

**MINUTES OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
THE STATE OF ALABAMA
MAY 14, 2020
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

The Alabama State Board of Education met via electronic means for its Annual meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, May 14, 2020, at 10:02 a.m., Room P103 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

The invocation was done by Dr. Eric G. Mackey, State Superintendent of Education, Alabama State Department of Education, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was done in unison.

The following members were present:

Present

Mrs. Stephanie Bell
Governor Kay Ivey
Dr. Cynthia McCarty
Mr. Jeff Newman
Dr. Wayne Reynolds
Dr. Yvette Richardson
Dr. Tommie Stewart
Mrs. Tracie West

Absent

Mrs. Jackie Zeigler

Dr. Eric G. Mackey, State Superintendent of Education, was also present.

On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following.

ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE 290-010-010.04, WHICH ARE IN CONFLICT AND SUPERSEDED BY THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION RELATED TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT ISSUED ON MARCH 18, 2020; NAMELY, THE REQUIREMENT TO VOTE BY RAISED HAND AND THOSE PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM BY PHYSICAL PRESENCE AND MEETING BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Mrs. Tracie West and seconded by Dr. Cynthia McCarty, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 9, 2020, MEETING

On motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of April 9, 2020.

EXECUTIVE (INCLUDES LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

Dr. Eric G. Mackey stated that Alabama has submitted a Peer Review to the United States Department of Education for the ACT with Writing. Dr. Mackey stated that the Technical Advisory Committee has met and approved the Alabama ACT benchmark scores in English Language Arts level one (1-13), level two (14-18), level three (19-22), and level four (23-36); Mathematics level one (1-15), level two (16-18), level three (19-24), and level four (25-36); Science level one (1-15), level two (16-19), level three (20-25), and level four (26-36).

Dr. Mackey stated that the ACT College and Career Readiness benchmarks scores for English Language Arts (20), Mathematics (22), and Science (23).

STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Eric G. Mackey expressed his deep appreciation for school teachers, leaders, staff, as well as the Alabama State Department of Education staff for their work over the past two months. Dr. Mackey reported to the Board that since the middle of March, Alabama schools have served 3,710,705 meals to students. Millions of meals have been served across the state during the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Mackey informed the Board that the department has answered over nine hundred calls from across the state.

Dr. Mackey informed the Board that the Superintendent's Extending Access to Learning (SEAL) Task Force has completed its work for this school year. On May 19, 2020, the SEAL Task Force will start to work on a Roadmap to Return to School this fall. Alabama will partner with five other states and the national non-profit Opportunity Labs to produce the Roadmap tailored to Alabama's needs. The Roadmap will be completed by June 19, 2020. Dr. Mackey stated the reason Alabama was chosen is because of the great work we have done during the closure of schools.

Dr. Mackey again thanked the Board for its leadership and involvement and ended his report with a message of hope that the Board would be able to meet in person in June.

There being no other business before the Board, on motion by Dr. Wayne Reynolds and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. The next Alabama State Board of Education Meeting for Elementary and Secondary Education will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2020, at 10 a.m. in the auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building followed by the Work Session.

Vice President

Secretary and Executive Officer