

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
SEPTEMBER 10, 2015
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met on Thursday , September 10, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. for a regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters. The meeting was called to order by the Vice President of the Board, in accordance with *Alabama Code* (1975), §16-3-7, as amended.

PRESIDING: MR. JEFF NEWMAN, VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. Patrick Quinn, Frazer United Methodist Church, did the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was held in unison.

The following members were present:

Present

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

Absent

Governor Robert Bentley

Dr. Thomas R. Bice, State Superintendent of Education, was also present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 2015

On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the minutes for the meeting of August 13, 2015.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Dr. Thomas R. Bice recognized individuals present who wished to address the Board regarding the Science State Course of Study.

The public comments may be viewed on the archived video of the Alabama State Department of Education's Ustream Channel at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/alabama-department-of-education>.

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

**RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF
SCIENCE STATE COURSE OF STUDY**

WHEREAS, Title 16, Chapter 35, Section 3, of the *Code of Alabama*, 1975, requires the State Courses of Study Committee to prepare the contents of the courses of study for each grade of the elementary and secondary schools; and

WHEREAS, a report of its recommendations with respect to the compulsory minimum content of courses of study and of recommended revisions of courses, materials, subject content, and treatment in specific courses in such areas is required; and

WHEREAS, said law requires that the report be submitted to the State Superintendent of Education and to members of the State Textbook Committee for separate written recommendations to the Alabama State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education has reviewed the State Course of Study Committee's report on Science Education and recommends its adoption:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the attached report by the State Course of Study Committee on Science Education is received by the Alabama State Board of Education, and said report will be considered for adoption.

Done this 10th day of September 2015

On motion by Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following document, a signed copy of which has been placed in the Alabama State Board of Education folder dated September 10, 2015

AGREEMENT CONCERNING OUTSTANDING BONDS

This Agreement is entered into as of the ___ day of _____, 2015, between the STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA (the "**State Board of Education**") and the BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM (the "**ACCS Board**").

RECITALS:

Pursuant to Act No. 2015-125, adopted at the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama (the "**ACCS Authorizing Act**"), the Alabama State Legislature provided for transfer of the supervision and control of the community and technical colleges comprising the Alabama Community College System (the "**Colleges**") from the State Board of Education to the ACCS Board.

The State Board of Education has heretofore issued bonds (the "**Revenue Bonds**") in order to finance or refinance improvements to the campuses of certain of the Colleges (in each case, the "**Benefitted College**"), in each case payable from and secured by a pledge of certain tuition and fees charged to students of the College for the benefit of which the Revenue Bonds were issued. A list of the Revenue Bonds remaining outstanding as of the date hereof and indicating the Benefitted College is attached as Exhibit A to this Agreement.

Each of the Revenue Bonds or series of Revenue Bonds is subject to terms and conditions, as set forth in the Resolutions of the State Board of Education and, in certain cases, a "Definitive Terms Certificate," providing for certain terms of the Revenue Bonds (collectively, the "**Authorizing Resolutions**" and individually an "**Authorizing Resolution**"). In each case the Authorizing Resolution contains a pledge of the specified tuition and fee revenues pledged to secure the authorized Revenue Bonds (in each case, the "**Specified Pledged Revenues**").

It is necessary, desirable and in the interest of the State Board of Education and the ACCS Board to provide for the continued security for and payment of the Revenue Bonds and for continued compliance with the covenants and agreements contained in the Authorizing Resolutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the respective agreements on the part of the State Board of Education and the ACCS Board herein contained, the State Board of Education and the ACCS Board hereby agree as follows:

Section 1. Bonds to Remain Outstanding. The State Board of Education and the ACCS Board agree that the Revenue Bonds shall remain outstanding, shall continue to be subject to payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon as and when provided under their respective terms, and shall continue to be secured by the Specified Pledged Revenues as provided in the respective Authorizing Resolutions.

Section 2. Payment of Debt Service by ACCS Board. The ACCS Board shall make each and every payment with respect to each Revenue Bond or series of Revenue Bonds as and when due in accordance with such Revenue Bonds and the respective Authorizing Resolution. Each such payment shall be made at the times and in the manner prescribed in the respective Authorizing Resolution.

Section 3. Pledge of Tuition and Fee Revenues. In the case of each Revenue Bond or series of Revenue Bonds, the ACCS Board hereby pledges to the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon the Specified Pledged Revenues described in the respective Authorizing Resolution. The pledge and assignment made herein shall be and remain prior and superior to any and all pledges, assignments and other agreements respecting the Specified Pledged Revenues that may hereafter be made by the ACCS Board, other than a pledge and assignment for the benefit of Additional ACCS Obligations issued in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

Section 4. Maintenance of Rates. At all times while any of the Revenue Bonds shall remain outstanding, the ACCS Board covenants and agrees that it shall make such lawful increases in tuition and fee rates as shall be necessary to produce Specified Pledged Revenues during each fiscal year in an amount which, together with other available sources of revenue and available fund balances, shall be sufficient to provide for the payment of all amounts due and payable in such fiscal year with respect to the principal and interest requirements with respect to the Revenue Bonds and any Additional ACCS Obligations.

Section 5. Other Sources of Payment. The parties acknowledge that the State Board of Education covenanted to take certain actions with respect to additional sources of payment of the Revenue Bonds in the event the Specified Pledged Revenues were insufficient to pay the principal of and interest on any Revenue Bond or series of Revenue Bonds, and agree that such sources are now within the control of the ACCS Board. The ACCS Board hereby covenants and agrees for the benefit of the State Board of Education that if and to the extent there are insufficient monies for the payment of any Revenue Bonds as and when due it shall cause the Chancellor to apply the amount of any such deficiency toward the payment of such Revenue Bonds out of any monies legally available to the ACCS Board, including without limitation

revenues derived from the payment of tuition and facility renewal fees of all colleges under the supervision of the ACCS Board; provided, however, that this covenant shall not be construed to obligate the ACCS Board to make any payments in respect of Revenue Bonds out of monies appropriated by the State of Alabama to the ACCS Board or any institution thereof or to create any liability for the State Board of Education. The ACCS Board further covenants and agrees to repay the State Board of Education promptly in the event the State Board of Education is ever required to pay any amounts with respect to the principal of or interest on the Revenue Bonds as a result of the inadequacy of funds paid by the ACCS Board, as required by the covenants of the State Board of Education in each of the Authorizing Resolutions to make payments from other legally available monies. Such repayment shall be payable solely from Pledged Revenues, subject and subordinate to the payment of principal of and interest on the Revenue Bonds, and from other sources legally available for the payment of debt service on the Revenue Bonds.

Section 6. Compliance with Authorizing Resolutions. The ACCS Board hereby assumes and agrees to perform each and every covenant and agreement contained in the Authorizing Resolutions. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the ACCS Board covenants and agrees:

- (i) If within the time required by the respective Authorizing Resolution there are insufficient funds available to pay all principal and interest on the Revenue Bond or series of Revenue Bonds due on the next succeeding payment date, take such actions as are required by such Authorizing Resolution;
- (ii) With respect to any Revenue Bond or series of Revenue Bonds the interest on which is excluded from income for purposes of federal income tax, not take any action, or fail to take any action, if such action or failure would cause the interest on the interest on the Revenue Bonds to be includable in income for purposes of federal income tax;
- (iii) With respect to any Revenue Bond or series of Revenue Bonds issued as qualified tax credit bonds, not take any action or fail to take any action if such action or failure would cause such Revenue Bond or Revenue Bonds not to meet the requirements for qualified tax credit bonds;
- (iv) Comply with all obligations to insure, maintain, repair or reconstruct any facilities financed or refinanced with proceeds of the Revenue Bonds;
- (v) Comply with each and every term of any municipal bond insurance policy securing the Revenue Bonds.

Section 7. Additional Covenants Respecting Tax Treatment of Bonds. The State Board of Education and the ACCS Board acknowledge that certain of the Revenue Bonds are issued with the intent that the interest thereon be excludable from income for purposes of federal income tax and that others of the Revenue Bonds are issued as qualified tax credit bonds with respect to which the issuer is entitled to a credit equal to a portion of the interest paid with respect to such Revenue Bonds (collectively, the "**Tax Exempt Bonds**"). In addition to the ACCS Board's covenants with respect to the tax treatment of the Tax Exempt Bonds, as set forth in Section 6 above, the State Board of Education and the ACCS Board agree as follows:

- (a) The ACCS Board shall cause to be prepared in a timely manner a rebate report with respect to interest and investment earnings on any fund or account with respect to the Tax Exempt Bonds which is not the subject of an exemption from the rebate requirements of Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. To the extent that any such report shows that rebate is due and owing the ACCS Board shall prepare and submit to the Chancellor, for execution of an authorized officer of the State Board of Education, and shall thereafter file, a Report on Form 8038-T and shall pay or cause to be paid any such amount owed. In the event of any refund of overpayments of rebate with respect to the Tax Exempt Bonds such refund shall be payable to the ACCS Board.
- (b) The ACCS Board shall cause to be prepared and submitted to the Chancellor, for execution of an authorized officer of the State Board of Education, each Form 8038-CP required in connection with the rebate payments due from the United States with respect to qualified tax credit bonds. The State Board of Education agrees that all such rebate payments are and shall be the property of the ACCS Board and to the extent any such payments are made to the State Board of Education it will pay over the amount of any such payment to the ACCS Board.
- (c) The ACCS Board shall comply with and perform any undertakings by the State Board of Education under any certificate or agreement with respect to the tax status of any Tax Exempt Bonds.
- (d) If at any time the State Board of Education or the ACCS Board shall receive a notice of examination, an information document request or any other inquiry from the Internal Revenue Service with respect to any of the Tax Exempt Bonds it shall promptly notify the other. Thereafter, the ACCS Board shall, at its cost and expense, take primary responsibility with respect to the response to such notice, request or inquiry and the resolution of any dispute with respect to the tax status of the Tax Exempt Bonds. The State Board of Education shall cooperate with any required response and shall execute one or more powers of attorney as shall be requested by the ACCS Board.

Section 8. Redemption or Prepayment of Bonds. The State Board of Education shall not take any action to cause or permit the redemption or prepayment of any of the Revenue Bonds except at the request or with the prior written consent of the ACCS Board. In the event the ACCS Board wishes to redeem all or any portion of any one or more series of the Revenue Bonds it shall give prior notice to the State Board of Education, which notice shall be accompanied by a proposed form of any Authorizing Resolution or action on the part of the State Board of Education and any agreement or instrument required to be executed by the State Board of Education in connection with such redemption or prepayment. The State Board of Education agrees that it will cooperate, but without any out-of-pocket expense to the State Board of Education, in taking any actions required of it in order to accomplish the requested redemption and prepayment.

Section 9. No Additional Bonds or Obligations of the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall not issue any "Additional Bonds" under any Authorizing Resolution or other bonds or obligations payable from Specified Pledged Revenues.

Section 10. Parity Obligations of the ACCS Board. So long as no default in the payment of any Revenue Bond or series of Revenue Bonds with respect to a Benefitted College shall have occurred and be continuing and the ACCS Board is not in default in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, the ACCS Board shall have the right and privilege, hereby expressly reserved, of issuing bonds or other obligations ("**Parity Obligations**") secured on parity with the Revenue Bonds of the Benefitted College and the ACCS Board's payment obligations with respect thereto, and any Parity Obligations theretofore issued and then outstanding, by a pledge of the Specified Pledged Revenues, within the limitations of and upon compliance with the provisions of this Section. Parity Obligations may be issued to pay the cost, in whole or in part, of acquiring, constructing and equipping any new building or facility, extending or improving any existing building or facility on the campus of the Benefitted College and making other capital improvements on the campus of the Benefitted College, and for any other purpose permitted by the ACCS Authorizing Act. Parity Obligations may also be issued for the purpose of refunding any outstanding Revenue Bonds or any Parity Obligations theretofore issued; provided that if any Parity Obligations are issued for such purpose the Revenue Bonds or Parity Obligations being refunded and any Revenue Bonds or Parity Obligations theretofore refunded shall not be considered to be outstanding for the purpose of determining compliance with the Authorizing Resolution permitting the issuance of such Parity Obligations. Prior to the issuance of any Parity Obligations the ACCS Board shall deliver to the State Board of Education, and shall place on file in its permanent records, the resolution authorizing the Parity Obligations, each certificate and each opinion, all as may be required by the Authorizing Resolution under which the Parity Obligations are permitted to be issued.

Section 11. Issuance of Bonds Upon Transfer, Exchange, Etc. If at any time requested by the ACCS Board or by the paying agent for any Revenue Bond or series of Revenue Bonds, and upon presentation of substitute bond certificates, the State Board of Education shall execute and deliver bond certificates issued in exchange for other Revenue Bonds, upon transfer, or as replacements for Revenue Bonds lost stolen or destroyed, all as contemplated by the Authorizing Resolutions. Any such execution shall at the sole expense of the ACCS Board and the State Board of Education shall not incur any out-of-pocket expense in complying with this Section.

Section 12. Continuing Disclosure. So long as any of the Revenue Bonds remain outstanding the ACCS Board shall take all actions necessary to comply with the continuing disclosure obligations of the State Board of Education with respect to such Revenue Bonds. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the ACCS Board shall file with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board through its EMMA online system annual reports and material event notices required pursuant to the State Board of Education's continuing disclosure undertakings as required by SEC Rule 15c2-12. If requested by the State Board of Education the ACCS Board shall file, annually or more often as required, such reports and certifications as to continuing disclosure as the State Board of Education may require of the institutions under its supervision and control.

Section 13. Term of Agreement. This Agreement shall become effective as of the date first above written and shall continue in effect until the later of (i) the last filing with respect to continuing disclosure or arbitrage rebate has been made, (ii) three years after all Revenue Bonds have been paid and are no longer outstanding, irrespective of whether payment of such Revenue Bonds may have been provided for as contemplated in the Authorizing Resolutions, or (iii) the conclusion of any audit or litigation with respect to the Revenue Bonds.

Section 14. Third Party Beneficiaries. The holders from time to time of the Revenue Bonds and the issuer of any municipal bond insurance policy with respect to any Revenue Bond or series of Revenue Bonds, are and shall be third party beneficiaries of this Agreement. Except as aforesaid this Agreement shall not confer any rights or remedies upon any person other than the parties and their respective successors and assigns.

Section 15. Assignment. This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without the express written consent of the other party.

Section 16. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Alabama.

Section 17. Severability. In case any one or more of the provisions contained herein should be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions hereof shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 18. Notices. Any notice, request or other communication hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly given or made (a) when personally delivered to the intended recipient (or the designated officer of the intended recipient), (b) six days after it is sent postage prepaid by certified first class mail, return receipt requested, (c) upon delivery by a recognized overnight delivery service, as shown by the proof of delivery, or (d) when sent by facsimile service, with such facsimile to be confirmed promptly in writing sent by mail or overnight courier as aforesaid, to the following addresses:

If to the State Board
of Education:

Alabama Department of Education
Attention: Deputy Superintendent for Administrative and Financial
Services
50 North Ripley Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130
Facsimile:

If to the ACCS Board:

Alabama Community College System
Attention: Chancellor
Alabama Center for Postsecondary Education
135 South Union Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36104
Facsimile: 334 292-4526

Section 19. Amendments. No amendment of any provision of this Agreement shall be valid unless in writing and duly signed by an authorized representative of each of the parties hereto.

[Execution page follows.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties has caused this Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized officer and delivered as of the date first above written.

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
STATE OF ALABAMA**

Attest:

By: _____
Title:

Title:

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALABAMA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

Attest:

By: _____
Title:

Title:

Exhibit A

to

AGREEMENT CONCERNING OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS

Revenue Bonds Issued by the State Board of Education for Community and Technical Colleges

| Benefited College | Revenue Bonds | Original Issue Amount |
|---|--|------------------------------|
| Alabama Southern Community College | Series 2005 Revenue Bonds | \$3,000,000 |
| Bevill State Community College | Series 2005 Revenue Bonds | \$7,595,000 |
| Bevill State Community College | Series 2007 Revenue Bonds | \$8,300,000 |
| Bevill State Community College | Series 2009 Refunding Revenue Bonds | \$3,050,000 |
| Bishop State Community College* | Series 2003 Revenue Bonds | \$5,125,000 |
| Bishop State Community College | Series 2015 Refunding Revenue Bond | \$3,552,000 |
| John C. Calhoun Community College | Series 2012 Revenue Refunding Bonds | \$24,325,000 |
| John C. Calhoun Community College | Series 2014 Revenue Bond | \$15,000,000 |
| Central Alabama Community College | Series 2005 Revenue Bond | \$2,075,000 |
| Central Alabama Community College | Series 2009 Refunding Revenue Bonds | \$2,335,000 |
| Central Alabama Community College | Series 2012 Revenue Bond | \$6,735,000 |
| Chattahoochee Valley Community | Series 2009 Revenue Bond | \$9,000,000 |
| J.F. Drake State Technical College | Series 2003 Revenue Bonds | \$3,990,000 |
| Enterprise State Community College | Series 2009 Refunding Revenue Bonds | \$1,695,000 |
| Enterprise State Community College | Series 2011 Revenue Bonds | \$4,745,000 |
| James H. Faulkner State Community | Series 2005 Revenue Bonds | \$4,245,000 |
| James H. Faulkner State Community | Series 2009 Revenue Bonds | \$4,595,000 |
| James H. Faulkner State Community | Series 2011 Revenue Bonds | \$5,635,000 |
| James H. Faulkner State Community | Series 2015 Refunding Revenue Bond | \$6,673,000 |
| Gadsden State Community College** | Series 2007 Revenue Bonds | \$12,425,000 |
| Gadsden State Community College | Series 2011 Refunding Revenue Bonds | \$1,920,000 |
| Gadsden State Community College | Series 2014 Refunding Revenue Bond | \$8,764,000 |
| Jefferson State Community College | Series 2007 Revenue Bonds | \$32,365,000 |
| Jefferson State Community College | Series 2014 Refunding Bond | \$16,452,000 |
| T.A. Lawson State Community College | Series 2007-A Tuition Revenue Bonds | \$4,740,000 |
| T.A. Lawson State Community College | Series 2012 Tuition Revenue Refunding Bonds | \$5,745,000 |
| Lurleen B. Wallace Community | Series 2005 Revenue Bonds | \$3,700,000 |
| Northeast Alabama Community | Series 2005 Revenue Bonds | \$6,225,000 |
| Northeast Alabama Community | Series 2012 Revenue Bonds | \$8,270,000 |
| Northwest-Shoals Community College | Series 2014 Revenue Bond | \$6,000,000 |
| Reid State Technical College | Series 2013 Revenue Refunding Bond | \$2,045,000 |
| Snead State Community College | Series 2013 Refunding Revenue Bond | \$3,630,000 |
| Snead State Community College | Series 2014 Refunding Revenue Bond | \$5,329,000 |
| Southern Union State Community | Series 2009 Refunding Revenue Bonds | \$7,790,000 |
| Southern Union State Community | Series 2012 Refunding and Improvement Revenue | \$32,620,000 |
| H. Council Trenholm State Technical College | Series 1994 Bond Anticipation Notes | \$2,000,000 |
| H. Council Trenholm State Technical College | Series 2010 Recovery Zone Economic Development Revenue Bonds | \$5,500,000 |
| George C. Wallace Community College (Dothan) | Series 2012 Revenue Bond | \$6,180,000 |
| Wallace State Community College (Hanceville)* | Series 2005 Revenue Bonds | \$9,000,000 |
| Wallace State Community College (Hanceville) | Series 2010 Recovery Zone Economic Development Revenue Bonds | \$16,500,000 |
| Wallace State Community College (Hanceville) | Series 2012 Capital Improvement Revenue Bond | \$25,190,000 |
| Wallace State Community College (Hanceville) | Series 2015 Refunding Revenue Bond | \$4,228,000 |

*These bonds were outstanding on the effective date of the Act, but have since been fully redeemed.

** These bonds were refunded; the amounts not callable at the time of the refunding are held in escrow until such time as redeemable.

Please note all dollar amounts correspond to the original amount of the bonds issued, not the current outstanding balance.

On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted unanimously for Mrs. Mary Hubbard, Birmingham, Alabama, a former Alabama School of Fine Arts Teacher, for the position on the Alabama School of Fine Arts Board of Trustees. Other documentation is filed in the Board folder dated September 10, 2015.

RECOMMENDATION FOR ONE POSITION ON THE ALABAMA SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 1-31, 2015, AS ALABAMA CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION MONTH

WHEREAS, Careers in Construction Month is an annual celebration designated to increase public awareness and appreciation of construction craft professionals and the entire construction workforce; and

WHEREAS, during this month employers, associations, and schools are encouraged to conduct job fairs, panel discussions, and local community events to inform students of the vast employment opportunities in construction-related careers; and

WHEREAS, construction is one of our nation's largest industries, employing more than 5 million individuals in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the construction industry in the state of Alabama currently employs 150,000 individuals; and

WHEREAS, The National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) was created by the construction industry to standardize training and enhance the overall image of this career sector by promoting the hard work and dedication of America's craft professionals; and

WHEREAS, the mission of NCCER's "Build Your Future Campaign" is to narrow the skills gap by guiding our nation's youth into opportunities that lead to long-term rewarding careers in construction; and

WHEREAS, construction professionals play a vital role in the development and growth of our state; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education recommends approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby proclaim October 1-31, 2015, as Careers in Construction Month and encourages local boards of education, schools, and business and industry professionals to participate in this celebration through activities that demonstrate an appreciation for Alabama's crafts community and the many students who are interested in establishing successful careers in these important construction-related professions.

Done this 10th day of September 2015

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

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A REPLACEMENT MEMBER TO THE 2015-2016 SCIENCE STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the *Code of Alabama* 1975, §16-36-60, provides for the appointment of a Science State Textbook Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education appointed 14 members to the Science State Textbook Committee at its June 11, 2015, meeting; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Maria Eugenia Alcala Franco, an elementary teacher, resigned her appointment to the 2015-2016 Science State Textbook Committee; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Science State Textbook Committee, Ms. Maria Eugenia Alcala Franco, an elementary teacher, must be replaced by Mr. Joseph Michael Caldwell, an elementary teacher; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education recommends approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the people on the attached list are hereby appointed to the 2015-2016 Science State Textbook Committee for a term beginning June 1, 2015, and ending on May 31, 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Mr. Joseph Michael Caldwell of the Andalusia City School System replaces Ms. Maria Eugenia Alcala Franco of the Tallassee City School System on the Science State Textbook Committee.

Done this 10th day of September 2015

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

**RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM
Samford University**

WHEREAS, a review of a teacher education program was conducted on June 24-28, 2015, by the Alabama State Department of Education in accordance with the *Alabama State Board of Education, State Department of Education Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.56(2)(b)2; and

WHEREAS, compliance with Alabama State Board of Education rules has been verified; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Superintendent of Education recommends approval of the program:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby approves the following program, with approval to expire on May 31, 2020:

Alternative Class A Visual Arts (P-12)

Done this 10th day of September 2015

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Thomas R. Bice advised that the Legislature was back in Montgomery considering solutions to the General Fund budget. One of the concerning proposals, combining budgets, has not passed out of committee. Guests in attendance were asked to visit with their legislators. Dr. Bice stated that one of the key messages would be there is no surplus. He stated there is a rolling reserve, but it is not a surplus. The savings account has been set up in order not to go in proration. The press members in attendance were thanked for making sure the correct information has been publicized. Additionally, he stated that school systems were picking up \$64 million just in the area of transportation.

Board members and other guests were invited to the State Capitol for an announcement of the Alabama State Department of Education and A+ College Ready pertaining to the Advanced Placement Program in Alabama. Dr. Bice stated that Governor Robert Bentley would also be in attendance. He stated that other schools will be added to the program. The program will expand to include support for AP social studies teachers and students.

Vice President

Secretary and Executive Officer