Minutes of the 141st Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the
Alabama School of Mathematics and Science
Montgomery, Alabama
Wednesday, February 4, 2026
9:30 a.m.

PRESENT Mr. Thad Wheat, Ms. Pam Doyle, Dr. Greg Bacon, Dr. Rhinnie Scott, Dr. Sandra Sims de Graffenried, Mr. John Peebles, Ms. Cathy Jones, Dr. Edward Thomas, Dr. Eric Steward, Dr. Lena Walton, Ms. Eliska Morgan, and Dr. Elizabeth Jones.

ABSENT Ms. Elizabeth Norton, Ms. Erin Scott, Mr. Julian Katz, Mr. Raymond Bell, Jr., Representative Matthew Simpson, Representative Alan Baker, Ms. Sheila Roby, and Ms. Sharon Magee.

GUESTS Dr. John Hoyle, Mr. Nash Campbell, and Mrs. Cecilia Godwin.

OPENING Ms. Pam Doyle, Board Chair, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the November 2025 Board of Directors meeting were presented for action. Upon a motion being made by Dr. Sandra Sims de Graffenried and seconded by Dr. Greg Bacon, the Board duly

> **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes from the November 2025 Board of Directors meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr. John Hoyle presented the Treasurer's report, in absence of Ms. Kristy Gunther. This report represents financial activity for the 1st quarter of fiscal year 2026. Revenue is higher when compared to last year. This is mainly due to an increase in the Education Trust Fund (ETF). Overall, expenses are $163K higher compared to the prior year. This is primarily due to higher repair and maintenance costs, which includes the replacement of the Bedsole Cooling Tower (see full report page 7).

FINANCE REPORT

Dr. Hoyle explained the Finance report to the Board.
The Education Trust Fund and the Student Auxiliary reports were reviewed. There were no questions regarding the finance reports. The board accepted the reports as stated. Upon a motion being made by Mr. Thad Wheat and seconded by Dr. Lena Walton, the board duly

RESOLVED to accept the finance report as given.
There were no objections.

GENERAL REPORTS

LEGAL

Mr. Nash Campbell presented the legal counsel report.
At the last meeting, it was stated a general contractor company filed a lawsuit against ASMS. ASMS proceeded to file a motion to dismiss the case. On December 3, 2025, a judge dismissed the claim.
Currently, ASMS has no other lawsuits, pending claims, or threats of claims.

ASMS REPORT

Dr. John Hoyle highlighted a few points from the ASMS Report.
School Founder Ann Bedsole passed away in December. In her memory, ASMS has installed a mural on campus created by local artist, J.D. Crowe. In January, the Alabama Senate passed a resolution in her memory which is featured on our website.
The Auditorium/Administration building will receive new terracotta and flat roofing, helping to address several ongoing issues in the facility, including leaks. Once school ends, the Bedsole Building

lobby will be renovated to create a safer, more secure entry point. Currently, visitors can access campus areas and bypass the front door upon entry. To view the full ASMS Report, see report pages 12-13.

FACULTY REPORT

Dr. Elizabeth Jones gave a brief overview of the faculty departmental report. Dr. Natalie Ortell and Dr. Rebecca Domangue in collaboration with Dr. Jeff Krause at the Sea Lab are mentoring a student working on understanding the turbidity impact of the dredge material in Mobile Bay on the ecosystem. Mr. Kevin Dolbeare's Research Fellows group is examining the presence of microplastics in the waters of the Gulf Coast. For the past three months, they have been collecting water samples at the south end of the Mobile River Delta and the north end of Mobile Bay. To view the full Faculty Report, see report page 14.

NEW BUSINESS

Academic Calendar 2026-2027

The Board of Directors approved a revision of the beginning and ending dates for the 2026-2027 Academic Calendar. The date change still meets all necessary state requirements for instructional hours. The adjusted dates will allow more professional development with the faculty. Upon a motion being made by Mr. John Peebles and seconded by Dr. Rhinnie Scott, the Board duly

> **RESOLVED** to approve the revision of the beginning and ending dates for the 2026-2027 Academic Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

Academic Calendar 2027–2028

The Board of Directors approved the beginning and ending dates for the 2027-2028 Academic Calendar. Upon a motion being made by Dr. Lena Walton and seconded by Dr. Sandra Sims de Graffenried, the Board duly

> **RESOLVED** to approve the beginning and ending dates for the 2027-2028 Academic Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m. Immediately following the board meeting, many of the board members and school staff headed to the State House for Advocacy Day.
The Board of Directors will meet next on Friday, June 12, 2026, in Mobile.

Prepared by:

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Dr. Rhinnie Scott Board
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Mrs. Cecilia Godwin
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