

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017, 10:05 A.M.**

The Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees (also referred to herein as the Board) held a meeting at 10:05 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, in the Board Room of the Alabama Community College System building in Montgomery, Alabama. The meeting was called in accordance with Act No. 2015-125.

**PRESIDING: MR. AL THOMPSON
VICE PRESIDENT**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Thompson.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed the invocation by Father Manuel Williams, Director of Resurrection Catholic Missions and Pastor of Resurrection Catholic Church.

On roll call, the following Board members were present:

Mr. Al Thompson
Mrs. Susan Foy
Mr. Frank Caldwell (phone)
Mrs. Crystal Brown
Mr. Milton Davis
Mr. Chuck Smith
Mr. Blake McAnally

Also present was Mr. Jimmy H. Baker, Acting Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System. Absent were Mr. Ron Fantroy, Mrs. Mary Scott Hunter and Governor Robert Bentley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Mrs. Brown, the agenda was approved unanimously without discussion as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. McAnally, second by Mr. Smith, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Minutes of the February 8, 2017 meeting as presented without discussion.

**SECTION VI
PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no individuals registered to speak during the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

**SECTION VII
(ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS, ADULT EDUCATION, FACILITIES, FISCAL,
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT)**

ADOPTED

**JOHN C. CALHOUN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY**

On motion by Mrs. Brown, second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously approved John C. Calhoun Community College's application for an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Automotive Technology, to be implemented Fall Semester 2017. Fiscal consideration: The

College projects that \$6,011,500 is required to support the program. A total of \$7,971,852 is projected to be available through internal allocations, extramural and tuition.

JEFFERSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN
RESPIRATORY CARE THERAPY/THERAPIST

On motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. McAnally, the Board unanimously approved Jefferson State Community College's application for an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist, to be implemented Fall Semester 2017. Fiscal consideration: The College has projected that \$856,261 is required to support the program. A total of \$856,261 is projected to be available through internal allocations and tuition.

T. A. LAWSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN
DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Foy, the Board unanimously approved T. A. Lawson State Community College's application for an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography, to be implemented Fall Semester 2017. Fiscal consideration: The College has projected that \$373,000 is required to support the program. A total of \$436,800 is projected to be available through tuition.

SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE AWARD IN
SALON AND SPA MANAGEMENT

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Brown, the Board unanimously approved Shelton State Community College's application for an Associate in Applied Science Degree and Certificate Award in Salon and Spa Management with options in Barbering, Cosmetology, Cosmetology Instructor Training, Esthetics, and Nail Technology, to be implemented Fall Semester 2017. Fiscal consideration: No new funds are required to support the program. A total of \$391,680 is projected to be available through tuition.

On motion by Mr. Smith, second by Ms. Brown, the Board unanimously approved the following four (4) items:

SNEAD STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ADDITION OF INSTRUCTIONAL SITE,

The Board unanimously approved an instructional site (the "Albertville Aviation Site") for Snead State Community College. Fiscal consideration: The operation of the instructional site is within the budget of the College.

SNEAD STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE AWARD IN
AIRFRAME TECHNOLOGY

The Board unanimously approved Snead State Community College's application for an Associate in Applied Science Degree and Certificate Award in Airframe Technology, to be implemented Fall Semester 2017. Fiscal consideration: The College has projected that \$1,877,440 is required to support the program. A total of \$2,217,352 is projected to be available through internal allocations and tuition.

SNEAD STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN AVIONICS TECHNOLOGY

The Board unanimously approved Snead State Community College's application for an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Avionics Technology, to be implemented Fall Semester

2017. Fiscal consideration: The College has projected that \$1,877,440 is required to support the proposed program. A total of \$2,180,796 is projected to be available through internal allocations and tuition.

SNEAD STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE AWARD IN
POWERPLANT TECHNOLOGY

The Board approved Snead State Community College's application for an Associate in Applied Science Degree and Certificate Award in Powerplant Technology, to be implemented Fall Semester 2017. Fiscal consideration: The College has projected that \$1,877,440 is required to support the program. A total of \$2,217,352 is projected to be available through internal allocations and tuition.

H. COUNCILL TRENHOLM COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN
RESPIRATORY CARE THERAPY/THERAPIST

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Foy, the Board unanimously approved H. Councill Trenholm Community College's application for an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Respiratory Care Therapy/Therapist, to be implemented Fall Semester 2017. Fiscal consideration: The College has projected that \$928,261 is required to support the program. A total of \$1,087,832 is projected to be available through internal allocations, extramural funds, and tuition.

GADSDEN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION PROJECTS, BOND ISSUANCE, AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF A SPECIAL BUILDING FEE

Mr. Thompson asked Mr. Smith, Chair of the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, to speak to the Board regarding this project. Mr. Smith said that considering the size of this project and the proposed building fee and with the hope of holding down costs he decided to visit the college to look at the buildings. He reported that he went through and under the buildings and the infrastructure is in need of repair. He looked at options to reduce the building fee and what it would do to the college in their long term (3 to 5 years) plan. It would put them in danger of keeping the other buildings up to par on the maintenance side. He stated he went back to the Committee to review this again. Our recommendation is to move this forward. Mr. Thompson thanked Mr. Smith and his committee for their work. He thanked Dr. Lavender and her staff for their transparency and willingness to discuss this with the Board. Mr. Thompson thanks Mr. McAnally who also toured the buildings. Mrs. Brown thanked Dr. Lavender for being patient with the Trustees as they worked through all of their questions and concerns.

On motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. McAnally, the Board unanimously authorized the issuance of its approximately \$25,000,000 Gadsden State Community College limited obligation revenue bond, Series 2017, for the purpose of constructing a new science building on the East Broad Campus, an addition to the Cheaha Building on the Ayers Campus, and renovation to Allen Hall on the Wallace Drive Campus. The Board unanimously authorized a Special Building Fee of \$12 per credit hour effective Fall semester 2017. Planning must be completed and construction contracts executed no later than March 31, 2018, or this authorization will expire. Fiscal consideration: \$25,000,000 Revenue Bond; \$1,687,435 Projected Average Annual Debt Service

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
ALLOCATION OF 2016-2017 INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION INITIATIVE FUNDS

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Brown, the Board unanimously authorized the allocation of a portion of the 2016-2017 Industry Certification Initiative Funds as outlined below. Fiscal consideration: \$44,650 – 2016-2017 Industry Certification Initiative Funds

Jefferson State Community College	Manufacturing Skill Standards Council's Certified Production Technician (CPT) Training and Certification	\$11,650
Northwest Shoals Community College	Open Enrollment - Injection Molding Technician/Operator Training	\$33,000
	Total	\$44,650

SECTION IX
(EXECUTIVE, LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION)

ADOPTED

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
POLICY 607.01: EVALUATION OF SYSTEM PRESIDENTS

Mr. Baker said he wanted to thank the Policy Committee and the group of presidents that were involved in developing this particular project. This is well beyond just a simple evaluation of presidents, it is evaluation of presidents as it relates to the college itself. It is a rather detailed evaluation on a regular basis. The presidents went through this effort and put it together. I commend them for their seriousness about how to develop this policy. I think it will over a period of time make a huge difference in the schools themselves and the effort the presidents put in to managing each of their facilities and the instructional programs as well. He asked President Perry Ward, who chaired the committee, to speak. President Ward said we had a great committee that worked on this. He acknowledged committee members President Lavender and President Munnerylyn who were in the audience. He said we spent a lot of time with the leadership of Ms. Price and Chancellor Baker in putting this together. We feel we have an outstanding document that will really look in-depth at all the presidents at the colleges on a basis that we can see how effective they are. We think in the long run it will be good for the individual colleges, their communities and the Alabama Community College System. Mr. Thompson thanked President Ward and every one that worked on this.

On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Ms. Foy, the Board unanimously adopted Policy 607.01: Evaluation of System Presidents to take effect immediately. Fiscal consideration: None

GADSDEN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOOKSTORE OPERATION AGREEMENT – BARNES AND NOBLE COLLEGE
BOOKSELLERS, LLC.

On motion by Mr. McAnally, second by Mr. Smith, the Board unanimously authorized the President of Gadsden State Community College (“Gadsden State”) to enter into a bookstore operation and services agreement with Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, LLC (“Barnes & Noble”) for the initial period beginning June 1, 2017, and ending on May 31, 2027. Fiscal consideration: Barnes & Noble will pay the College annually an amount equal to the greater of a commission ranging from 12.5% to 15.5% of gross sales as determined by the volume of sales or a guaranteed amount. The guaranteed amount for the first year is \$360,000 with subsequent years guaranteed at 90% of the previous year’s actual commission. In addition the College shall receive \$5,000 each year for textbook scholarships. Barnes & Noble has committed \$180,000 for renovations for the College’s bookstore.

JEFFERSON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

On motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously authorized the Interim President of Jefferson State Community College, to pursue the approval of the sale of real property to Shelby County for the purpose of widening Valleydale Road with additional lanes. Fiscal consideration: The college has one appraisal for the property, revealing fair market value of \$300,000. The City of Hoover has offered to pay the amount of \$304,300. The City of

Hoover, in collaboration with Shelby County, has determined that subject property should be titled in Shelby County.

On motion by Ms. Brown, second by Mr. Smith, the Board unanimously approved the resolution recognizing April as Alabama Community College Month. Fiscal consideration: None

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL AS
ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, Alabama's public community college system is the State's single largest system of public higher education and is Alabama's most affordable and accessible system of higher education; and

WHEREAS, the three foundational pillars of the Alabama Community College System – academic transfer, workforce development, and adult education – enable us to make a positive impact on people we serve annually and the people of our great state; and

WHEREAS, with our unified network of 23 community and technical colleges, Marion Military Institute (one of only three public military two-year colleges in the country), and 73 instructional sites, we are firmly planted in every county and are within easy reach of every community in this State. Additionally, our Alabama Technology Network provides innovative technical assistance to hundreds of businesses each year; and

WHEREAS, during the Fall 2016 semester 80,960 students were enrolled and during Summer 2014 through Spring 2015 14,994 degrees and certificates were awarded, and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Community College System awarded 7,646 Career and Technical Education Dual Enrollment Scholarships to 5,294 students during the Fall 2015 through Summer 2016 semesters in its dual enrollment and early college programs, providing high-achieving students with rigorous courses beyond those offered at the secondary level, increasing college access to those who would not otherwise be college bound, preparing them for high-wage, high-demand occupations; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,209,055 students in Alabama's community colleges have utilized the Statewide Articulation and Transfer Reporting System to assure the transfer of their academic work toward bachelor's degrees at four-year institutions since the articulation agreement's inception in 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Technology Network has worked with more than 3,500 Alabama companies over the past decade, providing technical assistance that improved efficiency and profitability – ATN's work is credited with saving or retaining 17,000 jobs during that period; Alabama businesses, with the help of ATN, retained and increased sales by more than \$123,000,000 during 2016; and

WHEREAS, more than 436,000 working-age adults in Alabama have neither a high school diploma nor a GED[®], the Alabama Community College System awarded more than 2,900 GED[®] diplomas, 5,000 National Career Readiness Certificates, and served more than 27,000 participants through its adult basic education programs in FY 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Community College System remains committed to its mission of educating and training the people of Alabama, thus building stronger communities, a stronger workforce, and a stronger economy; and

WHEREAS, April is recognized nationally as Community College month; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System recommends this action:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees hereby recognizes the accomplishments of Alabama's public community college system as it continues to fulfill its unique and distinctive mission of

providing a unified system of institutions delivering accessible, affordable and superior educational opportunities, and workforce training and services to all of Alabama, yielding a well-educated, productive citizenry and a better prepared workforce; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees hereby proclaims April as Alabama Community College Month and urges all Alabamians and business and industry leaders, who are committed to developing Alabama's academic transfer and workforce for the 21st century, to use and support their local community colleges.

SECTION X **PERSONNEL**

Mr. Thompson asked Mr. Davis, Chair of the Personnel Committee, to speak to the Board. Mr. Davis said that Mr. McAnally, Ms. Foy and he were appointed at the February Board meeting to provide a recommendation to the Board after Dr. Heinrich submitted his letter of retirement. Dr. Heinrich's retirement set into motion the posting of the Chancellor's position announcement in accordance with Alabama law to begin the search process. The position was posted on February 10, 2017, and remained up for thirty (30) days with the official closing on March 13, 2017. The committee hired a third party consultant, Horizon Point Consulting, to receive and process all the applications. We received a total of seven (7) applications. Upon review of the applicants' resumes, the Personnel Committee determined only one candidate really exemplified the leadership and experience that is required to lead our institution which is comprised of the twenty-six (26) institutions and Alabama Technology Network. The candidate that we selected and recommend is Mr. Jimmy Baker. On motion by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. McAnally, the Board unanimously approved appointing Mr. Jimmy H. Baker as Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System effective April 1, 2017.

Chancellor Baker said that he had been a blessed soul in his life. I have had a lot of great opportunities. I have never had an opportunity to do what I think the Community College System can do for this State. To be blessed with a Board such as you are who are totally committed to the proposition of doing everything you can to make this System a valuable asset for the furtherance of the lives of the people in this State in quality of life is unprecedented in my judgement. I have worked with a lot of organizations over the years and I have never yet been disappointed with a Board member's attitude. That is unique. Because you are totally committed to this and it is only with that understanding that I am not only willing but excited about the opportunity to serve. Thank you.

Mr. Thompson thanked Chancellor Baker for his comments. He asked the Personnel Committee to meet again to consummate the terms of this employment and hire with Acting Chancellor Baker long term and at the appropriate time come back with a recommendation for us.

SECTION XI **(CHANCELLOR'S REPORT)**

Mr. Baker asked Boone Kinard to give a Legislative Update. Mr. Kinard said it is a busy time over in the Legislature. They are meeting three days this week. As I speak right now, the Senate Education Budget Committee is actually taking up and debating the Education Budget. After I get done here I will run over to the State House to try and figure out what they have done and hopefully report back to you later in the day on where we stand. We have had a very, very successful start to the 2017 Legislative Session. As I said the Senate Education Budget Committee is meeting currently and I just received a text that I want to share with you. Senator Orr has spoken very, very highly of all of you to the Committee, as well as Chancellor Baker and Jeff Lynn. Just across the board, there is a very positive attitude right now across the street about what is going on here at the Community College System. It is a testament to you and what you do and across the board what we have been able to accomplish. The Session has been very successful. Probably the most important thing that has happened thus far is the reconfirmation of four Board members early in the Session. Things can get bogged down over there quickly. It was

extremely important to get this done early. There are several people to thank for that. Thank Governor Bentley for reappointing the Board members and sending over the appointment letters on the first day of the Session. Thank Senator Clay Scofield, Chairman of the Senate Confirmations Committee, and that entire Committee for bringing those up and passing those out the first week of the Session. Thanks to the full Senate for getting that done during the second week of the full session. It was very important for getting that done. I want to congratulate Mr. Thompson, Ms. Foy, Ms. Brown and Mr. Smith on their new four-year term. Thankfully we won't have to deal with confirmations again until 2019.

Another thing that we have been able to move quickly through the legislative process is our body corporate legislation that was a part of the Board's agenda that was passed in January. We are at a point now where we are one more vote away from having final approval of that bill to be sent over to Governor Bentley for his hopeful signature into law. The only thing at this point is getting it up before things bog down over there. There are a number of huge issues that they'll probably start debating in the near future and we are working hard to get that up before then and get final approval on that bill. Lastly, as I said, the Committee is over there debating the Education Budget so I will know later in the day about where we stand, but I did want to take a minute to explain where we're at in the Education Budget this year. The Budget is leaner this year, as far as new available dollars that can be appropriated, than in past years. The Education Budget has an appropriation cap from a law the Legislature passed several years ago. That cap this year is \$90 million new dollars that can be appropriated in the budget. That sounds like a lot of money, but there are some big ticket items that are out there. Of course PEHIP and Teachers Retirement System are asking for increases. It is very important for our employees that they continue to maintain a good retirement and health insurance system. Those things will likely be appropriated. There is also an issue that has risen with a veteran's scholarship program that has really ballooned over the past few years. The Legislature has to fund that. It is not something they can't fund and that is going to be an additional \$30 million from last year that has to go for that. So once you take all those things and other odds and ends that \$90 million is spent. So we have been working very hard with the Budget Chairman and other members of the Legislature to try to get as many new dollars as we can. We are very hopeful that we can get some additional money in Workforce Development to do some of the things that Mr. Jeff Lynn has brought to the table. We will keep pushing for that. I just wanted the Board to know it is very lean times. We will try to get as many new dollars as we can but there are certainly limitations this year on where we stand. I hope to have some information for the Board later in the day once I figure out what the Committee has passed. Mr. Kinard asked if there were any questions. Mr. McNally thanked him for the update and the updates Mr. Kinard has been giving us. He said it is great to have the start we do have. Mr. Thompson said those regular emails are good. They are concise and to the point.

Chancellor Baker said there is one other issue. The prison bill is all over the map. I don't know where it is going, if it is going anywhere. All of that has raised a significant issue dealing with prison education. As you know, we have gone through some changes there. Mrs. Annette Funderburk has taken on the responsibility of Ingram and I am glad she is there. We are going to have to really get focused on improving what we are doing in prison education. This afternoon when we are reviewing our goals and objectives, Mr. Lynn will address some of that. As we move forward, it is going to be our intent to coordinate prison education across the board at a different level than it has been. I don't want these presidents that are involved in prison education thinking we are going to take their programs away. We are going to have to change some of the things we are doing to update certifications, for example, and some other things. You will be hearing more of that as we go along. It is an important issue in the legislative process. The President Pro Tem of the Senate is working with us very diligently to ensure that that process is taken into consideration as they deal with any legislation. Be aware of that.

Chancellor Baker said we are undertaking the process of a search to find a permanent president for Shelton State Community College. We have also started the search process and held the first meeting on March 14 for a president for Bishop State Community College. I will keep you posted.

Chancellor Baker said this afternoon at the Work Session, I will assure you that this isn't something that we want to do on a regular basis. There are a lot of issues out there that we are in one way or another involved with or moving forward in terms of working with, but I am looking at this afternoon as a dry run and I want you to be involved and make any suggestions that you can because the President Pro Tem of the Senate has in his mind a plan to move forward with developing an education program across the board – K through Higher Ed. He selected us because of the work you are doing as a Board and his confidence in what you are doing and I am absolutely convinced, it is also the work of our staff, to be the first presenter. He intends to build from that to get through the rest of education. This is a dry run this afternoon. Let us talk through and make suggestions because I want it to be representative of this Board and what we are about so as we move through that just understand that.

Chancellor Baker asked Ms. Christian Becraft if she would like to mention what is happening with the Governor's goal of 65 by 2025. Mr. Thompson called Ms. Becraft, the Governor's Education Liaison. Ms. Becraft said yesterday the Governor announced an attainment goal for Alabama – 65 by 2025. A lot of the discussion came out of the Georgetown Policy Institute's report of by the year 2020 where states and nationally jobs will be available, and of the jobs available what will require a postsecondary credential. Yesterday he briefly announced and there is still work to be done about the initiative. It very much highlighted the work of the community college system and basically it highlights what you are already working on. At the February Work Session, I believe you had a couple of community colleges that announced that they would be starting a new degree program as a response of the hospital saying that there was a shortage in health care. That pretty much is the basis of an attainment goal. Continuing those discussions and having business and industry working together with education institutions to prepare the workforce and supply them with the credentials that they will need to have a degree. So this conversation has started. I worked with Mr. Lynn, Dr. Rothamer and Chancellor Baker on this and there are continuing discussions. But this is the beginning of the conversation and we will work toward establishing some type of an Executive Order. A lot of this is a national trend too. You know Tennessee with their Drive to 55. That is their attainment goal. It has really brought all these key components together to address our need.

Chancellor Baker said this fits in with what we have been talking about. In fact when we first started talking you were in the middle of those meeting and then we have talked with our presidents. I am not willing to just talk about 65 by 2025. We have been talking with our presidents about setting goals as we go forward – enrollment goals, graduation goals and other kinds of goals. I find that if we set a goal too far out that is too big then it is easy to ignore it. It is hard to ignore it if you make it reasonable and close to it. We are working toward that. We are going to talk more about it this afternoon but I wanted you to be aware of what is going on.

Mr. Thompson asked if there were any other comments. Mr. McAnally said everything we did in Section VII today included our presidents and our institutions interacting with aerospace and defense companies (I think six or eight of them), car dealerships, clinics, hospitals (UAB in particular), hospitality industry, cities and airports and with several of our Workforce Councils. I have been a part of a few of those meeting at the Robotics Park up in North Alabama. Ms. Brown and I with Mr. Lynn lately where we were reaching out to K-12, reaching out to industry, having frank discussions and frankly long overdue discussions with industry from what we have heard from them. It is really great to be a part of it. It is great to see what we are trying to accomplish be implemented and the interaction and to recognize that what we are doing is a response to business and industry. We have got to be able to do that and respond quickly. I am thankful for the interactions that you all have as presidents and institutions with business and industry and bringing relevant programs to us for approval.

Chancellor Baker asked Mr. Lynn to give a summary of the Robotics Park event, as well as the Mobile visit. Mr. Lynn said the two events we recently had in the last three weeks. One was at the Robotics Technology Park where we hosted a little over 130 high school kids, most were 9th graders but we had 11th and 12th graders that came there as well. We had Mercedes, Toyota, EFI, Daikin and several other companies there. They were talking about careers in manufacturing and their starting wages coming out of Calhoun Community College. Calhoun Community College was there recruiting students to go into the program. I think there is a video of one senior from

one of the high schools that changed his life. He now wants to become a maintenance worker on a robotics lab, probably working at Toyota at his back door. That was a great event. We had a great press release there where Senator Orr spoke. Senator Holtzclaw spoke as well. We had members of the Economic Development Board and members of our Board that spoke there. We got great coverage from that across the State. This past week we were down in Mobile at the Mobile Maritime Institute (the AIDT Training Center) where we did a similar event where we had about 350 kids that came in. They toured through the area. They looked at the different programs we offer to students coming out of high school, some dual enrollment programs that we are pushing into the Mobile area through Bishop State Community College and we also had several hiring companies there. Austal, Ingalls, Performance Consulting, and the National Guard were some of the companies in attendance. We had a great turnout of a lot of different companies. Vice President Al Thompson attended and toured the area. It is a great way for us to use our assets across the state to promote careers in manufacturing through our education programs across the state.

Mr. Thompson thanked Mr. McAnally for his observations. He asked for any comments from the Board members. Ms. Brown mentioned that Mr. Lynn met on Friday with industrial folks in North Alabama. Just having that communication with Mr. Lynn is really going to be good moving forward. She said that Mr. McAnally was there and made wonderful comments about what we are doing here as a System. Senator Orr opened the meeting. That communication is really important. She thanked Mr. Lynn.

Mr. Smith said from the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, he wanted to thank the presidents and reiterate that Work Sessions are very important. Those are more detailed and that is what we want. But after that there are a lot of conversations that go on between the colleges, the provosts, the architects, engineers and I want to thank the presidents for their staff and patience. We want to help you. We are going to ask the hard questions. I really appreciate what you do.

Mr. Thompson thanked the audience for their presence. We appreciate the staff, what all of the presidents do and how you support, encourage and work with the Board. We appreciate all the cooperation. We are excited about things to come in the future because we have great untapped potential in this System.

SECTION XII
(DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING)

The next Board meeting will be held in Montgomery at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, in the Board Room of the Alabama Community College System building in Montgomery, Alabama. A work session will follow at 1:00 p.m. in the Presidents Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Davis, second by Mr. McAnally, the Board meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Vice President

Chancellor