

**University of North Alabama**  
**Teaching, Learning and Leadership**  
**Advisory Board Meeting**

February 17, 2022

8:30 am -10:30 am

Steve Pierce Hospitality Suite, Flowers Hall

Attendance: Dr. Katie Kinney, Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences, Dr. Jeff Cornelius, Chair, Department of Teaching, Learning and Leadership, Dr. Rebecca Hopkins, Program Coordinator, Special Education, Dr. Jimmy Shaw, Superintendent, Florence City Schools, Jerry Hill, Superintendent, Lauderdale County Schools, Daryl Aikerson, Superintendent, Tuscmibia City Schools, Dr. Chad Holden, Superintendent, Muscle Shoals City Schools, Keith Davis, Superintendent, Sheffield City Schools, Dr. Heath Grimes, Superintendent, Russellville City Schools, Chris Hand, Superintendent, Colbert County Schools

**Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Katie Kinney, Dean of the College of Education and Human Sciences, welcomed participants and shared news from the College of Education and Human Sciences and the University of North Alabama before soliciting updates and news from local districts. Participants enjoyed a light breakfast provided by the College of Education and Human Sciences.

Dean Kinney presented information regarding the Alabama State Department of Education's new approach to preparing SPED teachers in grades 6-12. The ALSDE has developed a special TSEC pathway as an option for individuals to earn a Class B teaching certificate endorsed for Collaborative Special Education 6-12. UNA would be able to offer five required courses approved by the state which individuals could take to be eligible for a SPED Class B certificate. Dr. Kinney and COEHS faculty and administrators discussed with the superintendents how this pathway would work, the needs of the districts and how UNA can meet those needs.

As a result of this meeting, UNA will move forward with offering this TSEC pathway as an option for individuals to earn a Class B teaching certificate endorsed for Collaborative Special Education 6-12. All approved courses will be offered online and may be completed within one year or may be spread out across up to three years. Field experiences within coursework may be completed within the student's employing school. All coursework must be completed at UNA. Individuals enrolling in this TSEC pathway coursework must be employed by an Alabama School District.

The meeting adjourned.

