The Alabama State Board of Education met for its regular meeting of Elementary/Secondary Education matters on Thursday, May 9, 2019, in the auditorium of the Gordon Persons Building, Montgomery, Alabama. 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: DR. CYNTHIA MCCARTY, VICE PRESIDENT

The invocation was done by Rabbi Scott Kramer, Agudath Israel Etz Ahayem Synagogue, Montgomery, Alabama, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was done in unison.

The following members were present:

Present
Mrs. Ella B. Bell
Mrs. Stephanie Bell
Dr. Cynthia McCarty
Mr. Jeff Newman
Dr. Yvette Richardson
Mrs. Tracie West
Mrs. Jackie Zeigler

Absent
Governor Kay Ivey
Dr. Wayne Reynolds

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 14, 2019, MEETING

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mrs. Ella B. Bell, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the meeting of April 14, 2019.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ALABAMA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION NOMINEES

On motion by Mr. Jeff Newman and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the Board voted 4-0-3 to appoint Mrs. Allison Haygood, Principal, Corley Elementary School, in Boaz, Alabama, to serve on the Charter School Commission.

Voted Yes
Dr. Cynthia McCarty
Mr. Jeff Newman
Dr. Yvette Richardson
Mrs. Tracie West

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

**ANNOUNCE INTENT TO ADOPT NEW ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 290-4-5, PERTAINING TO STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES**

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

**ADOPT AMENDED ALABAMA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, RULE 290-1-1-.04, PERTAINING TO MEETINGS OF THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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

**APPOINTMENT, 2019-2020 STATE TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE HEALTH, GRADES K-12**

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

WHEREAS, said law provides that four elementary teachers and four high school teachers are to be selected to serve on the State Textbook Committee and are to come from each of the seven congressional districts of Alabama and one statewide; and

WHEREAS, said law provides that four people who shall be teachers, principals, supervisors, or superintendents are to be selected from the state-at-large; and

WHEREAS, said law provides that two members of said State Textbook Committee are to be selected from the institutions of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, said law provides that the fourteen people on the attached list are to be nominated to the Alabama State Board of Education by the State Superintendent of Education; 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 2019-2020 State Textbook Committee for a term beginning June 1, 2019, and ending on May 31, 2020:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board recognizes that said law provides that the Governor of Alabama is to appoint nine people not in the field of education to serve on this State Textbook Committee and welcomes them to full membership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That State Superintendent of Education Eric G. Mackey is hereby authorized to fill any vacancy that may occur on this State Textbook Committee until the next meeting of this Alabama State Board of Education after such vacancy occurs and same to be added as ad interim business.

Done on this 9th day of May 2019

On motion by Mr. Jeff Newman and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

**COMMENDING 2019-2020 ALABAMA TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND ELEMENTARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR ANA CAROLINA BEHEL, WEEDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FLORENCE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, Ana Carolina Behel, an educator in the Florence City School System believes student success is highly connected to excellent communication and language development skills; and

WHEREAS, 2019-2020 Alabama Teacher of the Year Ana Carolina Behel was inspired to become an educator by her personal experiences growing up in Guatemala, where she developed a real enthusiasm for languages and different learning methods; and

WHEREAS, she believes teachers have a significant impact on students, which helps to develop their language skills and social development; and
WHEREAS, Alabama Teacher of the Year Ana Carolina Behel believes all K-12 students must have supportive learning environments, which inspires them to develop their communication skills and full academic potential; and

WHEREAS, she makes it her personal mission to find innovative, rigorous, relevant, and engaging learning strategies for students; and

WHEREAS, Alabama Teacher of the Year Ana Carolina Behel is a National Board Certified Teacher, a current Educational Administration doctoral degree candidate, and also is a first-generation college graduate; and

WHEREAS, her personal experiences have provided her with a true global approach, which has broadened her ability to reach students from various backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, when she was a student herself, she often received school assignments in German, Spanish, and English; and

WHEREAS, as a veteran educator in our state with more than 24 years of experience, 2019-2020 Alabama Teacher of the Year Ana Carolina Behel truly appreciates the opportunities that great teachers have, to positively shape the promising futures of students; and

WHEREAS, she uses a student-centered approach in the classroom to design challenging curriculum, which engages all students to learn at the highest levels of achievement; and

WHEREAS, she believes every student deserves an equitable education taught by a quality teacher who knows their craft well, and who is committed to preparing them for success:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education congratulates educator Ana Carolina Behel for being selected the 2019-2020 Alabama Teacher of the Year and Elementary Teacher of the Year and expresses personal gratitude for her continued dedication to student achievement and excellence.

Done this 9th day of May 2019

On motion by Mrs. Tracie West and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

COMMENDING THE 2019-2020 ALTERNATE ALABAMA TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND SECONDARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR JACQUE MIDDLETON, AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL, AUBURN CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Jacque Middleton is an innovative educator in the Auburn City School System, who is making positive and lasting impacts on student achievement in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, 2019-2020 Alternate Alabama Teacher of the Year Jacque Middleton has dedicated her career to helping students reach their personal goals and academic objectives; and

WHEREAS, she has a strong belief in the importance of providing students with opportunities to learn Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education; and

WHEREAS, she also strongly believes in providing all K-12 students opportunities to explore their personal career, postsecondary learning, and workforce development goals; and

WHEREAS, having been fortunate to have grown up in many different regions of the United States, she has gained a unique perspective on teaching, seeing first-hand the true value of exposing students to engaging, hands-on learning opportunities and experiences; and

WHEREAS, Alternate Alabama Teacher of the Year Jacque Middleton teaches at Auburn High School and inspires her students by utilizing innovative technology and resources; and

WHEREAS, her STEM classroom is best described as interactive and engaging; and

WHEREAS, she is fully committed to preparing students in her community for success; and

WHEREAS, she coordinates an award-winning Science Olympiad, engineering fairs, robotics teams, and also hosts monthly STEM events at elementary and middle schools statewide; and

WHEREAS, outside of the classroom, she is an active part of her local community; and
WHEREAS, Alternate Alabama Teacher of the Year Jacque Middleton is focused on creating a rewarding learning environment for all students:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby congratulate Jacque Middleton for being named the 2019-2020 Alternate Alabama Teacher of the Year and the Secondary Teacher of the Year and commends her for continued dedication to Alabama’s students and their lifelong academic and career growth.

Done this 9th day of May 2019

On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mrs. Elia B. Bell, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE 2019-2020 ALABAMA DISTRICT TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education seeks to recognize and encourage excellence in education, both in teaching and learning; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Teacher of the Year Program is a means of identifying and rewarding some of the state’s outstanding teachers each year; and

WHEREAS, well-trained, dedicated, caring, enthusiastic, and innovative elementary and secondary teachers are among the ingredients essential to achieving excellence in preparing Alabama’s children and youth to become capable adults; and

WHEREAS, the following honorees in the 2019-2020 Alabama Teacher of the Year Program exhibit these qualities and more:

J. Scott Parks
Saraland Elementary School, Saraland City School System
District I Elementary Teacher of the Year

Kathy Hughes
Spanish Fort High School, Baldwin County School System
District I Secondary Teacher of the Year

Laura G. Traylor
Joseph W. Lisenby Primary School, Ozark City School System
District II Elementary Teacher of the Year

Jacque Middleton
Auburn High School, Auburn City School System
District II Secondary Teacher of the Year

Vickey Glover Bailey
Chelsea Park Elementary School, Shelby County School System
District III Elementary Teacher of the Year

Kimberly Lee Mitchell
Talladega Career Technical Center, Talladega City School System
District III Secondary Teacher of the Year

Abby Becker
Hall-Kent Elementary School, Homewood City School System
District IV Elementary Teacher of the Year

Stephanie Huffman
McAdory High School, Jefferson County School System
District IV Secondary Teacher of the Year

Catherine Anne Kenny
Pike Road Middle School, Pike Road City School System
District V Elementary Teacher of the Year

Nashika Tempero-Culliver
Selma High School, Selma City School System
District V Secondary Teacher of the Year
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate the 2019-2020 District Teachers of the Year upon the honor of being selected as district Teachers of the year.

Done this 9th day of May 2019

On motion by Mrs. Jacqueline Zeigler and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF CAROLINE VALENTINO, BALDWIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, BALDWIN COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AS ALABAMA’S 2018-2019 HEALTH EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Caroline Valentino, a health education teacher at Baldwin County High School in the Baldwin County School System, received the Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (ASAHPERD) 2018-2019 Health Educator of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Caroline Valentino received her Bachelor of Science degree from Auburn University Montgomery (AUM), taught four years in the Montgomery County School System, and then moved to Baldwin County High School where she has been teaching health education for 18 years; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (ASAHPERD) presents the Health Educator of the Year Award to honor outstanding teaching of health education at the K-12 or higher education level; and

WHEREAS, Caroline Valentino was selected based upon her outstanding teaching abilities to conduct a developmentally appropriate health education program utilizing state and national standards for health education, various teaching methodologies, and innovative learning experiences to meet the needs of all students; and

WHEREAS, Caroline Valentino has served the profession as a conference presenter, ASAHPERD officer, and member of numerous committees; in addition she has provided classes on using technology and being a mentor teacher for her colleagues at Baldwin County High; and

WHEREAS, Caroline Valentino’s passion for the importance of health and physical education is the foundation for her success as a teacher and a community advocate:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Caroline Valentino upon the honor of being selected as Alabama’s 2018-2019 Health Educator of the Year.

Done this 9th day of May 2019
On motion by Dr. Yvette Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Stephanie Bell, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following:

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF CINDY O’BRIEN,\nHUEYTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,\nJEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM,\nAS ALABAMA’S 2018-2019\nELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, Cindy O’Brien, a physical education teacher at Hueytown Elementary School in the Jefferson County School System, received the Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (ASAHPERD) 2018-2019 Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Cindy O’Brien received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Physical Education from the University of Montevallo and began her teaching career at Hueytown Elementary School where she still teaches, 37 years later; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance presents the physical education Teacher of the Year Award to honor outstanding teachers of physical education at the elementary, middle, and high school levels; and

**WHEREAS**, Cindy O’Brien was selected based upon her outstanding teaching abilities to conduct a developmentally appropriate physical education program utilizing state and national standards for physical education, various teaching methodologies, and innovative learning experiences to meet the needs of all students; and

**WHEREAS**, Cindy O’Brien serves as a positive role model epitomizing personal health and fitness, enjoyment of activity, and sensitivity to the physical and emotional needs of all students, and provides service to the profession through advocacy, consultation, in-service training presentations, and active membership in related professional organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Cindy O’Brien has received numerous awards including the University of Montevallo’s Outstanding College of Education Student and Outstanding Kinesiology Alumni, Outstanding Volunteer from the American Heart Association, and Teacher of Excellence Award from the City of Hueytown:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Cindy O’Brien upon the honor of being selected as Alabama’s 2018-2019 Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year.

Done this 9th day of May 2019

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

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF JAMES “BUBBA” LIVINGSTON,\nJACKSON-OLIN HIGH SCHOOL, BIRMINGHAM CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM,\nAS ALABAMA’S 2018-2019 HIGH SCHOOL\nPHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, James Livingston, a physical education teacher at Jackson-Olin High School in the Birmingham City School System, received the Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (ASAHPERD) 2018-2019 High School Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award; and

**WHEREAS**, James Livingston received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and has spent his teaching career in the Shelby County and Birmingham City School systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (ASAHPERD) presents the Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award to honor outstanding teaching of physical education at the elementary, middle, and high school levels; and

**WHEREAS**, James Livingston was selected based upon his outstanding teaching abilities to conduct a developmentally appropriate physical education program utilizing state and national standards for physical education; various teaching methodologies, and innovative learning experiences to meet the needs of all students; and

**WHEREAS**, James Livingston has served the profession as a conference presenter, a member of the state committee to rewrite the Adapted Physical Education curriculum, and the Physical Education Curriculum Guide for Birmingham City Schools; and
WHEREAS, James Livingston’s teaching ability, knowledge, and concern for his students have shown through the years that he has never lost his passion for teaching and continues teaching his students as if it were his first year:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED. That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate James Livingston upon the honor of being selected as Alabama’s 2018-2019 High School Physical Education Teacher of the Year.

Done this 9th day of May 2019.

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

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF JONATHAN THOMPSON, BANKS SCHOOL, PIKE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM, AS ALABAMA’S 2018-2019 MIDDLE SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Jonathan Thompson, a physical education teacher at Banks School in the Pike County School System, received the Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (ASAHPERD) 2018-2019 Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Thompson received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from Auburn University and has been teaching at Banks School for seven years; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (ASAHPERD) presents the Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award to honor outstanding teaching of physical education at the elementary, middle, and high school levels; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Thompson was selected based upon his outstanding teaching abilities to conduct a developmentally appropriate physical education program utilizing state and national standards for physical education, various teaching methodologies, and innovative learning experiences to meet the needs of all students; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Thompson serves as a positive role model epitomizing personal health and fitness, enjoyment of activity, and sensitivity to the physical and emotional needs of all students; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Thompson shares his passion for teaching with others by presenting at conferences and serving on state task forces, he was selected as the 2013 Secondary Teacher of the Year for Banks School and received the 2018 Excellence in Teaching Award from the University of Alabama;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED. That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Jonathan Thompson upon the honor of being selected as Alabama’s 2018-2019 Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year.

Done this 9th day of May 2019

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

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF CONNIE DACUS, ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY, 2018-2019 COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Connie Dacus, Instructor of Physical Education at Alabama State University, received the Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (ASAHPERD) 2018-2019 College/University Physical Education Professional of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Connie Dacus received her Master of Education degree in Health and Physical Education from Alabama State University and taught elementary school physical education in the Montgomery County School System until 2006 when she moved to her current position at Alabama State University; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (ASAHPERD) presents the College/University Physical Education Professional of the Year Award to honor outstanding teachers of physical education at the college/university level; and
WHEREAS, Connie Dacus was selected based upon her leadership in developing, implementing, and coordinating effective physical education programs; meritorious service through involvement at the local and state levels; contributions to ASAHPERD and numerous service organizations; and her influence on the profession through mentoring students at Alabama State University; and

WHEREAS, Connie Dacus has spent her career advocating for quality physical education programs:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED. That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Connie Dacus upon the honor of being selected as Alabama’s 2018-2019 College/University Physical Education Professional of the Year.

Done this 9th day of May 2019.

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

RESOLUTION HONORING TROY UNIVERSITY
AS STATE NOMINEE FOR THE 2019
ALABAMA GREEN RIBBON SCHOOLS AWARD

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education recognizes the importance of saving energy, reducing costs, creating environmentally sustainable learning spaces, protecting health, and fostering wellness for Alabama students and educators; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Education recognizes those schools in the nation that are striving to achieve an energy-efficient and healthy school environment with the Green Ribbon School Award; and

WHEREAS, Troy University is awarded the Alabama Green Ribbon School Award by the Alabama State Department of Education and the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for its innovation to improving its environmental impact and energy efficiency and environmental and sustainability education; and

WHEREAS, Troy University is committed to environmental stewardship and sustainability with these commitments being demonstrated by a focus on reducing environmental impacts through facility management, land use and restoration, waste reduction, energy conservation, and alternative transportation; and

WHEREAS, Troy University is committed to the health and well-being of students, faculty, and staff through extensive health and wellness initiatives and an integrated approach to environmental health through effective facilities management. This commitment is demonstrated through expansive wellness offerings for students, faculty, and staff to include health services, student peer education and campus infrastructure, such as sport and recreation facilities, nature trails, conservation areas and outdoor space; and

WHEREAS, Troy University is committed to environmental and sustainability education through curricular and co-curricular offerings that allow students to explore STEM careers and build their civic skills to include classes, applied research, public service, civic engagement, and volunteer opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Troy University offers numerous outreach and public service programs that broaden its community and regional impact as a leader in environmental stewardship and campus sustainability. These accomplishments are made possible through the commitment of the faculty, staff, and administration to public service and the formulation of innovative partnerships with external stakeholders that allow the university to widen its approach in reducing environmental impacts, waste reduction, wellness, and environmental education; and

WHEREAS, Troy University recently received a $3.2 million-dollar grant from the National Institute of Standards and Technology that will be used to establish the Center for Materials and Manufacturing Sciences at the university where research will focus on polymers, polymers recycling, as well as preparation of the next generation of workforce for the industry:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Troy University for its commitment to environmental awareness and education and does hereby express its congratulations to the students and educators.

Done this 9th day of May 2019
On motion by Mrs. Stephanie Bell and seconded by Mrs. Ella B. Bell, the Board voted unanimously for the following:

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MAY 2019 AS NATIONAL PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS MONTH IN ALABAMA SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education recognize the health of Alabama students as a vital and essential segment of children’s well-being and effective education; and

WHEREAS, the President's Council on Fitness, Sports, and Nutrition has designated May 1-31, 2019, as "National Physical Fitness and Sports Month" along with many partner organizations promoting a healthy lifestyle path; and

WHEREAS, the “National Physical Fitness and Sports Month” is an annual observance created to promote regular physical activity that helps children and adolescents improve cardiorespiratory fitness, build strong bones and muscles, control weight, reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression, and reduce the risk of developing health conditions such as heart disease, cancer, Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, osteoporosis, and obesity; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control research shows that 60 minutes of daily physical activity including physical education, recess, and brain boosters has beneficial influences on academic performance by increasing blood to the brain; and

WHEREAS, that support should be given to schools as they attempt to strengthen daily physical activity in their schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby express its support of daily physical activity in schools to improve the health of children in Alabama public schools:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby designate May 1-31, 2019, as "National Physical Fitness and Sports Month" in the public schools of Alabama.

Done this 9th day of May 2019

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

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS
Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University (AAMU)

WHEREAS, a review of educator preparation was conducted in July 2017, with follow-up reviews thereafter, by the Alabama State Department of Education in accordance with the Alabama State Board of Education, Alabama State Department of Education Administrative Code, Rule No. 290-3-3-.56(2)(b); and

WHEREAS, all programs have been recommended for approval or approval with clearly articulated conditions to be met within a prescribed timeframe, based on compliance with Alabama State Board of Education rules; and

WHEREAS, the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) reviewed AAMU in November 2018, and granted continuing accreditation on April 29, 2019; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby approves the following programs with approval to expire on June 30, 2026:

Class B Early Childhood Education (P-3)
Class B Elementary Education (K-6)
Class B English Language Arts (6-12)
Class B Mathematics (6-12)
Class B Biology (6-12)
Class B Chemistry (6-12)
Class B Physics (6-12)
Class B General Social Studies (6-12)
In the absence of Governor Kay Ivey, Dr. Cynthia McCarty read the following statement from Governor Ivey pertaining to Dr. Eric G. Mackey’s contract: “As you know, even though his contract calls for an evaluation in December 2019, at last month’s meeting Dr. Mackey asked that the Board go ahead and complete survey instruments in April because as he stated, he is seeking the Board’s assessment of his work and guidance for his second year in office. This is a good checkpoint, and I appreciate Dr. Mackey’s stepping forward and making this offer to the Board. My legal office and education policy office headed by Nick Moore have compiled individual Board member’s evaluation instruments and comments into a document to assist the superintendent as he makes plans for his second year in office. I appreciate your timely responses. This information, including each Board member’s individual response is a public record, but keep in mind the purpose of this document is to give the superintendent positive guidance to ensure the continued success of the department under Dr. Mackey’s leadership. Again, thank you Board members for your cooperation, and I know Dr. Mackey appreciates your insight. As for the next steps in this process, Dr. Mackey will review these recommendations and provide a personal professional growth plan utilizing the feedback as a roadmap. We should receive that in the near future.”

Mr. Nick Moore explained the scoring process stating all values were based on a scale of zero to five. Questions that were answered unsure or inappropriate were not scored. Also, he provided information regarding the categorical score and the overall composite score. A copy of this document has been filed in the State Board folder dated May 9, 2019. Based on information for Board records, Dr. Mackey’s composite score was submitted as 3.67.
Dr. Mackey expressed appreciation to the Board, stating he needed feedback from the Board in order to continuously improve. Having not seen the evaluation prior to the meeting, he stated that he looked forward to delving into it and building professional development around some of the most important areas for growth.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Mackey expressed appreciation to the educators in the audience and stated this was his favorite time of the year. Educators present were asked to stand. There was also a delegation from Washington County. He advised although he could not say much, he and Board members are listening, and wanted to support the community.

Board members were apprised that Dr. Mackey and Nick Moore, along with a delegation from Alabama, traveled to Knoxville, Tennessee, to learn about the community college system, higher education, and secondary education. Dr. Mackey stated that the program “Tennessee Promise” was very interesting.

On motion by Mrs. Ella B. Bell and seconded by Dr. Yvette Richardson, the meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m. The next meeting of the Alabama State Board of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 10 a.m.

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Vice President

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Secretary and Executive Officer