

Minutes for Board Meeting for March 14, 2025:

Birmingham ALSDE Office - 4th Floor, Hoover, Alabama

Call to Order: President Mike Winnette

Roll Call and Reading of Minutes: Secretary Ashley Crum

Reports:

Financial Report– Jason Phelps
State Conference Report- Carla Plyler

Unfinished Business

Central District Date

New Business:

Governess Training Dates
National Leadership Conference- Carla Plyler
Cut score recommendation

Adjourn Meeting

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Go Build Office, Hoover, Alabama

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by President Mike Winnett.

Roll call was made my Secretary Ashley Crum, and the following members were present: Natalie English **(v)**, Felicia Bruce **(v)**, Carla Plyler, Jimmy Hodges **(v)**, Mike Reed **(v)**, Robby Vinzant **(v)**, Harold White, Bob Kimbrell, Steve Stayton **(v)**, Kristi Clifton **(v)**, David Holt **(v)**, Joe Hendrix **(v)**, Kory Boling, Jason Phelps, Emalyn Clark **(v)**, Mike Batchelor, Jimmy Mann, Mike Winnett, Shea Smithson **(v)**, Jerry Plyler **(v)**, Non-Voting Members: Ben Scheierman **(v)**, Tripp Marshall **(v)**, Ashley Crum.

Reading of minutes bypassed due to minutes being sent out prior to meeting.

Quorum is set.

Financial report by Treasurer Jason Phelps- on target with budget, only thing that is out of the normal is paying the deposit 35,000 expenditure for Bham State for 2026, 2027, and 2028. Watch budget from Nationals because of spending money we don’t have. On track for breaking even this year.

District and state report from Carla stated that high school enrollment is down, and college is up because of dual enrollment. 11,758 for high school and 15,080 for college. 2,000 increased. She made comments about spacing, floor plans, production, food options. Need assistance with leadership contest. We commented on giving booths to companies that give money that donate money. Contacting CC to set up booths for State Conference. Bingo card for business industry and give incentive for students. Give industry and sponsors a shout out during open ceremony for business that help with judges. Jason wants to send a message out for tech chairs for logos on State website. Concerns are voiced about size of contest in North. Discussed cut score and Carla told board. Add cut score on Board Retreat agenda and spacing and colleges competing at district conferences. Send a survey to big contest on how to make contest better to instructors.

Mike Reed asked questions about the welding competition stating that it was at Austal, and they provided materials. He would like to know if they will be providing materials again this year since it will not be held at Austal but at Bishop State.

Tripp stated that there will only be 6 in Collison and 6 in Refinishing and we might have an issue with sponsorship at State.

Discussion about school automatically advancing to state without having to compete due to numbers.

Carla stated that the board needs to create a cut score.

Carla also stated that we will have to make a decision about colleges competing at district conferences due to spacing.

Mike Reed made a comment about having district conference 2 days puts teachers in a bind. Making limits on numbers.

Carla asked Mike Reed if a cut score would be beneficial, Mike stated that the only way to have a fair cut score would be to have the same judges do all district contest.

Carla asked if we go to a central location and have 1 large contest for districts.

Bob Kimbrell suggested we get feedback from instructors about how to better run contest.

Jason Phelps suggested that we send out survey to bigger contest like welding and automotive to instructors that we are looking to revamp and make contest better and improve.

President Mike Winnett asked if there is any old business to discuss.

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Kristi added that we can have a budget for state officers going to WLTI.

Jason stated that we have a set budget for 26,000 but may need to be adjusted for college officers.

Secretary Ashley Crum asked if the next meeting on June 6 will be the Board Retreat or will they need another day.

Board discusses possible dates for next meeting and decided that the Sunday and Monday prior to Summer Conference will be the next board meeting/ board governess training.

Carla expressed our concerns about changing future conference dates due to the preparation time for students for Nationals.

Bob Kimbrell suggested that we send an official letter to the State Dept. about Conference dates and locations.

Carla stated that the district dates for next year are February 13, 2026, for South (LBW), February 27, 2026, for Central (Jeff State), and March 6, 2026, for North (Calhoun).

President Mike Winnett suggest we do the July 20-21 for our Board Retreat prior to Summer Conference.

Next Board Meeting (Board Governess Training) July 20-21 prior to Summer Conference in Mobile, AL.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35am.

Minutes for Board Meeting for November 22, 2024:

Renaissance Downtown Montgomery (During ACCS Conference)

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Mike Winnett at 10:05am

Roll call was made my Secretary Ashley Crum, and the following members were present: Felicia Bruce, Carla Plyler, Mike Reed, Robby Vinzant, Bob Kimbrell, Steve Stayton, Kristi Clifton, David Holt, Christopher Campbell, Joe Hendrix, Debra Holcombe, Matt Dudley, Kory Boling, Jason Phelps, Emalyn Clark, Mike Batchelor, Jimmy Mann, Mike Winnett, Shea Smithson, Jerry Plyler, Sandy Earwood. Non-Voting Members: Tripp Marshall, Dena Moncrief and Ashley Crum.

Quorum is set.

President Mike Winnett made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting since they were presented online. All in favor.

Treasurer Jason Phelps gave the financial report highlighting the influx of invoices, rainy day fund, and moving funds. 4-month CDs for 40,000- and 7-month CDs for 100,000. 100,000 left in savings.

Joe Hendrix asking about budget codes and asked to make a note to clean up codes.

Treasurer Jason Phelps explained retained earning that carries over from the previous years, donations from companies and sponsorships.

Executive Director Felicia Bruce told district dates and the managers over those districts.

Executive Director Felicia Bruce told the dates for State Conference this year and the dates for future dates for April 20-22, 2026, April 19-21, 2027, and April 24-26, 2028, in Birmingham.

Kristi Clifton gave WLTl report.

State Director Carla Plyler gave the Fall Conference and Chapter Management Institute (CMI) report.

President Mike Winnett asked if there was any old business to be discussed.

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State Director Carla Plyler asked the board members to assist her with Standards of Excellence requirements.

State Director Carla Plyler also asked that we combine Fall Conference and CMI to help with expenses, time and space.

Vice President Steve Stayton advised that fall conference and CMI should stay separate because college advisors would not like being taught by high school teachers.

Mike Reed stated that most college advisors teach dual enrollment, so they teach high school students anyways. Kristi reiterated that most are dual enrollment.

Carla suggested that new board meeting dates.

Joe Hendrix suggested that we continue to have a board meeting/ panel meeting at State Conference and open up to high school advisors with concerns and at Summer Conference for advisors.

State Director Carla Plyler said that we do not have time at State Conference to have a long board meeting when she has a lot of contest to run.

Mike Reed suggested that we do a meeting for each district because most advisors can not make it to State Conference.

President Mike Winnett stated that we should look at dates and times for State meeting.

Next Meeting March 14 at IBEW in Birmingham, AL.

Meeting adjourned at 11:19am.

Minutes for Board Meeting for August 16, 2024:

Meeting called to order at 1:13pm

Presiding: Mike Winnett, President

The following members were present: Lisa Bruce, Jimmy Hodges, Chad Bryant, Robbie Vinzant, Bob Kimbrell, Steve Stayton, Joe Hendrix, Debra Holcomb, Kory Boling, Matt Dudley, Shea Smithson, Jason Phelps, Jimmy Mann, Mike Winnett, Jerry Plyler, David Holt. Non-voting members: Tripp Marshall, Carla Plyler, Ashley Crum

The following members were absent: Dawn Morrison, Natalie English, Harold White, Jason Blackwell, Brayden Hall, Emalyn Clark, Sharon Tinsley, Mike Batchelor, Claudia Powell, Sandy Earwood, Kristi Clifton. Non-voting members: Ben Scheierman, Dena Moncrief

Quorum met.

President makes a motion to suspend agenda temporarily, Matt Dudley 2nd. Motion passed.

Explains that business needs to be taken care of prior to regular meeting.

Chad Bryant explains that his position has changed to WFD, so he has to step down and does have a recommendation.

Bob Kimbrell nominates (motioned) Mike Reed (Bevill State) to replace Chad Bryant for Postsecondary Advisor. 2nd by Chad Bryant. Motion passed.

Secretary Steve clarifies that there has been 1 nomination.

President Mike asked if there are any other nominations.

Lisa made a motion to make Steve Stayton the vice president of the board. 2nd Jerry Plyler. Motion passed.

Lisa made a motion to add Ashley as non-voting board member; Matt 2nd; motion passed.

Matt explained that Ashley can take minutes as non-voting member.

Motion made by Lisa to make Matt Dudley parliamentary; 2nd Bob; Motion passed

Lisa made a motion to make Carla Plyler state director; 2nd shea; discuss about Carla becoming; Jimmy Hodges asked who currently holds that position of State Director; Bob Kimbrell stated that he would like her duties in writing; Lisa stated that since she’s been the liaison for nationals for the past 2 years. Jerry Plyler opposed; motion passed

Lisa made a motion remove the ALACTE president from BOD; explained that since the news about ALACTE should cut ties and pause on this position until realignment; 2nd Matt Dudley.

David Holt stated that he was told that he is not under any stipulations with ALSDE with 3 yr. monitoring, thinks it is premature suggested we wait until clarification; Lisa stated that David is on the board because of leadership, she stated that ALACTE and state department is not on the board. Steve stated that there needs to be clarified that it needs to be ALACTE tech ed president. Lisa stated that this is about how tech ed has not had a meeting in 2 yrs., questions that we need to remove this position until we are realigned. Told by Dr. Mackey to not associate, could be a liability. Tech ed president did not abide, jerry Plyler stated that he understands this comes from Dr. Mackey, would it be in our best interest if we take it away can we bring it back, Lisa says yes, we can especially with the realignment. Jerry stated to remove or suspend position; bob Kimbrell states clarified that we do not need to be removed and we need to get the president elect in this board; you cannot add it without redoing the constitution and bylaws and we want the new bylaws printed. Mike questioned that would we have to correct David questioned if that is in the bylaws is it out of order to motion; jerry asked if it is out of order to suspend; bob Kimbrell stated let new lady come aboard and we can get this organization back in order and not penalize. Mike clarified that if that position is in the bylaws we will have to make a constitution amendment. Lisa asked bob why Robby would be removed; bob stated that he represents the group of people, they have been very active. Bob stated we should study the position. Lisa stated that we should pause the ALACTE tech ed president; Steve Stayton states that he does know happened and thinks this is kicking it when they are down; matt Dudley stated we can vote, or motion can be tabled until next meeting and an amendment to the constitution; matt states we should vote. Bob says she should have a position. Hodges asked if it would be amended, matt stated that this would be voted; **motion does not pass.**

Lisa makes a motion for Ashley to be bod secretary non-voting; Steve 2nd; motion passes

Back to regular agenda by president.

Steve Stayton moved to suspend reading of mins; mike win 2nd; motion passes

Financial report Jason Phelps: Lisa stated that we discussed the budget at mobile meeting

Jason states that he does not an official report for the board and have coming to end of fiscal year. Addition expenses from NLSC- made sure that we are clear on bookkeeping, and we can have a much firmer report for next board meeting we will send it out before next board meeting.

Before 10-20 thousand deficits, that amount will increase.

Mike Winnett asked about getting rainy day fund into higher interest rates; Jason stated he will work on.

Lisa state conference report: last year in mobile moving to Huntsville hotel will be more expensive. Carla stated since 3 districts with locations and dates, Lisa dispersed district managers, contest list has been discussed for district and state, decided not to do award ceremony at district, start time for contest 8am instead of 9am. Officers will give out medals. State conference will be more interactive, better opening and closing ceremony

Mike clarified that covers state and district report

Contest report: Lisa states that we discussed eliminating state only contest; mike stated push back on some contest; welding beginner and masonry especially.

Mike stated any old business discussions.

Mike stated any new business; Matt D. makes a recommendation that we should get back on track for meeting for Roberts rules on order and cheat sheets.

Jason Phelps stated that having meeting at summer conference went well with positive feedback, we should include a SkillsUSA advisor session for direct input.

President stated that we need to have 2 meeting and it was a lot of clarification at that meeting

Carla stated that she wanted board to know that her info comes from nationals that the insurance that we get has 5-million-dollar umbrella and board members are covered.

Jerry would like to see the insurance statement in writing from Nationals.

Jerry states that he opposed that state director for his wife being state director with a conflict of interest; he wants to be fair and best interest for students.

Matt Dudley asked about date for next meeting; mike states has been set

Next bod meeting November 25,

Lisa has to get with Natalie English to confirm time and location

Mike stated that he has technical issues with getting agenda out because his email goes through Canada,

Lisa offered that one mike gets agenda and Lisa sends it out

Shea Smithson stated that she would like to add address to agenda

Joe Hendrix asked that under duties should come secretary, asked whose duties is it?

Matt states it needs to be appointed to the secretary

Mike says he would get it to secretary to send out.

Meeting Adorned at 2:12pm

Alabama SkillsUSA
Board of Directors Minutes
April 21, 2024
Mobile Convention Center

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by Board President Mike Winnett
Board Secretary Steve Stayton called the roll, and a quorum was established.
Minutes were approved on a motion by Steve Stayton and second by Chad Bryant.
Board Treasurer Jason Phelps gave the financial report; Joe Hendrix moved to accept the report, and Jerry Plyler seconded the motion, which was approved.
Carla Plyler gave the Executive Advisory Committee report; Steve Stayton moved to accept the report, seconded by Joe Hendrix, and the motion passed.
Unfinished business included the amended bylaws, passed on a Google vote; it was agreed to notify the membership by the next board meeting.
Chad Bryant discussed communication issues about contests. Lisa Bruce gave the National Leadership Conference report. It was agreed that National Registration should be set at \$245.00. There was a discussion about future state registration.
The next meeting was set for May 7th in Birmingham at 11:00 A.M.
The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.