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Chancellor issues statement on resignation of Gadsden State president

MONTGOMERY – “Gadsden State Community College will lose an energetic and dedicated president when Renée Culverhouse steps down at the end of this year,” Alabama Community College System Chancellor Bradley Byrne said Thursday. “Renée and I have been discussing her health problems for a year now and I have been very concerned about them. I know this is difficult for her and I understand her reasons for retiring.”

In a resignation letter to Chancellor Byrne dated Wednesday, April 23, and presented at Thursday's State Board of Education meeting, Culverhouse cited continued and serious illness as her reason for ending her presidency effective December 31. Culverhouse has served as President of Gadsden State Community College since September 1, 2001.

The State Board of Education appointed her Interim Chancellor of the Alabama College System March 2, 2007, replacing Thomas Corts, who resigned on February 28 of that year. In July 2006, Culverhouse was appointed acting chancellor to replace former chancellor Roy Johnson before returning to her position as president of Gadsden State Community College in August upon the Board's appointment of Corts in August of 2006. She also previously served the Alabama College System for eight years as General Counsel and Vice Chancellor for Legal and Human Resources.

Byrne was unable to attend the board meeting which was held in Birmingham, due to a family emergency. He said he is considering placing an interim president at Gadsden State immediately following Culverhouse's departure since three other presidential searches are set for next spring: Beville State Community College; Southern Union Community College, and Lurleen B. Wallace Community College.

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