

Alabama Commission on Higher Education Open Educational Resources Workshop

Friday, September 12, 2025

8:00 – 8:30 am Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 8:45 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

Dr. Carl Stockton, Chancellor, Auburn University at Montgomery

Dr. Mrinal Varma, Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor,

Auburn University Montgomery

Mr. Ron Leonard, Director Special Initiatives,

Alabama Commission on Higher Education

Dr. Nakia Robinson, Dean of Academics, Trenholm State

Community College

8:45 – 9:45 am Designing the Future of Open Through Innovation: Integrating AI to

Support Z-Degrees and Institutional Transformation

(Josh Hill, Instructional Designer, Center for Innovative Teaching and

Technology, Hillsborough College)

9:45 - 10:00 am Break

10:00 – 11:00 am Empowering Learners and Expanding Access with

Open Educational Practices

(Jennifer Pate, Director of OpenEd at Texas A&M)

11:00 – 12:00 pm Building a Statewide Advocacy Network for Affordable Learning:

Lessons from Georgia

(Nakita Afaha, Program Manager, Affordable Learning Georgia)

12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 pm Motivat-OER

(Rebel Cummings-Sauls, Director, Digital Services and OER

FLVC Library Service)

2:00 – 2:15 pm Break

2:15 - 3:00 pm Panel Discussion

(Josh Hill, Jennifer Pate, and Charlotte Ford)

Lunch and refreshments provided



