

**MINUTES**

**State Board of Education Meeting**

**Date**

**Wednesday, October 14,, 2015**

**Time**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Location**

**Rutledge Conference Center  
1429 Senate Street  
Columbia, South Carolina**

***Traci Young Cooper, EdD, Chair***

***Michael Brenan, Chair-elect***

***Molly M. Spearman***

***State Superintendent of Education***

***Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board***

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*SBE Mission: The State Board of Education's mission is to provide a leadership role in helping South Carolina set policy and direction to transform teaching and learning so that students are prepared with the necessary knowledge and skills, including innovation, to compete globally and live a productive life.*

**I. WELCOME**

The State Board of Education (SBE) meeting convened at 1:00 p.m. Chair Cooper called the meeting to order.

The following SBE members were in attendance: Traci Young Cooper, EdD, Chair, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Samuel Alston, EdD, First Judicial Circuit; Lonzena Harry, Third Judicial Circuit; Gerald Reeves, Fourth Judicial Circuit; James Stroman, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Jane P. Harmon, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Ivan Randolph, PhD, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Richard Kizer, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Jeffrey Kubu, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Sharon Wall, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Thomas Ewart, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Danny Varat, PhD, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Rhonda Edwards, EdD, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mike Brenan, Chair-elect, Governor's Appointee.

Absent with apologies were SBE members Jim Griffith, Second Judicial Circuit; Thomas Shortt, EdD, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; and Sharon Bynum, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Betsy Carpentier, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Superintendent; Karla Hawkins, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Federal, State, & Community Resources; Virgie Chambers, Deputy

Superintendent, Division of Operations and Support; Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent and Parliamentarian, Division for Legal Affairs; Sheila Quinn, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness; Mellanie Jinnette, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance; Emily Heatwole, Director of Legislative Affairs; Liz Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness; Robert Benn, Information Resource Consultant, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Duane Martin, Information Resource Consultant, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Barbara Drayton, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs; and LaTonia Holloway, Administrative Assistant, Office of General Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs.

**II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2015**

Chair Cooper asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes as presented for the SBE meeting on September 9, 2015. Dr. Wall moved that the agenda for the October 14, 2015, be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Alston. The minutes were approved.

**III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 14, 2015**

Chair Cooper asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda for the SBE meeting on October 14, 2015. Hearing none, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

**IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA**

Chair Cooper welcomed visitors to the SBE meeting. Chair Cooper acknowledged that there were no visitors interested in being recognized.

**V. STATE BOARD CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Cooper stated that the SBE was proud to announce the winners of the SBE 2015 Volunteer Awards. Chair Cooper provided background information regarding the Volunteer Awards. She recognized the ad hoc committee and its chair, Dr. Rhonda Edwards. Chair Cooper called upon Dr. Edwards who acknowledged and presented the volunteer awards for the following categories:

- ❖ School Improvement Council (SIC): Harbinson West Elementary School Improvement Council
- ❖ Business: Midlands Biofuels, represented by Joe Renwick
- ❖ Civic Organization: Shandon Baptist Church, represented by Minister Jerry Long
- ❖ Individual: Ruth Smryl (Ms. Katie Watkins, Volunteer Coordinator for Richland County School District One, accepted this award on her behalf.)

Dr. Cooper asked that another round of applause be given to all of the winners.

This ended her report.

## **VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT**

Chair Cooper recognized Superintendent Molly Spearman to present her report. Mrs. Spearman thanked all the volunteers across the state for all that they do in their communities. Mrs. Spearman stated that her report was very short and introduced Karla Hawkins as the new Deputy Superintendent over the Division of Federal, State, & Community Resources. Mrs. Spearman addressed the concerns of the school districts and makeup days for the students due to the recent floods. Mrs. Spearman pointed out that some school districts may have used the majority of their days, and we haven't even entered into the winter months yet. Mrs. Spearman reported that none of the buses or bus shops were affected significantly by the floods and recognized members of the SCDE transportation staff. She stated further that the primary concern at this point was rerouting buses due to the road closures.

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No attending parties signed up for public comments.

## **VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS**

### **EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS—COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chair Cooper recognized Dr. Varat, who reported that the Committee met and had four action items; and all of these items were approved by the Committee and placed on the consent agenda. Dr. Varat explained each committee item in great detail and stated that staff had done a great job with providing the Committee with all the information and concluded his report.

#### **FOR APPROVAL**

01. **Guidelines and Requirements for Content Area Add-on Certifications and Endorsements**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Chief Operating Office
02. **Professional Review Committee (PRC) Recommendation for a New Educator Preparation Program at Charleston Southern University**—Rachel Harvey, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

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**PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE—COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chair Cooper reported that the Committee met and reviewed eight action items. Action items PL-01 through PL-08 were approved by the Committee, and six were placed on the consent agenda. Chair Cooper reported that items PL-07 and PL-08 were first readings of Regs. 43-100 and 43-261 and that they needed to be presented to the full Board for action. She stated that the items were approved in committee and did not require a second. Chair Cooper explained the proposed amendments to PL-07 and called for the motion. Mr. Brenan moved that the proposed amendments to PL-07 (R.43-100) be approved as presented. Dr. Randolph seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chair Cooper explained in detail the proposed amendments to be made to item PL-08 (R.43-261). She stated this item was coming out of committee and did not require a second. Dr. Cooper called for the vote; the motion carried unanimously.

**FOR APPROVAL**

01. **Aiken County Public Schools' Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (R.43-205), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
02. **School District of Oconee County's Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (R.43-205), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
03. **John de la Howe School's Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (R.43-205), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

04. **Laurens County School District 56's Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (R.43-205), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
05. **Lexington School District Four's Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (R.43-205), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties, and Workloads**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
06. **Lexington School District Four's Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-220 (R.43-220), Gifted and Talented**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
07. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-100 (R.43-100), Test Security (First Reading)**—Cathy L. Hazelwood, Esquire, Deputy Superintendent, Division for Legal Affairs
08. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-261 (R.43-261), District and School Planning (First Reading)**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

## **IF INNOVATION AND FINANCE—COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chair Cooper recognized Mr. Ewart, who reported that the Committee heard one action item, and three information items. Item IF-01 was approved and placed on the consent agenda. The Committee also received a fiscal update and budget report for 2015–16, respectfully. Dr. Ewart recognized Delisa Clark from School Facilities for all of her hard work. Mr. Ewart recognized Mellanie Jinnette to make a presentation to the Board to address potentially implementing a new voting system for the SBE. Ms. Jinnette explained that this was more economically feasible for the current SBE budget. She stated further that there would be training involved to get everyone where they needed to be with using the new system.

Mr. Kizer posed questions regarding the user friendliness of this system with regards to signing in and signing out or moving in between multiple screens. Dr. Cooper stated that this was something that is very important to her in keeping in line with being fully transparent to our stakeholders and moving forward into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**FOR APPROVAL**

01. **Request for Approval of Property Disposal—Greenville County School District (Blue Ridge High School)**—Delisa Clark, Director, Office of School Facilities, Division of Operations and Support

**FOR INFORMATION**

02. **School Bus/Boat Per Mile Base Rate Methodology**—Tim Camp, Director, Office of Transportation, Division of Operations and Support
03. **State Board of Education Technology Update**—Mellanie Jinnette, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance

**SLA STANDARDS, LEARNING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY—COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chair Cooper recognized Dr. Ivan Randolph who reported that the Committee heard one action item and one information item. Dr. Randolph recognized Dr. Fowler to provide detailed information regarding the process in finalizing the First Steps Readiness description. Dr. Fowler shared with the Board members that the final document was approved by the First Steps Board at their October meeting. Dr. Cooper thanked Dr. Fowler and Dr. Wuri for their relentless work placed into this process. Dr. Cooper stated that this item was coming out of committee and did not require a motion. Dr. Cooper called for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Cooper referred back to Dr. Randolph for additional information/updates on the grades 3 through 11 assessments. The RFP has been sent out and proposals have been submitted by vendors. A final decision on this assessment should be made by October 23, 2015.

**FOR APPROVAL**

01. **First Steps Readiness Definition Document**—Julie Gore Fowler, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness

**FOR INFORMATION**

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

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Mr. Kubu made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Dr. Alston seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair Cooper reminded everyone to turn in their travel forms prior to leaving the meeting. She also reminded members that the Volunteer Award reception would be held at EdVenture following the meeting. Chair Cooper also reminded members that the November meeting would be held Tuesday, November 10, 2015, since the second Wednesday is a state holiday.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 3:05p.m.