

**Texas Alliance of Black School Educators Board Meeting  
Austin, Texas  
June 16, 2007**

**Summerfield Suites**

8:30 am.

**Minutes**

I. President, Dr. Mary L. Thomas called the meeting to order at 8:35am. Jerry Holmes, Chaplin offered the invocation. The litany of commitment was recited by all present.

II. Roll Call

Officers Present

Dr. Mary Thomas- President

Jerry Holmes- Chaplin

Officers Absent

Dr. Carrol Thomas- Past President

Dennis Dunkins- President- Elect

Blanche Hall- Treasurer

Dr. Michael McFarland- Recording Secretary

Lucy Hall- Parliamentarian

Dr. Mae Jones Clark- Historian

Committee Chairs Present

Dr. Sterling Lands, II, Faith Based

Committee Chairs Absent

Melvin Guider

Affiliates Representative Present:

Alamo ABSE

Austin Area ABSE

Dr NABSE

Forth Worth ABSE

Galveston County ABSE

Killeen ABSE

Representatives of the affiliates listed below were not in attendance.

Absent Affiliates:

Bastrop AABSE

Beaumont AABSE

Denton ABSE

Garland ABSE

Houston ABSE

Prairie View

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University of North Texas  
Tyler ABSE  
Brazos Area- Inactive  
Consolidation ABSE Woodlands- Inactive  
East Texas Area ABSE- Inactive  
Golden Crescent Area ABSE- Inactive  
Lubbock- Inactive  
Texoma ABSE- Inactive  
Texas Southern University –Inactive

- III. The minutes from January 6, 2007, January 31, 2007 and February 3, 2007 were read and approved.
  
- IV. Committee Meetings/Reports
  - A. Audit/Finance- None
  - B. Constitution/ Bylaws- In the absence of Linda Pelton, Dr. Lands presented the committee's constitution.
  - C. Membership- Linda Fisher Griggs was unable to complete the tasks given. Brenda Alexander was nominated to obtain the materials and assume the tasks. Moved by Cornel Jones. Seconded by Joyce Bell. 10 For 0 Against 0 Abstain
  - D. Faith Based Initiative- Dr. Lands reported that he is awaiting identification of the local minister and contact information from each affiliate to plan the faith based symposium.
  - E. Professional Development- Joyce Bell reported that each affiliate is reminded to plan and host an activity focusing on the African American male for the upcoming year.
  - F. Site Selection- No report. It was noted that Tyler and Killeen are unable to host the 2009, 2010 conferences. Immediate identification of sites should be made.
  - G. Research Institute- No report
  - H. Nominations/Elections- Michael Palmer reported that now that the constitution has been approved the committee would assume action.
  - I. Policy-Dr. Jones reminded each affiliate to obtain signatures of their members on the conflict of interest policy, code of conduct and code of ethics policy. These should be sent to P.O. Box 143193 for the state file. New members should complete the documents and submit with membership data and dues.
  - J. Scholarship- No report
  
- V. Officer Reports
  - A. President- Dr. Thomas reported that we are to be prayerful of the recovery of Historian, Dr. Mae Jones Clark. It is reported that she is recovering in Houston. She reviewed the initiatives for the affiliate.
  - B. President Elect- No report
  - C. Past President- No report

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- D. Secretary- Minutes provided
- E. Historian- No report
- F. Treasurer- Balance Sheet Provided
- G. Parliamentarian- No Report
- H. Chaplin- Jerry Holmes continues to lead our organization in prayer.
- I. Executive Director- No report

VI. Information Items

- A. Top Ten % Rule Partnership- a copy of the letter submitted to the legislature was reviewed.
- B. Inactive /Renewal of Affiliates- Dr. Thomas reported that any affiliate not paying dues is considered inactive. An appeal to revive affiliates is a priority for the upcoming school year. A letter will be sent to them inviting them to rejoin the forces. One challenge is accurate contact information. None of them submitted updated information. There is a concentrated effort to include every affiliate in the active work of the organization.
- C. Affiliate Sharing-
  - 1. San Antonio is planning a Meet and Greet. Ted Haynes, President, was a recent nominee for Principal of the Year with TESA.
  - 2. Dallas held a scholarship banquet May 7 and raised \$15,000 in scholarship funds
  - 3. Killeen hosted a scholarship banquet May 3 and was able to provide 3- \$1,000 scholarships.
  - 4. Austin AABSE held a banquet in April and provided 10- \$500 scholarships. They also co-hosted 4 African American Men and Boys Conferences. They have applied to be an SES with Compass Learning through TEA.
  - 5. Ft. Worth is hosting a Golf Tournament for Young Administrators

VII. Unfinished Business

- A. Constitution- each item in the constitution and by-laws were read and discussed.

A motion was made by Jerry Holmes to accept the constitution and by laws recommendations as presented. Michael Palmer seconded it.

*Motion carried. 10 For 0 Against 0 Abstain*

- B. Virtual Office- The proposal to obtain the services for virtual office as presented at the board meeting in January was discussed. Concern was expressed of negative reports of those calling the office, leaving messages and no return calls. Additionally, it was requested that the treasurer bring a report of the sum of the annual budget spent on telephone bills, and office space rental in the Houston office. Currently, the Houston ABSE

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president is sending mail received in the office to the TABSE president.  
The president has not received access to the building and no official  
TABSE business has been conducted in the office in 2007.

A motion was made by Jerry Holmes to obtain services to commence  
September 2007. Michael Palmer seconds it

*Motion carried. 10 For 0 Against 0 Abstain*

C. Audit Report/IRS- the final audit reports were received by Harry Adapt  
June 15, 2007. Members reviewed the findings.

A motion was made by Dr. Sterling Lands, II to appoint an adhoc committee  
to address each finding of the 2003, 2004, 2005 audit of TABSE , with the  
intent to: 1.Find root cause, 2. Recommend corrective action and 3.

Recommend a strategy to prevent the re-occurrence of these issues. It was  
seconded by Dr. Cornel Jones

Motion carried 10 For 0 Against 0 Abstain

D. President Elect Budget Request- No Action Taken

Motion dies due to lack of a motion.

E. 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference- Dr. Jones reported that there were still several  
invoices from schools and individuals unpaid. He strongly encouraged  
each affiliate to check to see if payments have been made. Over 90% of  
bills have been paid.

VIII. New Business

A. NABSE

- a. MENS Project- in Kentucky was presented from the national  
office. The members believe that TABSE should be represented  
and encouraged other affiliates to send at least one male.  
Alexander Gooden was recommended. Dr. Cornel Jones  
reported that Austin will send a male. The national office  
reported that Ft. Worth had contacted them indicating sending 4  
males.

A motion was made by Joyce Bell that TABSE pay the  
transportation and other expenses for one male student, Alexander  
Gooden.

Motion carried 10 For 0 Against 0 Abstain

- b. 2007 Election

- c. Affiliate Scrapbook

- d. Empowerment Network's Diamond

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- e. Empowerment Network Diamond Pinnacle Award information was distributed asking each affiliate to support NABSE receiving an award in Houston on August 18, 2007.

A motion was made by Joyce Bell to pay for 4 tickets to the event.  
Motion carried 9For 0 Against 0 Abstain

- f. Nashville Conference- President Mary Thomas strongly encouraged each affiliate to represent at the conference. Every affiliate is asked to submit a scrapbook in the competition. Each affiliate is asked to purchase tickets for mission tuition. More information will be presented at the next board meeting. The affiliate president's meeting will be on Wednesday or Thursday . The Texas Breakfast is on Saturday morning. Every affiliate will be asked to submit 3 slides for the presentation from affiliates. The swearing in ceremony will be on Saturday night. Dr. Carrol Thomas will be sworn in as President- Elect. Every affiliate is asked to represent. Our presence and participation needs to increase.

B . Galveston Conference- Joyce Bell reported the foundation has been established for the conference. Feedback was given to her on the draft template that she presented.

- IX. Open Agenda- Members expressed concern that elected officers and committee members are not visible at the meetings. It was stated that it is very important to implement the new constitution and by laws.
- X. Closing Prayer was by Jerry Holmes. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

**Upcoming Meetings:**  
September 15- Austin  
January 12- Galveston  
March- Galveston

Conference Call: November 1