

**THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2004, 9:36 AM  
AS BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FOR THE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS UNDER ITS CONTROL**

The State Board of Education of the State of Alabama (also referred to herein as the Board) met in official session to consider postsecondary education matters beginning at 9:36 a.m. on Thursday, March 25, 2004, in the Auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building, Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting was called in accordance with Section 16-3-7, *Code of Alabama* 1975.

**PRESIDING: DR. ETHEL H. HALL  
VICE PRESIDENT**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the invocation by Mr. Randy McKinney. On roll call, the following Board members were present:

Mr. David Byers  
Dr. Mary Jane Caylor  
Dr. Ethel H. Hall  
Mr. Randy McKinney  
Mrs. Betty Peters  
Mrs. Sandra Ray

Also present: Dr. Roy Johnson, Chancellor of Postsecondary Education

Absent: Mrs. Ella Bell and Governor Bob Riley

Mrs. Stephanie Bell arrived at 9:39 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion by Mr. Byers, second by Mrs. Ray, the agenda was approved as presented.

**APPROVED**

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2004 MEETING

On motion by Dr. Caylor, second by Mr. Byers, the minutes of the February 26, 2004 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

**SECTION VI**

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no individuals registered to address the Board at the Public Hearing.

**SECTION VII  
(INSTRUCTIONAL AND STUDENT SERVICES, FISCAL,  
AND RESEARCH AND INFORMATION)**

**ADOPTED**

Mrs. Stephanie Bell arrived here at 9:39 a.m.

On motion by Dr. Caylor, second by Mrs. Ray, and with Mrs. Stephanie Bell voting no, the Board adopted the following eighteen (18) items:

**BESSEMER STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE**  
**RENOVATION PROJECT**

The Board authorized Bessemer State Technical College to renovate the Jess Lanier Building on the Main Campus. Fiscal consideration: \$328,000 (\$103,000 – Pete Turnham Excellence in Education Bond Issue Act of 1998; \$149,000 – Public School and College Authority Act 2001-668; and \$76,000 – College Plant Fund [Renewal and Replacement])

**CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**RENOVATION PROJECT**

The Board authorized Chattahoochee Valley Community College to replace the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system in the Learning Resource Center. Fiscal consideration: \$119,000 – College Plant Fund (Renewal and Replacement)

**GADSDEN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**RENOVATION PROJECT**

The Board authorized Gadsden State Community College to renovate Building “E” located on the Ayers Campus. Fiscal consideration: \$175,000 – College Plant Fund (Renewal and Replacement)

**GADSDEN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION ON RENOVATION PROJECT**

The Board granted Gadsden State Community College additional authorization to renovate Browder Lecture Hall on the Wallace Drive Campus. Fiscal consideration: \$100,000 – College Plant Fund (Renewal and Replacement)

**GADSDEN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**PURCHASE OF INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT AND COMPUTERS FOR**  
**INSTRUCTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES**

The Board authorized Gadsden State Community College to purchase instructional equipment and computers for instructional and administrative purposes. Fiscal consideration: \$919,250 – Current Unrestricted Fund (Technology Fees)

**J. F. INGRAM STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE**  
**RENOVATION PROJECT**

The Board authorized J. F. Ingram State Technical College to replace the sewage system on the Main Campus. Fiscal consideration: \$85,000 – Current Unrestricted Fund

**NORTHEAST ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**PURCHASE OF WEB-BASED ADMINISTRATIVE SOFTWARE SYSTEM**

The Board authorized Northeast Alabama Community College to purchase a Web-based software system for administrative purposes. Fiscal consideration: \$625,000 – Current Unrestricted Fund

**NORTHEAST ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE**  
**AND SHORT CERTIFICATE IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

The Board approved the Northeast Alabama Community College application for an Associate in Applied Science Degree and Short Certificate in Child Development to begin Fall Semester 2004-2005, effective with the approval of the proposal by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education. Fiscal consideration: \$111,108 – Initial Five-year Start-up (\$6,000 – Federal Vocational Education Funds; and \$105,108 – Tuition)

**NORTHEAST ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**CERTIFICATE AWARD IN PRACTICAL NURSING**

The Board approved the Northeast Alabama Community College application for a Certificate Award in Practical Nursing to begin Fall Semester 2004-2005, effective with the approval of the proposal by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education. Fiscal consideration: \$711,144 – Initial Five-year Start-up (\$20,000 – Internal Allocation; \$106,000 – Federal Vocational Education Funds; and \$585,144 – Tuition)

**NORTHWEST-SHOALS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**PURCHASE OF CAMPUS VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM**

The Board authorized Northwest-Shoals Community college to purchase a Campus Video Surveillance System for the Phil Campbell and Muscle Shoals Campuses. Fiscal consideration: \$105,400 – Current Restricted Fund (Congressionally Directed Appropriation Grant)

**NORTHWEST-SHOALS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**PURCHASE OF INTEGRATED DOCUMENT IMAGING SOFTWARE SYSTEM**

The Board authorized Northwest-Shoals Community College to purchase an integrated document imaging software system for administrative purposes. Fiscal consideration: \$79,990 – Current Restricted Fund (Congressionally-Directed Grant)

**REID STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE**  
**PURCHASE OF WEB-BASED REGISTRATION SOFTWARE**

The Board authorized Reid State Technical College to purchase Web-based registration software for administrative purposes. Fiscal consideration: \$120,000 – Current Unrestricted Fund

**SNEAD STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING**  
**AND CERTIFICATE AWARD IN PRACTICAL NURSING**

The Board approved the Snead State Community College application for an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing and Certificate Award in Practical Nursing, effective Fall Semester

2004-2005, effective with the approval of the proposal by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education. Fiscal consideration: \$3,107,277 – Initial Five-year Start-up (\$1,445,472 – Tuition; \$900,000 – Grant of \$400,000 and \$500,000 from local health care providers; and \$761,805 – Internal Allocation)

**WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE – HANCEVILLE**  
**RENOVATION OF THE BOOKSTORE**

The Board authorized Wallace State Community College to renovate the Bookstore. Fiscal consideration: \$550,000 – College Plant Fund (Renewal and Replacement)

**WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE – HANCEVILLE**  
**RENOVATION PROJECT**

The Board authorized Wallace State Community College to replace the carpet in the Nursing, Computer Science and Math Buildings. Fiscal consideration: \$350,000 – College Plant Fund (Renewal and Replacement)

**THE ALABAMA COLLEGE SYSTEM**  
**REVISION OF TUITION AND FEE RATES**

The Board authorized revision of the tuition rate for community and technical colleges to \$71 per semester credit hour and that the distance education tuition rate be set at \$90 per credit hour. The Board further approved revision of Policy 804.01 Fees: General be revised setting the Facility Renewal Fee at \$9 per credit hour, the Technology Fee at \$9 per credit hour, a Bond Surety Fee of \$1 per credit hour, and a Special Building Fee per credit hour that may be levied as approved by the Chancellor in order to secure bonded indebtedness, such fee expiring after the life of the bond issue. The Board authorized the revised rates be effective 2004-05 fall term. Fiscal consideration: Up to an additional \$11.6 million could be generated annually based on individual college rates.

**ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**REVISION OF TUITION AND FEE RATES**

The Board authorized Athens State University to revise the tuition schedule to provide a tuition range of \$105 to \$110 per semester credit hour and to set the distance education tuition rate at an additional \$35 per credit hour, the Technology and Facility Renewal fee rates at \$9 per credit hour, and a Bond Surety Fee at \$1 per credit hour. The Board further authorized the revised rates be effective 2004-05 fall semester. Fiscal consideration: An additional \$610,730 could be generated annually based on the maximum rates.

**Recognizing April as National Community College Month**

WHEREAS, the 26 public community and technical colleges, Alabama Industrial Development Training Institute, and Athens State University in Alabama provide a broad array of educational services for more than 250,000 persons each year; and

WHEREAS, the two-year college system works in partnership with business, industry, and government to provide job specific training assistance and economic development; and

WHEREAS, through these services, Alabama's two-year colleges meet diverse and changing local needs, and fulfill a vital function within their service areas; and

WHEREAS, the two-year college system enrolls 55 percent of all college freshmen in Alabama, and 96 percent of students enrolled are Alabama residents; and

WHEREAS, more than 53,600 students are enrolled in more than 90 career/technical and workforce development programs in Alabama's two-year colleges; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's public two-year college system is the state's single largest system of public higher education and is Alabama's most affordable and accessible system of higher education; and

WHEREAS, the two-year college system remains committed to public service and works daily to help individuals reach their personal goals, and in the process, helps build communities; and

WHEREAS, Alabama's public two-year colleges provide customized training for more than 24,300 employees in more than 900 Alabama businesses and industries each year through their training efforts; and

WHEREAS, since 1996 Alabama's public two-year colleges offered special transition services and assistance to nearly 40,000 employees adversely affected and dislocated by industrial downsizing and the closure of individual facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor of the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education recommends this action:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby recognizes the accomplishments of Alabama's public two-year college system as it continues to live up to its mission of providing accessible quality educational opportunities, promoting economic growth, and enhancing the quality of life for the people of Alabama; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby proclaims April as National Community College Month in Alabama and urges all Alabamians and business and industry leaders, who are committed to developing Alabama's work force for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, to use and support their local two-year colleges.

**SECTION VIII**  
**(EXECUTIVE AND LEGAL)**

**ADOPTED**

**J. F. INGRAM STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE**  
**REVISED MISSION STATEMENT**

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, second by Dr. Caylor, the Board unanimously approved the Mission Statement of J. F. Ingram State Technical College. Fiscal consideration: None

**NORTHWEST-SHOALS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT**

On motion by Mrs. Ray, second by Dr. Caylor, the Board unanimously appointed Dr. Humphrey L. Lee as President of Northwest-Shoals Community College, effective at a date mutually agreeable between the Chancellor and Dr. Lee. Fiscal consideration: Dr. Lee will receive annual compensation and other benefits as provided for in State Board of Education Salary Schedule A.

**SECTION X**  
**CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

No report was presented to the Board.

**DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETINGS**

The next work session for the review of postsecondary matters will be held on April 8, 2004, in the Presidents' Conference Room, Alabama Center for Commerce, Montgomery, Alabama. The next Board meeting for postsecondary matters will be held on April 22, 2004, in the Cafetorium, J. F. Drake State Technical College, Huntsville, Alabama.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Mrs. Ray, second by Mr. Byers, the postsecondary Board meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

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Vice President

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Chancellor