

MINUTES
Education Professions Committee Meeting

Date
Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Time
9:30 a.m.

Location
Room 101, Rutledge Building
1429 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dr. Rhonda Edwards, Committee Chair
Karla McLawhorn Hawkins, Deputy Superintendent
Staff Liaison to the Committee

I. Welcome and Determination of a Quorum

Chair Rhonda Edwards welcomed everyone to the Education Professions (EP) Committee.

State Board of Education (SBE) committee members in attendance were: Dr. Samuel Alston, First Judicial Circuit, and Gerald Reeves, Fourth Judicial Circuit. A quorum was present.

Attending on behalf of the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) were: Karla McLawhorn Hawkins, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources; Tammy Jeffers, Minutes Taker, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources; Dr. Rachel L.H. Burns, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources; Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources; and Meg Hazel, Deputy General Counsel/Parliamentarian, Office of General Counsel, Division of Legal Affairs.

II. Recognition of Visitors and News Media

There were no visitors or new media in attendance.

III. Approval of Committee Minutes for September 13, 2016

The Committee minutes for September 13, 2016, were approved by acclamation.

IV. Approval of Committee Agenda for October 11, 2016

The Committee agenda for October 11, 2016, was approved by acclamation.

V. Public Comment Period

No one signed up for public comment.

VI. Board Items

FOR APPROVAL

01. Professional Review Committee (PRC) Recommendations for Accreditation Decisions of Two Educator Preparation Units—Dr. Rachel Burns, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Dr. Burns presented the PRC's recommendations for accreditation decisions of two educator preparation units at Limestone College. Limestone College underwent an on-site legacy accreditation review by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) during the fall 2015. The unit was evaluated using the performance-based NCATE standards. In May 2016, Limestone College was granted continuing accreditation at the initial level for the next seven years. The next accreditation visit is scheduled for fall 2022. The PRC considered the NCATE-legacy continuing accreditation recommendation on September 9, 2016. The NCATE decision was recommended for approval.

Mr. Reeves made a motion to approve this item. Dr. Alston seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FOR INFORMATION

02. Voluntary Program Terminations— Dr. Rachel Burns, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Dr. Burns presented the voluntary program terminations from Furman University and Presbyterian College. Furman University voluntarily terminated its Latin program due to low enrollment. Presbyterian College will be terminating its music education program in 2017 due to low enrollment.

03. Update on the Network for Transforming Educator Preparation (NTEP) Task Force— Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Mrs. Hipp updated the Committee on the NTEP task force. South Carolina is participating in NTEP, a collaborative sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers focusing on improving the quality of teacher preparation programs nationwide. Through NTEP, states are encouraged to focus on three levers for change: certification/licensure; program approval; and data collection, analysis, and reporting. South Carolina's efforts are focused on the program approval process for educator preparation programs. The state's NTEP Task Force is comprised of stakeholders including representatives from higher education leadership and faculty; school district leadership; legislative staff; classroom teachers; professional organizations; the Education Oversight Committee; the State Board of Education; and various offices within the SCDE.

The SCDE anticipates presenting redesigned guidelines for educator preparation providers to the SBE in early 2017.

VII. Consent Agenda

EP-01 was placed on the consent agenda.

VIII. Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.