SCHOOL LEADERSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Terrel H. Bell Award is a prestigious honor that recognizes exceptional school leaders who have made significant contributions to the field of education; and

WHEREAS, Karissa Lang has demonstrated outstanding commitment, leadership, and dedication to her teachers, students, and the community; and

WHEREAS, Karissa Lang has focused her leadership on three key ingredients: getting in the trenches with teachers, teacher voice, and teacher support; and

WHEREAS, under Karissa Lang's leadership, Crestline introduced a STEM Cart program and an outdoor classroom for hands-on nature learning projects, expanded mental health resources, and improved family outreach; and

WHEREAS, Karissa Lang innovative teaching and leading methods, unwavering support for student success, and active involvement in educational initiatives have positively impacted the lives of many; and

WHEREAS, Karissa Lang's leadership aided Crestline Elementary School to transitioned from a low-performing school to a collaborative, growing, and high-performing Blue Ribbon School:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby recognize Karissa Lang for her exemplary instructional leadership and for her dedication to the students at Crestline Elementary School in the Hartselle City School System, and congratulates her as a recipient of the Terrel H. Bell Award for Outstanding School Leadership.

Done this 14th day of November 2024

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

**RESOLUTION HONORING 2024 A+ COLLEGE READY
SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE**

WHEREAS, A+ Education Partnership's A+ College Ready program, in partnership with the Alabama State Department of Education, recognizes schools that demonstrate exemplary implementation of A+ College Ready program components; and

WHEREAS, A+ College Ready proudly partners with secondary schools to raise academic expectations and instructional rigor, to empower school leadership to create strong academic school cultures, to support educators to deliver high-quality instruction in well-equipped classrooms, to prepare a diverse pipeline of students for challenging curricula, to open the doors to Advanced Placement coursework for all students, regardless of circumstance, and to increase student academic success, as evidenced by growth and achievement on the PSAT 8/9 and/or the number of qualifying scores on AP exams; and

WHEREAS, the high schools listed below met or exceeded their individual goals for qualifying scores on the spring 2024 Advanced Placement (AP) exams by increasing the number of AP qualifying scores; and

WHEREAS, the middle schools listed below met or exceeded their individual goals on the PSAT 8/9 exam; and

WHEREAS, A+ College Ready recognizes the Schools of Excellence for their outstanding academic achievement and unwavering ardent commitment to the A+ College Ready program goals:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the following schools on achieving the status of an A+ College Ready School of Excellence in 2024.

Baldwin County School System

Foley High School

Birmingham City School System

John Herbert Phillips Academy

W.J. Christian School

Etowah County School System

Hokes Bluff Middle School

Fort Payne City School System

Fort Payne Middle School

Hartselle City School System

Hartselle High School

Hartselle Jr High School

St. Clair County School System

Moody High School

Walker County School System

Bankhead Middle School

Done the 14th day of November 2024

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

**RESOLUTION HONORING 2024 A+ COLLEGE READY
SCHOOLS OF DISTINCTION**

WHEREAS, A+ Education Partnership's A+ College Ready program, in partnership with the Alabama State Department of Education, recognizes schools that demonstrate exemplary implementation of A+ College Ready program components; and

WHEREAS, A+ College Ready proudly partners with secondary schools to raise academic expectations and instructional rigor, to empower school leadership to create strong academic school cultures, to support educators to deliver high-quality instruction in well-equipped classrooms, to prepare a diverse pipeline of students for challenging curricula, to open the doors to Advanced Placement coursework for all students, regardless of circumstance, and to increase student academic success, as evidenced by growth and achievement on the PSAT 8/9 and/or the number of qualifying scores on AP exams; and

WHEREAS, the high schools listed below met or exceeded their individual goals for qualifying scores on the spring 2024 Advanced Placement (AP) exams by increasing the number of AP qualifying scores; and

WHEREAS, the middle schools listed below met or exceeded their individual goals on the PSAT 8/9 exam; and

WHEREAS, A+ College Ready recognizes Schools of Distinction for meeting or exceeding their goals for two years and for their outstanding academic achievement and unwavering ardent commitment to the A+ College Ready program goals:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the following schools on achieving the status of an A+ College Ready School of Distinction in 2024.

Dekalb County School System

Plainview High School

Orange Beach City School System

Orange Beach High School

Elmore County School System

Wetumpka High School

Trussville City School System

Hewitt-Trussville High School

Mobile County School System

Denton Magnet School of Technology

Done the 14th day of November 2024

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

**RESOLUTION HONORING 2024 A+ COLLEGE READY
MARY D. BOEHM SCHOOLS OF ACHIEVEMENT**

WHEREAS, A+ Education Partnership's A+ College Ready program, in partnership with the Alabama State Department of Education, recognizes schools that demonstrate exemplary implementation of A+ College Ready program components; and

WHEREAS, A+ College Ready proudly partners with secondary schools to raise academic expectations and instructional rigor, to empower school leadership to create strong academic school cultures, to support educators to deliver high-quality instruction in well-equipped classrooms, to prepare a diverse pipeline of students for challenging curricula, to open the doors to Advanced Placement coursework for all students, regardless of circumstance, and to increase student academic success, as evidenced by growth and achievement on the PSAT 8/9 and/or the number of qualifying scores on AP exams; and

WHEREAS, the high schools listed below met or exceeded their individual goals for qualifying scores on the spring 2024 Advanced Placement (AP) exams by increasing the number of AP qualifying scores; and

WHEREAS, the middle schools listed below met or exceeded their individual goals on the PSAT 8/9 exam; and

WHEREAS, A+ College Ready recognizes Mary D. Boehm Schools of Achievement for meeting or exceeding their goals for all three years in the grant program and for their outstanding academic achievement and unwavering, ardent commitment to the A+ College Ready program goals; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the following schools on achieving the status of an A+ College Ready Mary D. Boehm School of Achievement in 2024.

Geneva City School System
Geneva High School

Trussville City School System
Hewitt-Trussville Middle School

Done the 14th day of November 2024

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Dr. Tonya Chestnut, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS
Samford University**

WHEREAS, *Alabama Administrative Code*, Rule 290-3-3-.59(3), allows a program leading to an Alabama Professional Educator Certificate to be approved through the Continuous Improvement in Educator Preparation (CIEP) program review process; and

WHEREAS, Samford University submitted their programs for review in summer 2018 and were required to be resubmitted in December 2018; and

WHEREAS, the materials submitted December 2018 were reviewed and deemed either approved until June 30, 2027, **Class B Programs**: Elementary Education (K-6), English Language Arts (6-12), French (6-12 and P-12), Social Studies (6-12), German(6-12 and P-12), Mathematics (6-12), Choral Music (P-12), Instrumental Music (P-12), Spanish (6-12 and P-12); **Alternative Class A Programs**: Elementary Education (K-6), English Language Arts (6-12), Mathematics (6-12), Choral Music (P-12), Instrumental Music (P-12), Physical Education (P-12), Spanish (6-12 and P-12); **Class A Programs**: Elementary Education (K-6), Gifted (P-12), Instructional Leadership (P-12), Choral Music (P-12), Instrumental Music (P-12); **Class AA Program**: Instructional Leadership (P-12) or approved with conditions until January 31, 2025, **Class B Program**: Early Childhood Education (P-3); **Alternative Class A Programs**: Biology (6-12), Collaborative Special Education (K-6), Collaborative Special Education (6-12), General Science (6-12), Social Studies (6-12); and

WHEREAS, the outcome of Samford University's CAEP visit in November 2019 was positive and the result of the CAEP Accreditation review resulted in unit accreditation until June of 2027; and

WHEREAS, Samford University submitted revised CIEP documents in the summer 2023; and

WHEREAS, the CIEP program approval review constituted both a document submission and a formal visit to the institution; and

WHEREAS, Samford University documented compliance with all standards for the programs submitted; and

WHEREAS, Samford University submitted a progress report in September 2023 (i.e., revised course syllabi, matrix of program progression, evidence of faculty training in the Science of Reading, evidence of newly adopted textbooks, etc.) detailing their efforts toward meeting the recommendations provided by Barksdale Institute for Science of Literacy; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama literacy review team examined the evidence presented by Samford University and determined that significant progress has been made toward implementing the recommendations submitted by Barksdale; and

WHEREAS, Samford University is now engaged in a process of continuous improvement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby grants approval of the following programs until November 30, 2031:

Class B Collaborative Special Education (K-6)
Class B Early Childhood Education (P-3)
Class B Elementary Education (K-6)
Class B English Language Arts (6-12)
Class B French (6-12 and P-12)
Class B General Social Studies (6-12)
Class B German (6-12 and P-12)
Class B Mathematics (6-12)
Class B Music, Choral (P-12)
Class B Music, Instrumental (P-12)
Class B Spanish (6-12 and P-12)

Alternative Class A Biology (6-12)
Alternative Class A Collaborative Special Education (K-6)
Alternative Class A Collaborative Special Education (6-12)
Alternative Class A Elementary Education (K-6)
Alternative Class A English Language Arts (6-12)
Alternative Class A General Science (6-12)
Alternative Class A General Social Studies (6-12)
Alternative Class A Mathematics (6-12)
Alternative Class A Music, Choral (P-12)
Alternative Class A Music, Instrumental (P-12)
Alternative Class A Physical Education (P-12)
Alternative Class A Spanish (6-12 and P-12)

Class A Elementary Education (K-6)
Class A Gifted (P-12)
Class A Instructional Leadership (P-12)
Class A Music, Choral (P-12)
Class A Music, Instrumental (P-12)

Class AA Instructional Leadership (P-12)

Done this 14th day of November 2024

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mrs. Jackie Zeigler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following.

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF INCLUSION IN ALABAMA SCHOOLS
DECEMBER 2-6, 2024**

WHEREAS, Inclusive Schools Week is celebrated December 2-6, 2024, to celebrate the progress that schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education to students with special needs; and

WHEREAS, IDEA granted access to children with disabilities to a free and quality public education; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) is committed to ensuring all children with disabilities are provided with opportunities to be educated alongside their general education peers in the least restrictive environment; and

WHEREAS, it is with unity and dedication that resources and initiatives are in place, support is emphasized, and programs exist to bridge gaps in learning, while consistently providing fairness for all children with disabilities through a lens of inclusiveness; and

WHEREAS, it is with tireless effort and dedication that the educators in Alabama are ensuring that children with disabilities live, learn, work, and participate in their communities; and

WHEREAS, embracing this concept is not a solitary pledge, the ALSDE and the Alabama State Board of Education invite all stakeholders of Alabama to celebrate the commitment to children with disabilities and stand steadfast to providing opportunities to Every Child. Every Chance. Every Day:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby express its appreciation to all school staff who foster an environment of respect and inclusion focused on high-quality learning; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education encourages Alabama schools to participate in promoting inclusion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does designate December 2-6, 2024, as a week to celebrate inclusion in Alabama public schools.

Done this 14th day of November 2024

On motion by Mrs. Tracie West and seconded by Dr. Tonya Chestnut, the Board voted 5-2-0 to approve the following. Mrs. Stephanie Bell and Mrs. Jackie Zeigler opposed.

ADOPT AMENDED ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE, 290-3-3-.60, PERTAINING TO ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PREPARATION ORGANIZATIONS (ATPO)

EXECUTIVE (INCLUDES LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

Dr. Mackey stated that one item the Board has is a Decatur City resolution passed by the Decatur City Board of Education notifying the Department that they want to take advantage of certain stipulations in the *Alabama Accountability Act* Flexibility Section. The law states that the local school board can ask for an opportunity to waive certain laws. The waiver will require them to waive some state laws, but no federal law. There have been very few school systems that have requested this waiver. The waiver is the same as the resolution Baldwin County School Board passed earlier this year. Decatur City School System has set up a separate new comprehensive high school with a Career and Technical Education (CTE) focus. They wish to waive a state report card for three years. Dr. Mackey reminded the Board Members that Decatur City is only asking and will only receive the waiver on the state laws and no federal laws. Decatur City must continue all testing as the other schools perform. Dr. Mackey stated that the A through F Report Card is a state legislative law, which is not required under federal laws. The waiver will be granted only on the state law. The law requires that the local school board of education adopt a resolution, present it to the Alabama State Board of Education within a Alabama State Board of Education meeting, with no action required from the Alabama State Board of Education. Dr. Mackey stated that he visited the school earlier this year and it is a nice school. The model mirrors the one that Baldwin County School System implemented when they build a new high school. Decatur City built a new Austin High School and converted the old Austin High School into their new high school (Career Academies of Decatur). Decatur City School System will have three high schools instead of two. The students will take CTE courses with their regular core curriculum courses and that school gets on the report card.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Mackey acknowledged the following as the 2024 Blue Ribbon Schools: Carver School of Mathematics, Science, and Technology in the Dothan City School System, Principal Christopher Payne, and Superintendent Dr. Dennis Coe; Brookwood Forest Elementary School in the Mountain Brook City School System, Principal Nathan Pitner, and Superintendent Dr. Richard Barlow; EPIC Alternative Elementary School in the Birmingham City School System, Principal Aulandria Grace, and Superintendent Dr. Mark Sullivan; East Elementary School in the Cullman City School System, Principal Melanie Harris, and Superintendent Dr. Billy Barnette; Crestline Elementary School in the Hartselle City School System, Principal Karissa Lang (Terrel H. Bell Award Winner), and Superintendent Dr. Brian Clayton. For years, the national recognition was held in Washington during the same time as the Alabama State Board of Education's November meeting, but this year the national recognition was hosted last week. Dr. Mackey congratulated Mrs. Karissa Lang for earning the Terrel H. Bell Award and told her that she was the kind of principal that is wanted in all Alabama schools.

Dr. Mackey stated that this is a special time for reading. Many of you, your schools, especially the elementary schools participated in *Be a Champion and Read* contest. Dr. Mackey gave thanks to the Alabama Education Association (AEA) for their sponsorship. He said AEA has been sponsors for years. K-6 students are challenged to read six reading-level appropriate books to qualify for the Grand Prize: Iron Bowl tickets—one winner for each team—for the student and two guests. Each prize includes sideline passes and pre-game activities.

Dr. Mackey gave a big thank you to the schools of excellence, distinction, and Mary D. Boehm Schools of Achievement awards. To give some clarification, these are schools that are improving their outcome for advanced placement courses. Dr. Mackey stated that the Department worked with A+ College Ready on the selections. The schools of excellence are those who met their goals for the year. The schools of distinction met their goals for two years. Mary Boehm met their goals for four years.

Dr. Mackey stated that many principals and superintendents are in attendance today and he is looking forward to getting portraits as well as speaking with them. Dr. Mackey asked all honorees and representative to remain for portraits after the meeting. He gave a brief overview of the organizing of the portrait session.

There being no other business before the Board, on motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Tracie West, Board Members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. The next Alabama State Board of Education Meeting for Elementary and Secondary Education will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 10 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building followed by the Work Session.

Vice President

Secretary and Executive Officer