

**Trustee Board Meeting
Monday, July 24, 2023**

The Trustee Board of AIHC School of Biblical Studies scheduled Zoom meeting was held Monday, July 24, 2023. The meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present:	Staff Present	Members Absent
Greg Thomas, Chairman	Dr. Ingrid A. Thomas, Dean	
Dr. Jarita Mitchell		
Esq. Jacinta Hall		
Shervelle Thomas		
Lynn Edwards (Secretary)		

Prayer - Shervelle Thomas

Scripture - Esq. Jacinta Hall

Opening Remarks &| Agenda – Dean Ingrid Thomas

Meeting Minutes (February 27, 2023) **read** – Lynn Edwards

Meeting Minutes (February 27, 2023) **accepted** - The Board

PowerPoint Presentation – Dean Ingrid Thomas

AIHC-SBS 2023 Goals

1. **Non-Profit Status (501c3)** – Pause, more questions for Chaqueta Robinson
2. **Advertisements** – Plans to focus attention on and find other ways to improve advertising.
 - A. Increase enrollment, promote AIHC-SBS and its programs, and have 2 information sessions with the Pastors because they are the best recruiters for the school, they have influence and are highly respected by their congregation. *Note: Funding today is by Pastor Outreach. Recruitment starts January 2024. AIHC-SBS’ goal is to have at least 20 students to enroll.*
 - B. Create general ads, promotional ads, videos on Facebook and modify the website (all are work in progress). *Advertisement idea by Shervelle Thomas, Craig’s List, inexpensive, \$5 monthly.*
3. **Degree Program (Accreditation)** – Desires to expand its school’s academic and apply for accreditation. We cannot apply for accreditation until Fall of 2025.
 - A. The Advisory Team:
 - President Larry Griffin, Pres. Mid-South Christian College
 - Dr. Rick Upchurch, VP Adult, Graduate & Online Studies at Belhaven University

- Chaplain Anthony Burdick, System Director of Pastoral Care for Baptist Memorial Hospital Medical Center
- B. Purpose of the Advisory Team:
- To provide recommendation and advice
 - To share knowledge and expertise
 - To propose solutions

Note: The advisory team helps and advises Dean Ingrid Thomas. She has met with them three times.

4. **Degree program (Development).** Still in progress.
- A. We are advised to contact ABHE (Association for Biblical Higher Education).
 - B. We are advised to change the title of the degree program from Associate of Arts to associate degree and change the degree program from Biblical Studies to Associate's Degree in Christian Ministry.
 - 60 semester hours minimum for an associate degree
 - 12 semester hours minimum of Bible Theology studies
 - 15 semester hours minimum of General Studies with one or more courses from each of the following disciplines: Communication, Humanities/Fine Arts, Natural Science/Mathematics and Social/Behavioral Science
 - C. Anticipated date to receive authorization by THEC is January 2024
 - D. Anticipated date to offer the degree program (fall 2024)

Note: Accreditation is not yet, but the degree program will be recognized, accepted by Belhaven.

Q&A -

Shervelle Thomas asked, "if after accreditation, will students be able to receive accreditation with their degree?"

The answer provided was that the process of accreditation takes 9 to 10 years. There are several steps, initial application, candidacy status, etc.

Closing Remarks & Prayer - Chairman Greg Thomas