

Minutes of the 129th Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the
Alabama School of Mathematics and Science
Montgomery, Alabama
Friday, February 10, 2023
11:00 a.m.

PRESENT Dr. Larry Turner, Mr. Thad Wheat, Ms. Pam Doyle, Dr. Sandra Sims de Graffenreid, Dr. Rhinnie Scott, Mr. Dennis Engle, Dr. Edward Thomas, Dr. Lena Walton, Mr. Raymond Bell, Jr., Ms. Sheila Roby, Mr. Mike Windom, and Mr. Daniel Commander.

ABSENT Honorable Alan Baker, Ms. Sharon Magee, Honorable Jo Bonner, Mr. John Peebles, Honorable Matthew Simpson, and Mr. Finis St. John.

GUESTS Dr. John Hoyle, Mr. Robert Campbell, and Ms. Cecilia Godwin.

OPENING Ms. Pam Doyle, Board Chair, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Minutes from the November Board of Directors meeting were presented for action. Upon a motion being made by Mr. Dennis Engle and seconded by Dr. Sandra Sims de Graffenreid, the Board duly

RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the November Board of Directors meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr. John Hoyle presented to the Treasurer's report, in absence of Ms. Kristy Gunther. This report represents financial activity for the 1st quarter of fiscal year 2023. Revenue is slightly higher compared to the same period. This is due to both an increase in our ETF appropriation as well as an increase in the salary reimbursement from the Foundation. Overall, expenses are about \$36K higher compared to the prior year (2022) (See report page 9).

**FINANCE
REPORT**

Dr. Hoyle explained the Finance report to the Board (see pages 10-13). The school purchased two new vehicles recently. The fleet is aging, and this will provide the community with reliable transportation for field trips and other student excursions. Upon a motion made by Dr. Larry Turner and seconded by Dr. Lena Walton, the Board duly

RESOLVED to approve the Finance Report as given.
The motion passed unanimously.

**GENERAL
REPORTS**

LEGAL

Mr. Robert Campbell presented his report to the Board. There are no lawsuits, no pending claims, or threats of claims against the school. The school is in good shape currently. An insert provided in the board binder was discussed with Board members regarding the New Markets Tax Credit Program (NMTC), which is helping to fund the Edward O. Wilson Science Research Center. Two ASMS supporting organizations had to be formed for the NMTC program. During the meeting, officers approved and signed several documents (See Information in binder). The documentation explains in detail what was discussed at the meeting.

ASMS REPORT

Dr. John Hoyle, ASMS President, provided several updates to the Board. Construction is coming along great with the Edward O. Wilson Science Research Center. ASMS has asked the legislature and governor for a significant supplemental appropriation to help build it, along with renovating the Humanities, and building a new residence hall. There are quite a few challenges this year. Incoming students' math skills were weaker than expected this year, and we expect this trend to continue. This is unusual for ASMS. Recruiting numbers are good so far but not as strong as we expected. Dr. Hoyle mentioned that we're still struggling to recruit and maintain hall staff. Our hall staff is dedicated and excellent, but we do not have enough of them. In Development news, 2023 total giving stands at \$322, 277, which includes restricted and unrestricted funds. Giving Tuesday in November was a huge success. A letter has been submitted to legislators and the AL Department of Finance for supplemental funding. The Alumni Council officially approved their bylaws at their November meeting. Mr. Daniel Commander, the Faculty representative to the board, gave a brief update regarding the faculty. He stated Special Projects week, will offer a wide range of classes this year. Students and faculty members are looking forward to teaching and exploring new classes with the students for an entire week (See report pages 14-20).

NEW BUSINESS

Academic Calendar 2024-2025

The Board of Directors must approve the beginning and ending dates for the 2024-2025 Academic calendar. Upon a motion being made by Mr. Thad Wheat and seconded by Dr. Rhinnie Scott, the Board duly

RESOLVED to approve the beginning and ending dates of the 2024-2025 academic calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

2023 ASMS Graduation Date

Graduation will be Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at the Mobile Convention Center. Upon a motion being made by Dr. Sandra Sims de Graffenreid and seconded by Dr. Lena Walton, the Board duly

RESOLVED to approve the graduation date as Thursday, May 18, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL APPROVALS

Employment of Evening/Weekend Receptionist

A part-time Evening/Weekend Receptionist has been filled with the hiring of Jamaica Southall.

Employment of Residential Life Assistant

A part-time Residential Life Assistant, a hall staff position, has been filled with the hiring of Tiffany Pogue.

Employment of Residential Life Assistant

A part-time Residential Life Assistant, a hall staff position, has been filled with the hiring of Stevie Pringle.

Upon a motion being made by Mr. Mike Windom and seconded by Dr. Lena Walton, the Board duly

RESOLVED to approve the hirings listed above. The motion passed unanimously.

Ann Bedsole Day

ASMS would like to honor Ann Bedsole by annually holding an Ann Bedsole Day, which will be celebrated on April 25, 2023. The ASMS Board approves the establishment of Ann Bedsole Day for this year and each year thereafter, which will be noted on all future school calendars. Upon a motion being made by Dr. Sandra Sims de Graffenreid and seconded by Dr. Larry Turner, the Board duly

RESOLVED to approve the establishment of Ann Bedsole Day for this year and each year thereafter. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.
The Board of Directors will meet on Friday, June 16, 2023.

Prepared by:

Dr. Rhinnie Scott Board
Secretary

Mrs. Cecilia Godwin
Board Administration Coordinator