

# **2024 AMTEA Fall Board Meeting**

## **Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators of Alabama (AMTEA)**

**Meeting Minutes DRAFT**  
**August 13, 2024**  
**Virtual 10:00am – 11:30am**

### **I. Welcome**

- A. The AMTEA business meeting was called to order on August 13, 2024, via Zoom by Marilyn Strutchens, President.

### **II. Attendance**

**The following board members were present:**

- Marilyn Strutchens
- Sarah Dyess
- Angela Barlow
- Jeremy Zelkowski
- W. Gary Martin
- Nicolette Nalu
- Jim Gleason

The following board member was absent:

- Johanna Massey (absent due to AAMU's first day back faculty conference)

### **III. Approval of Agenda**

- A. Nicolette Nalu moves to approve the agenda. Gary Martin seconds.
- B. All in favor of the motion to approve the agenda. Ayes carry.

### **IV. Approval of May 2024 Minutes**

- A. Nicolette Nalu moves to approve the minutes. Gary Martin seconds.
- B. All in favor of the motion to approve the minutes. Ayes carry.

### **V. Report from Treasurer**

- A. AMTEA Balance as of June 1, 2024: \$599
- B. Updated list of [members](#) sent to Marilyn Strutchens & Sarah Dyess.

### **VI. Affiliate Representative Reports**

- A. Nicolette Nalu (Southwest I) & Johanna Massey (Southeast II)
  - 1. Invitation for AMTE *Connections* submissions due August 16th to Pam Bailey.
    - a) Angela Barlow volunteered to write a blurb about how AMTEA is working with the state department to roll out the Numeracy Act

and will send this to Marilyn Strutchens. Angela will also check in with Karen Anderson about this publication.

- b) Nicolette mentioned highlighting Cathy Jones, AMTEA member and AMSTI-ALSDE Director.
- 2. NAME (National Association of Multicultural Education) Conference -
  - a) Nicolette Nalu shared about this conference and mentioned noticing there was not a strong mathematics presence there.  
([https://www.nameorg.org/name\\_2024\\_conference.php](https://www.nameorg.org/name_2024_conference.php))
  - b) Marilyn Strutchens will send this information out to members.

## **VII. AMSTI PI Convening**

- A. Cathy Jones is now the Director of AMSTI-ALSDE. Congratulations! This is also an exciting connection for AMTEA.
- B. AMSTI & ASIM PI Meeting October 7, 2024, 2:00pm - 3:30pm.
- C. Questions to consider: What role can we play with AMSTI & ASIM? What do these two entities need from us?
  - 1. Angela Barlow shared how the University of South Alabama will be doing a session in her college this fall to talk about partnerships within college and with units like AMSTI to start the conversation.
  - 2. Jim Gleason encouraged that these discussions not just occur in the College of Education, but also with other colleges (e.g., Colleges of Arts & Sciences).
  - 3. Marilyn Strutchens encouraged these conversations at the local levels and encouraged people to learn about how AMSTI is configured at this upcoming meeting.
  - 4. Marilyn Strutchens also shared that if you are planning to do TEAMS professional development in Spring/Summer, you need to put in a proposal this fall. (Proposals are typically reviewed/approved October.)
  - 5. Gary Martin wondered if we might invite Cathy Jones to the next AMTEA gathering (e.g., ACTM meeting).

## **VIII. Council of Mathematical Sciences Organization in Alabama (CMSOA)**

- A. We need to make another push for people to join the Council.
- B. We will send out a message in the next couple of days.
- C. We have funding to hold a convening in September or October to move forward with the Council.
- D. We also have funding to create a website.
- E. We need a meeting of the presidents this fall, and then maybe a convening in fall 2025 or spring 2025.

## **IX. Numeracy Act**

- A. The Numeracy Act has two parts: New Elementary Standards & New Elementary Mathematics Specialist Standards

- B. Angela Barlow shared about the Teacher Preparation conversations (i.e., New Elementary Mathematics Standards and shifts in mathematics courses)
  - 1. Updates from end of July meeting
    - a) Discussions about mathematics courses that elementary preservice teachers will take.
    - b) Need to be mindful of community colleges and transfer agreements.
    - c) One possibility is to have one course at sophomore level that the community colleges could participate in (e.g., problem solving) but then have the remaining three courses taught at the junior/senior level with field placements.
    - d) How these courses get designed and play out on the campus will be unique to the local university (e.g., considering expertise on your campus).
    - e) We will need to make sure preservice teachers are prepared to take the Foundations of Mathematics test assessing professional knowledge base.
  - 2. Marilyn Strutchens wondered if we need to invite faculty from two-year community colleges to join AMTEA.
  - 3. A concern voiced was that mathematics faculty are not being involved and may not know about these changes.
  - 4. There is a guiding document being developed.
  - 5. Jeremy Zelkowski asked if the external evaluator of the Numeracy Act (HumRRO) has been engaged in these conversations.

**X. SB129 ENROLLED (DEI Act)**

- A. Many of us are thinking about our syllabi as we consider Senate Bill 129.
- B. NCTM will be publishing a document to also support thinking about this.

**XI. NSF STEM Corps (<https://new.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/national-stem-teacher-corps-pilot-program>)**

- A. Program is a way to elevate teacher leaders and to connect to schools
- B. Marilyn Strutchens shared that many people attended the informational webinar.

**XII. Convening for Preservice Teachers**

- A. Bring together student mathematics education associations.
- B. SEC and Friends - February 29, 2024: Had a convening with Kevin Dykema as a speaker. Attendees tended to be secondary mathematics education preservice teachers.
- C. Gary Martin will pass along information about SEC and Friends as he receives it.
- D. Gary mentioned the last two years he has done a lunch at ACTM (e.g., pizza) so that they can sit and talk (e.g., school districts can stop by to recruit).

**XIII. Meeting at ACTM**

(<https://acotom.wildapricot.org/>)

- A. Reminder: Speaker proposals are due September 15, 2024, for priority consideration.
  - 1. Proposal window is open and they need more submissions.
  - 2. Per feedback, ACTM also needs more high-quality 6-12 sessions offered at ACTM.
- B. Preservice Teacher Session (Thursday session, early or session after keynote)
  - 1. Keynote + (Maggie McGatha is the guest speaker)
  - 2. First-timer conference advice (e.g., selecting sessions, networking, etc.)
  - 3. Joining professional memberships (e.g., ACTM)
  - 4. Also plug NCTM and Free MTLT webinars
  - 5. Gary Martin and Angela Barlow volunteered to work on this proposal.
- C. Annual Business Meeting Agenda
  - 1. Past-president will facilitate the meeting since Marilyn Strutchens has another commitment on Friday.
  - 2. Nicolette Nalu and Marilyn Strutchens will create an agenda.
  - 3. Nicolette Nalu and Marilyn Strutchens will communicate with ACTM to schedule our session time: Session + Lunch OR Lunch + Session.

**XIV. Mathematics Teacher Education Partnership (MTEP)**

(<https://scimath.unl.edu/mtep>)

- A. UAH will be starting an MTEP team.
- B. Gary Martin invited new teams and the opportunity for Alabama MTEP teams to talk/collaborate.
- C. Marilyn Strutchens shared part of the goal of MTEP is for collaboration with minority serving institutions (e.g., HBCUs, Hispanic serving institutions).

**XV. Adjourned at 11:35am.**