

**Minutes**

**Standards, Learning, and Accountability (SLA) Committee Meeting**

**Date**

**Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

**Time**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Location**

**Room 806, Rutledge Building  
1429 Senate Street  
Columbia, SC 29201**

*Dr. Sharon Wall, Chair*

*Dr. Julie Fowler, Deputy Superintendent for College and Career Readiness and  
Staff Liaison to the Committee*

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**I. Welcome and Determination of a Quorum**

Dr. Sharon Wall, Committee Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

Standards, Learning, and Accountability (SLA) Committee members in attendance were Jeff Kubu, Tenth Judicial Circuit, and David F. Whittemore, Jr., Thirteenth Judicial Circuit.

South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff in attendance were Julie Gore Fowler, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness; Barbara A. Drayton, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs; Elizabeth Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness; Sheila Quinn, EdD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness; Anne Pressley, Director, Office of Standards and Learning, Division of College and Career Readiness; Judy Hair, Administrative Assistant, Office of Assessment, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness; Marlene Sellars, Program Assistant, Office of Special Education Services, Division of College and Career Readiness; Ruta Couet, Education Associate, Office of Standards and Learning, Division of College and Career Readiness; and Crystal Dennis, Minutes Taker, Division of College and Career Readiness.

**II. Recognition of Visitors, Including News Media**

Chair Wall welcomed the following visitors to the SLA Committee meeting: Ellis Tesh, Northwest Evaluation; Toni Chewning, Palmetto State Teachers Association (PSTA); and Ivan Randolph, PhD, State Board Member. There were no news media in attendance.

**III. Approval of Committee Minutes for October 14, 2015**

Chair Wall asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes for the SLA meeting on October 14, 2015, as presented. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

**IV. Approval of Committee Agenda for April 12, 2016**

Chair Wall asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda for the SLA meeting on April 12, 2016, as presented. Hearing none, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

**V. Public Comment Period**

There were no public comments.

**VI. Board Items**

**FOR APPROVAL**

**01. American Sign Language (ASL) Standards—First Reading**—Ruta Couet, Education Associate, Office of Standards and Learning, Division of College and Career Readiness

The State Board last adopted the Academic Standards for American Sign Language in 2009. Members of the state's World Languages Committee reviewed and recommended revisions to the 2013 South Carolina Standard for World Language Proficiency to create the current draft of the 2016 South Carolina Standard for American Sign Language Proficiency. These standards are based on a scale used in universities and in the workplace throughout the United States. As part of the cyclical review process, all standards must be revised every seven years.

The motion was approved to amend the agenda to reflect that this item was for First Reading approval.

The item was approved in committee.

**FOR INFORMATION**

**02. Update on Statewide Assessment Programs**—Liz Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness.

Ms. Jones provided an update on the assessments administered in 2015–16 required by state and/or federal law and the assessments that are voluntary.

Ms. Jones reported on the SC Ready High Level Policy Statements to define student performance.

**VII. Consent Agenda**

Item SLA-01 was approved for placement on the consent agenda for the full Board.

**VIII. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**IX. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.