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**State Board of Education approves community college presidents**

**Montgomery, Alabama** – Today the Alabama State Board of Education unanimously approved Mark Heinrich as president of Shelton State Community College and Samuel Munnerlyn as president of H. Councill Trenholm State Technical College at its regular board meeting.

“Dr. Heinrich is a person of great integrity and substantial academic experience. I believe he is the appropriate leader for this institution,” said Byrne.

Heinrich acknowledged his appreciation of the employees of Shelton State Community College, many of whom were present at today’s meeting, saying it was his privilege to join them moving toward the future.

Heinrich has been employed with Carson-Newman College, a liberal arts college located in Jefferson City, Tenn., for the last 27 years. Heinrich was employed for a short time at Shelton State Community College, when in 2001. Heinrich received his doctorate in counseling from The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. He holds a master’s degree in educational psychology and guidance and a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, Tennessee.

In recommending Munnerlyn as president of Trenholm State Technical College, Byrne said, “Sam is without a doubt a man of unquestionable integrity. He has an enormous amount of experience and remarkable people skills.”

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In acknowledging the Board's approval, Munnerlyn said, "We have done great things over the years, but greater things are yet to come. I look forward to many more years of service."

Munnerlyn has been employed with Trenholm State Technical College since 1978, most recently as the dean of students. He was tapped to serve as interim president in April 2007, following the death of Dr. Anthony L. Molina, who had served as president of Trenholm State Technical College since its merger with Patterson State Technical College in 2001. Munnerlyn received his master's degree in Guidance and Counseling from Alabama State University in Montgomery, and holds a bachelor's degree in History and Political Science from Stillman College in Tuscaloosa.

Both Munnerlyn and Heinrich will assume their presidential posts effective January 1, 2008.

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