

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
NOVEMBER 9, 2017
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, November 9, 2017, at 10:04 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

Bishop Kyle Searcy, Fresh Anointing House of Worship, did the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Present

Mrs. Stephanie Bell
Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter
Governor Kay Ivey
Dr. Cynthia McCarty
Mr. Jeff Newman
Mrs. Betty Peters
Dr. Yvette M. Richardson
Mrs. Jackie Zeigler

Absent

Mrs. Ella B. Bell

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 12, 2017

On motion by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of November 9, 2017.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

On motion by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY2018 Department of Education Proposed Budget. (This document is filed in the Board folder dated November 9, 2017.)

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

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF ACCESS VIRTUAL LEARNING
AND AdvancED ACCREDITATION**

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education wish to recognize ACCESS Virtual Learning, the Alabama State Department of Education's supplemental virtual learning program, for recently earning accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), an accreditation division of AdvancED. This action was taken at the AdvancED Accreditation Commission meeting held on June 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, SACS CASI provides nationally recognized accreditation, the purpose of which is continuous school improvement focused on increasing student performance. To earn accreditation, ACCESS Virtual Learning was required to meet SACS CASI's high standards, be evaluated by a team of AdvancED professionals, and commit to implementing a continuous process of program improvement over a five-year period; and

WHEREAS, over the past year, the ACCESS Accreditation Team, comprised of ACCESS ALSDE administrators, staff, and the three ACCESS Support Center Directors and their staff, worked tirelessly together to examine current practices, gather evidence in support of those practices, and submit documentation of compliance with AdvancED's quality standards; and

WHEREAS, The ACCESS Accreditation Team collaboratively engaged other staff members and stakeholders in purposeful, honest dialogue and reflection to guide later conversations regarding continuous improvement efforts; and

WHEREAS, the ACCESS Accreditation Team consistently followed rigorous guidelines, met all established timelines, and submitted quality evidence to the AdvancED team prior to the External Review; and

WHEREAS, ACCESS Virtual Learning hosted an External Review Team onsite in Montgomery, Alabama, in April 2017, facilitating interviews between the External Review Team members and various ACCESS Alabama State Department of Education administrators, staff, three regional support center directors and their staff, teachers, parents, and students; and

WHEREAS, the awarding of SACS CASI accreditation to ACCESS Virtual Learning demonstrates to Alabama's students, parents, schools, and communities that the program's current best practices, procedures, and commitment to a continuous plan of improving student achievement in a digital environment is supported and recognized by AdvancED:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend ACCESS Virtual Learning for achieving SACS CASI accreditation through AdvancED and for their commitment to a continuous improvement plan focused on raising student achievement in Alabama.

Done this 9th day of November 2017

APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR THE MONTGOMERY PUBLIC SCHOOLS INTERVENTION

On motion by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter and seconded by Mr. Jeff Newman, the Board voted unanimously for Dr. Reginald Eggleston as Chief Administrative Officer for the Montgomery Public Schools Intervention

The Alabama State Board of Education meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m. for the Work Session that was held in Plaza 104 of the Gordon Persons Building.

President

Secretary and Executive Officer