

Capitol High School Alumni Association

Agenda

April 20, 2026

Call to order [Start 6:15p]

Prayer

Roll Call of Officers

- Present: Michael J, Moses J, Velma G, Sanshez B, George F, Vernon S, Mary W
- Absent: Courtney P, Jack H
- Attendees: 25 approx. (includes officers)

Reminders – PAY DUES!

Updates

- Prom Donations – Ashley Hayes (C/o 2001)
 - Only 3 students have paid for prom
 - Working with Capitol at old site: The MLK festival used the budget that would have supported prom.
 - Asking alumni for donations for the Jr/Sr Prom this Saturday \$800-1,000 | Goal \$2,500
 - Donations needed for DJ, food, decorations | prom will be held AT CHS to save costs
 - Donate directly to website Envisioning – to get tax form or donate directly to the school.
 - 30 Seniors | 40 Juniors
 - Michael Jordan, President- Want to make everyone aware the Alumni did not find out about prom ahead of time. Encouraged members to feel free to donate personally.
 - Elmo (C/o 66) – Propose the alumni request information from CHS ahead of time to discuss within the budget.
- Introducing *NEW* Football Coach Ware
 - Coach Ware- 2nd year head football coach in EBR
 - Coached at Westdale Middle in the past
 - Not only about the football field, but about making better individuals
 - Blessed to be 54yr, honored to coach where Coach Bates coached
 - Ideas: Meet & Greets, Football Camps, Neighborhood Camps
 - Lost a lot of kids to charter schools
 - There is a form to join Booster Club – looking for volunteers | need chain crew, scorer
- Digital Media Arts Program - *unable to attend*

Open Floor

- Letterman Jacket Thanks – Principal Greely
 - The students need a safe place to thrive academically.
 - 10 Jackets were ordered (\$125/ea)
- CHS Needs Marketing of the Magnet Programs – Michael Jordan, President
 - Students may transfer 1 time via magnet program (Digital Media, Medical, ??)
 - Alumni needs to recruit family | Goal is 3 years to return to 23rd St
 - Goal: Get the scores up & the rooms full
- CHS Graduation – May 22nd @ Southern University 12 noon - Michael Jordan, President
 - 30 graduates approx.
 - Asking alumni to attend
- Teacher Appreciation Week - Michael Jordan, President
 - 1st week in May | *Teacher Appreciation Week – May 11th -15th*

- ☐ Alumni sponsoring lunch on Tues. May 5th 11a-12:30p for teachers & staff
- Since Cinco de Mayo, lunch will consist of Taco Bar
- Proposed plan: Teacher Staff Lounge
- Need Creative Ideas for Future Fundraisers - Michael Jordan, President
 - *Presented* Baseball Video – school raises \$500k for baseball program
 - ☐ Ask Human Resources, Churches, etc. for Money Matching Programs
 - Class of 83 Donated the money for the Cheerleader Uniforms
 - Need to be knowledgeable about what Capitol has to offer and advertise it
 - Need to be aggressive with raising funds & go out and recruit
 - Jacqueline, Financial Secretary: Although appreciative for everything that was stated, the people that are here – are the same people that attend and respond to CHS. Need more accountability. Do not beat up on those that are here. Thousands have graduated, but don't participate. We need to do a better job of bringing the students back here. Starts with US paying our alumni dues.
- Committees - Michael Jordan, President
 - Fundraising events are coming up – WE have to get the job done.
 - Need non-traditional routes: corporate sponsorship | church support | etc.
- Elections- Michael Jordan, President
 - 2026-2028 Elections will be held in August 2026
 - Velma, Nominating Committee Chair – All positions are open
 - Must be in good standing by July 31st
 - May meeting: will share list of duties
 - June meeting: take nominations til July 31st
 - Members CANNOT pay at the August meeting
 - Elections will take place 30 mins before the end of the meeting
 - Nominating Committee Needs Members! Want to join tonight?
 - Melita West (C/o 88)- Can you have a proxy? Can we request an emergency, special meeting to address this concern of offering some type of absentee voting?
 - Michael Jordan, President – Need to propose that change at the annual meeting | must be voted into the bylaws to move forward
 - George Francis, Treasurer – Article 2 Section 4 Vesical meetings may be called by the president. Majority of membership of the executive council, the agenda for the special meeting shall be limited to the items stated for the following only.
 - Executive Council will meet for special topic, VOTE, and bring decision back to the body. Only executive council will meet and present decision.
 - **MOTION** for board to hold Special Meeting for the single purpose of addressing absentee voting for the alumni election.
 - **MOTION APPROVED** (0 opposed)
 - Board will hold meeting to discuss process and vote.
 - Board to present findings at the next meeting 🗣️
- City Elections – Jacqueline Germany , Financial Secretary
 - Imperative to get out and vote | bring someone
 - She spoke at the Capitol on April 8th to get the Voter's Act to pass
 - Will speak at Shiloh Baptist tomorrow
- CHS Mother's Day Posts – Sanshez Benson, Social Media Chair
 - Requesting submissions for Mother-Daughter & Mother-Son CHS graduates
 - Please send before Mother's Day
- Treasurer Report – George Francis, Treasurer

- Unable to print report prior to meeting | will be provided at next meeting
- Surety Bond: Ave. Costs 1.5% of the bond amount – costs depends on the amount covered
- Dues:
 - Listed the costs of the dues & levels of membership
 - Annual Dues \$60 | Associate Member \$60 | Lifetime Members Annual Fee \$25
 - CHS Alumni Website charges service fee \$3.25 to pay online
 - Lifetime Membership to be paid within the year – please do not take 10 yrs to pay off
 - PARTIAL Payments due at the end of the year |
 - If not paid within that year: If \$125 paid of the \$250, then \$60 will be applied towards 2026 and the balance rolled over, but \$60 short.
- Savings Account Closing May 1st
 - Rcvd letter from Regions Bank that savings account would be closed due to inactivity | Checking account is not impacted | Regions advised they will NOT accept any transactions between Now- May 1st
 - Regions Bank will send a check for the remaining balance to be deposited into checking
 - Jacqueline, Financial Secretary: Requested all information be documented on paper
 - Michael Jordan, President: It will be provided next meeting since George's printer is broken.
- 2026 Fundraisers:
 - Annual Roundup Cookout - Michael Jordan, President
 - Picnic Date August 15th at Old Capitol (23rd St) 10a- 4p
 - \$200/spot | same map as last year | all spaces will be numbered
 - 1st come, 1st serve once tickets Go Live online
 - Website will Go Live approx. 30 days before event to allow classes to book spots
 - All White Party – will be postponed til early next year due to operational issues
- Coffee With the Principal – Elmo (C/o 66)
 - Attended to learn from the source | Anyone can attend
 - Provided an overall vision of what the school needs
 - Will ask the principal to give an overall CHS Vision of what the school needs so the alumni can target some things to see what we can do.
- Obama Trip Details can be provided outside of the alumni meeting – see Michael Jordan for details.

Birthdays/Anniversaries

- Birthdays:
 - Apr 3 Vanessa Moore-Monroe (C/o 88)
- Anniversaries:
 - None

Alumni Deaths

- Jeanetta Marshall C/o 72
- Barbara Burton C/o 66
- Walter Lands Smith C/o 60
- Alvin Thomas III C/o 67
- James Alex C/o 60??

Next Meeting – May 18th

Closing Prayer

Adjournment [End 7:34p]

**Graduation – May 22nd*