

**MINUTES OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met for a regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters beginning at 10:05 a.m., Tuesday, July 11, 2017, in the auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building, Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting was called by the Vice President of the Board in accordance with Ala. Code §16-3-7 (1975), as amended.

**PRESIDING: DR. YVETTE RICHARDSON, VICE PRESIDENT
ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Mrs. Betty Peters did the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was done in unison. On roll call, the following members were present.

Mrs. Ella B. Bell
Mrs. Stephanie Bell
Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter
Dr. Cynthia McCarty
Mr. Jeff Newman
Mrs. Betty Peters
Dr. Yvette Richardson
Mrs. Jacqueline Zeigler

Absent: Governor Kay Ivey, President

Mr. Michael Sentance, State Superintendent of Education and Secretary and Executive Officer of the Board, was present at the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 8, 2017, MEETING
AND THE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2017**

On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of June 8, 2017, and the minutes for the Special-Called meeting of June 23, 2017.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Cynthia McCarty requested that Agenda Item G.2.b., Resolution to Amend the Previously Adopted Resolution Authorizing a Hiring Freeze Related to the Montgomery Public Schools Intervention, be removed from the agenda for a discussion topic at a work session. On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT PRO TEM

On motion by Mr. Jeff Newman and seconded by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter, the Board voted 7-0-1 for Mrs. Stephanie Bell as Vice President of the Board and Dr. Cynthia McCarty as President Pro-Tem. Mrs. Ella B. Bell stated that she abstained from voting due to concerns external organizations have on the State Board.

Dr. Yvette Richardson thanked the Board members and Mr. Michael Sentance for their support during her term as Vice President. Mrs. Stephanie Bell, along with other Board members, expressed appreciation to Dr. Richardson for her leadership as Vice President of the Board.

On motion by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter and seconded by Mrs. Betty Peters, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Alabama State Department of Education's Organizational chart. A copy of the chart has been placed on the Alabama State Department of Education's Web site.

**APPROVAL OF THE ALABAMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL
CHART**

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

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REVIEW OF TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS
Faulkner University
Montgomery, Alabama

WHEREAS, *Alabama Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.56(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 Section of the Alabama State Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education has received from the president of Faulkner University a written request to develop new programs and submit it for review; and

WHEREAS, the request lists the specific proposed programs for which the Alabama State Board of Education approval is being sought, together with information concerning the factors to be taken into account in determining the need for the programs; and

WHEREAS, Faulkner 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 Innovative Program Biology (6-12)
- Class B Innovative Program English Language Arts (6-12)
- Class B Innovative Program General Science (6-12)
- Class B Innovative Program General Social Science (6-12)
- Class B Innovative Program History (6-12)
- Class B Innovative Program Mathematics (6-12)
- Class B Innovative Program Music, Choral (P-12)
- Class B Innovative Program Music, Instrumental (P-12)

- Class B Program Early Childhood Special Education (P-3)
- Class B Program Collaborative (K-6)
- Class B Program Collaborative (6-12)

Done this 11th day of July 2017

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

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REVIEW OF EDUCATOR
PREPARATION PROGRAMS**
SAMFORD UNIVERSITY
Birmingham, 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 dean of Samford University a written request to develop Alternative Class A Collaborative (K-6) and Alternative Class A Collaborative (6-12) programs; and

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

WHEREAS, Samford 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:

- Alternative Class A Collaborative (K-6)
- Alternative Class A Collaborative (6-12)

Done this 11th day of July 2017

On motion by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously for the following:

ADOPT AMENDED ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RULE NUMBER 290-3-2-.35, PERTAINING TO EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT APPROACH

On motion by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter and seconded by Mrs. Jacqueline Zeigler, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

ADOPT AMENDED ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RULE NUMBER 290-3-3-04.01, PERTAINING TO PRE-KINDERGARTEN (PRE-K) EDUCATION

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Michael Sentance informed Board members of the success of the MEGA Conference taking place in Mobile. He stated that there are over 3,000 educators in attendance and more expected to attend. Board members were also informed of the notification received from the U.S. Department of Education. Mr. Sentance stated that one of the conditions under Title 1 funds has been removed because of the participation rate on the assessment system. There are two remaining, one being on the report card and the assessment alignment issues raised during review of the testing system. Mr. Sentance stated that a draft copy of the ESSA Plan will be presented during a Special-Called meeting of the Board in July. He reported that a great deal of work has been done on the Plan. The draft will also be sent to Governor Kay Ivey for comments and returned to the State Board members for final approval. Board members were apprised of proposed cuts in the federal healthcare legislation that will make a major impact on the state. Educational leaders are working on efforts to prevent major cuts to students who are eligible for Medicaid.

On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The Work Session was held immediately following the meeting in Plaza 104 of the Gordon Persons Building.

Vice President

Secretary and Executive Officer