

**SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
MAY 26, 2015
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at 12:02 p.m. for a Special-Called meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters. The meeting was called to order by Governor Robert Bentley, President of the Board, in accordance with *Alabama Code* (1975), §16-3-7, as amended.

PRESIDING: GOVERNOR ROBERT BENTLEY

Governor Robert Bentley did the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was done in unison.

The following members were present:

Present

Governor Robert Bentley
Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter
Dr. Cynthia McCarty
Mr. Jeff Newman
Dr. Yvette Richardson

Absent

Mrs. Ella B. Bell
Mrs. Stephanie Bell
Mrs. Betty Peters

State Board Member Ella B. Bell, Vice President, was absent from the meeting to attend the funeral of a close friend who also served as her campaign manager. Due to the illness of her father and death of a family member, Mrs. Stephanie Bell was unable to attend the meeting. Mrs. Betty Peters was ill and could not attend.

Dr. Thomas R. Bice, State Superintendent of Education and Secretary and Executive Officer of the Board, was present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE ALABAMA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION

The purpose of the called meeting was for Board members to select recommendations for the ten-member Alabama Public Charter School Commission. The Board members were given the ballot with the recommendations. Board members were asked to select four out of the eight recommendations from Governor Robert Bentley's office; one out of the two from Lieutenant Governor Kay Ivey's selections; three out of the six names submitted from Speaker Mike Hubbard's office; and two from President Pro Tem Del Marsh's office. Following the vote count by Mr. Larry Craven, General Counsel, and Juliana Dean, J.D., there was a tie between Ms. Zillah Fluker, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Alabama State University, and Ms. Gloria Batts, Executive Director, Village of Promise, located in the Huntsville area. On motion by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter and seconded by Mr. Jeff Newman, the Board voted for Ms. Gloria Batts.

On motion by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter and seconded by Mr. Jeff Newman, the Board voted unanimously for the following individuals to serve as members of the Alabama Public Charter School Commission:

Representing Governor Robert Bentley's Office

Thomas Rains, Policy Director of A+ Education Partnership
Sally Howell, Executive Director of the Alabama Association of School Boards
Dr. Ed Richardson, Former State Superintendent of Education and former President of Auburn University
Mac Buttram, Associate Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Huntsville

Lieutenant Governor Kay Ivey's Office

Melinda McClendon

Speaker Mike Hubbard's Office

Terri Tomlinson, former principal of George Hall Elementary School, Mobile County School System
Gloria Batts, Executive Director of Village of Promise
Dr. Alma Freeman, Retired Professor and Dean, Alabama State University

President Pro Tem Del Marsh's Office

Chad Fincher, Former Alabama House of Representatives Member, Mobile County
Dr. Henry Nelson, Educator

The compiled list of recommendations is filed in the Board folder dated May 26, 2015. During the meeting, Board members also extended their appreciation to former State Board Member Al Thompson, who no longer represents School Board District One on the Alabama State Board of Education for Grades K-12. Mr. Thompson was appointed by Governor Robert Bentley to serve on the Department of Postsecondary Education Commission.

The Board members and Dr. Thomas R. Bice thanked Governor Robert Bentley for his support.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

President

Secretary and Executive Officer