

Minutes of the 140th Meeting  
of the Board of Directors of the  
Alabama School of Mathematics and Science  
Mobile, Alabama  
Friday, November 14, 2025  
10:45 a.m.

- PRESENT Ms. Elizabeth Norton, Mr. Thad Wheat, Mrs. Pam Doyle, Dr. Greg Bacon, Dr. Rhinnie Scott, Dr. Sandra Sims deGraffenried, Ms. Cathy Jones, Ms. Mary Lou Ewald, Honorable Jo Bonner, Mr. Raymond Bell, Jr., Ms. Sheila Roby, Ms. Sharon Magee, Ms. Eliska Morgan, and Dr. Elizabeth Jones.
- ABSENT Mrs. Erin Scott, Mr. John Peebles, Mr. Matt Womble, Dr. Lena Walton, Honorable Matthew Simpson, and Honorable Alan Baker.
- GUESTS Dr. John Hoyle, Mr. Nash Campbell, Dr. Samantha Church, Mrs. Cecilia Godwin, Ms. Kristy Gunther, Dr. Mitch Frye and Mr. Phillip Bryan.
- OPENING Mrs. Pam Doyle, Board Chair, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. The roll was called, and a quorum was present.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES The minutes from the September 12, 2025, Board of Directors meeting were presented for approval. Upon a motion being made by Ms. Elizabeth Norton and seconded by Dr. Sandra Sims deGraffenried and Mr. Jo Bonner, the board duly

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2025, Board of Directors meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Kristy Gunther, the Director of Finance, explained the Treasurer's report to the board. This report represents financial activity for fiscal year 2025. Revenue is lower when compared to last year. Overall expenses are \$4.2M lower compared to the prior year. Ms. Gunther stated the largest decrease falls under the category of Repair and Maintenance. This is due to the extensive renovation projects that were completed last year. At the end of the fiscal year, there is a favorable variance of approximately \$1.3M, which is related to projects completed in the Bedsole building (see report page 7).

## FINANCE REPORT

Ms. Gunther presented the Finance report to the Board. The budget for the fiscal year 2025 shows a comparison from last year. The balance sheet explains a yearly comparison of funds for the quarter ending. Ms. Gunther stated the Student Auxiliary fund is on track for the year and we have no issues with the budget. The board accepted the finance report as stated (see report pages 8-11).

## GENERAL REPORTS

### LEGAL

Mr. Nash Campbell presented the legal report to the Board. Mr. Campbell reported a pending lawsuit against the school. A general contractor company filed a suit against ASMS. ASMS proceeded to file a motion to dismiss the case. A judge will decide on November 21. Mr. Campbell stated ASMS has no other lawsuits, pending claims, or threats of claims at this time.

## ASMS REPORT

Dr. John Hoyle, ASMS President, gave an update on the school in the ASMS Report. Niche ranked ASMS the #1 Best Public High School in Alabama and #19 Best Public High School in America for 2025-2026. We were also ranked as the #1 Best College Prep Public High School in Alabama, the #1 Best Magnet High School in Alabama, and the #1 Best High School for STEM in Alabama

Dr. Hoyle, along with Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried visited Governor Kay Ivey last month to deliver a letter on behalf of Mrs. Ann Bedsole. Dr. Hoyle stated during their visit, they asked Governor Ivey for support in funding an additional residence hall. Dr. Hoyle thanked Dr. Sims deGraffenried for her support and dedication. ASMS started the year with 304 students, and a waiting list of 64 students. The previous high enrollment number was 284 in 2007. To view the full ASMS Report, see report pages 12-16.

## **Faculty Report**

Dr. Elizabeth Jones, the faculty representative to the board, presented her report. In faculty news, Mr. Kevin Dolbeare and Dr. Rebecca Domangue presented at the NCSS Conference in Durham, NC on the Integration of Research into the AP Science curriculum. Mr. Orren Kickliter, a fine arts instructor, along with his AP Art and Advanced Art students volunteered with the Mobile County Juvenile Court Mentors Program at Strickland Youth Center. The Mobile County Juvenile Court Leadership Program for youths at risk is a 90-day program that meets twice per year. Each week, participants meet with professionals from varied careers and learn important life skills. Also happening on campus, the Research Fellows continues to add more research projects, collaborating with the Mobile Medical Museum, the Mitchell Cancer Institute, and the University of Alabama at Huntsville. To view the Faculty Report, see report page 17.

## **New Business**

### **Rent Increase**

The Board accept a rent increase approved by the ASMS Foundation, LLC for the usage of the campus facilities. This increase is aimed at ensuring the sustainability of school operations. The rent will increase by 10-cents, from \$1.05 to \$1.15 per square foot per month. The new amount is below market value. Upon a motion a being made by Dr. Sandra Sims deGraffenried and seconded by Mr. Jo Bonner, the board duly

**RESOLVED** to accept a rent increase from \$1.05 to \$1.15 per square foot, per month from the ASMS Foundation, LLC. The motion passed unanimously.

**Graduation**

Graduation will be Saturday, May 16, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at the Mobile Convention Center. Upon a motion being made by Dr. Sandra Sims deGraffenried and seconded by Dr. Greg Bacon, the board duly

**RESOLVED** to approve the proposed graduation date and time. The motion passed unanimously.

**Staff Member Retirement**

Mr. Patrick Isaac retired in late July from ASMS after serving 30 years as the School Security Supervisor. We appreciate his service and dedication to ASMS. We wish Mr. Isaac the very best as he enjoys his retirement. Upon a motion being made by Mr. Jo Bonner and seconded Dr. Sandra Sims deGraffenried, the board duly

**RESOLVED** to approve the retirement of Mr. Patrick Isaac from ASMS. The motion passed unanimously.

**Personnel  
Approvals**

**Employment of Communications Coordinator**

A position for a Communications Coordinator has been filled by hiring Sarah Gail Myers.

**Employment of Residential Life Coordinator**

A vacancy for a Residential Life Coordinator has been filled by hiring Ty'Queria Evans.

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A vacancy for a Residential Life Coordinator has been filled by hiring Christian Tucker.

Upon a motion being made by Dr. Sandra Sims deGraffenried and seconded by Ms. Elizabeth Norton, the board duly

**RESOLVED** to approve the three new hirings listed above (see page19). The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.  
The Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, in Montgomery.

Prepared by:

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Dr. Rhinnie Scott  
Board Secretary

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Mrs. Cecilia Godwin  
Board Administration Coordinator