

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
THE STATE OF ALABAMA  
JANUARY 11, 2018  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, January 11, 2018, 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: MRS. STEPHANIE BELL**

Minister Kenny Hoomes, First Baptist church, Montgomery, Alabama, did the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was done in unison.

The following members were present:

**Present**

Mrs. Ella B. Bell  
Mrs. Stephanie Bell  
Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter  
Mr. Jeff Newman  
Mrs. Betty Peters  
Dr. Yvette M. Richardson  
Mrs. Jackie Zeigler

**Absent**

Governor Kay Ivey  
Dr. Cynthia McCarty

Interim State Superintendent of Education Ed Richardson was also present.

**APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 14, 2017, MINUTES**

On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of December 14, 2017.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Jacqueline Zeigler, the Board voted unanimously for the following:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REVIEW OF AN EDUCATOR  
PREPARATION PROGRAM  
The University of Alabama  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama**

**WHEREAS**, *Alabama Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.55(2)(b)2.(ii), 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 The University of Alabama a written request to develop Class A Early Childhood Education Program (P-3); and

**WHEREAS**, the request lists the specific proposed program for which the Alabama State Board of Education approval is being sought; and

**WHEREAS**, The University of Alabama 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 Interim 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 program:

Class A Early Childhood Education (P-3)

Done this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018

On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously for the following:

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT EDTPA SCORES ACCEPTED AS A PRECONDITION FOR INITIAL CERTIFICATION UNDER THE ALABAMA EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (AECAP)**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education has adopted certain Praxis Subject Assessments and minimum passing scores as conditions for initial educator certification in the state of Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, the Praxis Subject Assessments, Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K-6 (5622) and Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7-12 (5624), were adopted in August 2012 and became effective September 1, 2013, to assess the pedagogical skills of applicants seeking initial certification in teaching fields in the state of Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Educator Preparation Chapter of the Alabama Administrative Code* adopted by the Alabama State Board of Education on August 13, 2015, included the addition of a performance assessment, edTPA, to become effective September 1, 2018, to assess the content pedagogical knowledge and abilities of applicants seeking initial certification in teaching fields in the state of Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 12, 2015, the Alabama State Board of Education adopted the preliminary edTPA passing scores indicated below for a pilot period between November 2015 and August 31, 2018, and authorized the Superintendent to accept scores meeting such preliminary edTPA passing standards in lieu of scores meeting the current passing standards on Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K-6 (5622) and Grades 7-12 (5624), as a precondition for initial certification in teaching fields; and

<b>Recommended edTPA Scores during pilot phase:</b>		
13 Rubric Fields (65 Possible)	15 Rubric Fields (75 Possible)	18 Rubric Fields (90 Possible)
32	37	44

**WHEREAS**, pre-service candidates from the Educator Preparation Programs have participated in the piloting of the performance assessment, edTPA, in Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, the data from the pilot phase of edTPA in Alabama has been examined to provide a recommendation establishing minimum passing scores, based on the number of rubric fields, for initial certification in teaching fields in the state of Alabama effective September 1, 2018:

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby adopt the following scores on edTPA in partial fulfillment of requirements for initial certification in the teaching fields in the state of Alabama to be effective September 1, 2018:

<b>Recommended edTPA Scores Required in Partial Fulfillment for Initial Certification</b>		
13 Rubric Fields (65 Possible)	15 Rubric Fields (75 Possible)	18 Rubric Fields (90 Possible)
32	37	44

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That beginning September 1, 2018, Principles of Learning and Teaching, Grades K-6 (5622) and Grades 7-12 (5624), will no longer be accepted in fulfillment of the pedagogical requirement for initial certification candidates who completed an Alabama approved Educator Preparation Program approach in teaching fields for which an edTPA assessment handbook has been developed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Interim State Superintendent of Education is hereby directed to take any and all actions necessary to implement this resolution.

Done this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018

**RATIFY SELECTION OF SEARCH FIRM COMMITTEE VENDOR  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF AN EXECUTIVE SEARCH FIRM  
AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN "RFP REVIEW COMMITTEE"**

Dr. Yvette Richardson, Committee Member for the RFP Review, addressed the Board pertaining to the January 8, 2018, committee meeting regarding the Executive Search Firm. Dr. Richardson stated six firms were reviewed. There were some that had done work for local superintendents, colleges, and universities. The committee narrowed the list to firms that had done more with state superintendents and selected Ray and Associates. Board members were provided a copy of the memorandum from Legal Counsel to the Governor, the RFP, and a copy of the resolution authorizing the committee to select a search firm. Ray and Associates, Ryan M. Ray, President, was selected as the Executive Search Firm. Alabama State Board of Education committee members were Mrs. Stephanie Bell, Dr. Yvette Richardson, and Dr. Cynthia McCarty. Dr. Ed Richardson, Interim State Superintendent of Education, and Mr. Nick Moore, Education Policy Advisor to Governor Kay Ivey, also participated in the process.

**INTERIM STATE SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

Dr. Ed Richardson informed the Board of approaching projects, ESSA Plan, Montgomery County School System Intervention, Report Cards, and Reorganization of the Alabama State Department of Education. Dr. Richardson stated that major staff members were totally immersed in these projects, and he would be rejecting any projects or requests that would impede progress. He stated that the timeline is of the utmost importance. Dr. Richardson advised that he would like to resolve problems in order that the next superintendent will have an opportunity for success. He stated the ESSA Plan and the Department’s response would be discussed during the Work Session scheduled immediately following the Board meeting. This, along with the Report Cards are in advanced stages. The Montgomery Public School System was listed as a major priority.

Dr. Richardson stated that on January 26, 2018, he will submit a report to the Montgomery County Board of Education that will justify intervention and the criteria for removal from intervention. Before the report is released, a copy will be sent to State Board members. He will also present a plan for dealing with financial and academic factors that contributes to the intervention. Dr. Richardson said there would be major changes; however, teachers in the classroom would not be affected. At his request, on January 30, 2018, the president of AdvancED, the regional accrediting agency, will meet with Montgomery County Board of Education members. The system’s accreditation review is scheduled in 2019.

During the February 8, 2018, meeting, Dr. Richardson stated that the Teacher Preparation Report Card and the Reorganization of the State Department of Education will be agenda items.

Mr. Nick Moore was introduced as Education Policy Advisor for Governor Kay Ivey.

On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. for the Work Session that was held in Plaza 104 of the Gordon Persons Building.

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Vice President

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Secretary and Executive Officer

