

**Minutes**  
**State Board of Education Meeting**

**Date**  
**Wednesday, November 13, 2013**

**Time**  
**1:00 p.m.**

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

*David Blackmon, PhD, Chair*  
*Barry Bolen, Chair-elect*  
*Mick Zais, PhD*  
*State Superintendent of Education*  
*Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board*

*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/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The State Board of Education meeting convened at 1:05 p.m. Chair Blackmon called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following State Board of Education (SBE) members were in attendance: David Blackmon, PhD, Chair, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Barry Bolen, Chair-elect, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; David Longshore, PhD, First Judicial Circuit; Jim Griffith, Second Judicial Circuit; Lonzena Harry, Third Judicial Circuit; Traci Young Cooper, EdD, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Neil Willis, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Raye O'Neal Boyd, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Dru James, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Larry Kobrovsky, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Danny Varat, PhD, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Rhonda Edwards, EdD, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; Thomas Shortt, EdD, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; and John Rampey, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit.

Absent with apologies were Jeffrey Kubu, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Bishop Michael Blue, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; and Mike Brenan, Governor's Appointee.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Scott English, Chief Operating Officer; Charmeka Childs, Deputy Superintendent, Division of School Effectiveness; Nancy Busbee, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Accountability; Dino Teppara, Director, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs; Shelly Bezanson Kelly, General Counsel and Parliamentarian, Office of General Counsel; Don Cantrell, Chief Information Officer; Briana Timmerman, PhD, Director, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness; Roy Stehle, Director, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability; Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability; Cindy Van Buren, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness; Cathy Jones Stork, Education Associate, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness; Delisa Clark,

Director of School Facilities, Division of Operations and Support; and Rachel Kerley, Recording Secretary, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs.

**II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 9, 2013**

Chair Blackmon asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes for the SBE meeting on October 9, 2013, as presented. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

**III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2013**

Chair Blackmon asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda for the SBE meeting on November 13, 2013. Hearing none, Chair Blackmon stated that the amended agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

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

Dr. Blackmon welcomed visitors and news media to the SBE meeting.

**V. STATE BOARD CHAIR REPORT**

On behalf of the Board, Dr. Blackmon congratulated the Chester Park Elementary School of Inquiry for receiving first place in the What Works South Carolina Award of Excellence, sponsored by the Riley Institute.

He also recognized the Parents as Teachers Program, sponsored by First Steps SC, and the Teacher Cadets Program, sponsored by CERRA.

In honor of Veteran's Day, Br. Blackmon recognized any veterans in attendance.

The Chair noted that next week is American Education Week and gave a brief history of this recognition week. He closed by quoting Thomas Jefferson, "Above all things I hope that the education of common people will be attended to; convinced that on their good sense we may rely with the most security for the preservation of a due degree of liberty."

**VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT**

**School Visits**

Dr. Zais stated that he tries to spend at least one day per week visiting schools. Since the last SBE meeting, he visited with students, parents, teachers, and school leaders at the following schools:

- Nevitt Forest Community School and Anderson Five Charter School in Anderson District 5
- Lyman Elementary and James F. Byrnes High in Spartanburg District 5
- Spartanburg Senior High and the McCarthy-Teszler Learning Center in Spartanburg District 7

### **Public Appearances**

Dr. Zais listed some recent public appearances. This is not an all-inclusive list.

- Dr. Zais spoke to and responded to questions from the Anderson Chamber of Commerce on the campus of Tri-County Tech, as well as the Clemson Area Chamber of Commerce.
- He also attended a function for elected officials, which was hosted by the leadership and Board of Trustees of the College of Charleston.
- Dr. Zais addressed the Republican parties in Richland and Lexington counties.
- Dr. Zais attended several meetings including the Board of Trustees meetings at the University of South Carolina, Winthrop University, and The Citadel, as well as the Education Oversight Committee and the Transform SC Education Steering Committee.
- He also participated in the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the State Museum.
- In Greenville Dr. Zais met with a group of teachers; in Charleston he met with a group of principals; and in Myrtle Beach he spoke to the Military Officers Association of America.
- Finally, Dr. Zais chaired a meeting of the South Carolina Financial Literacy Council.

### **Media Interviews**

Dr. Zais was interviewed by the following media this month:

- WIS-TV
- Associated Press
- Orangeburg Times and Democrat
- WLGI radio
- WLTX-TV
- Charleston Post and Courier
- WSPA-TV
- Media from across the state at press conferences announcing the launch of a new catalogue entitled “Empowering Students,” which is sponsored by the Palmetto Policy Forum

Dr. Zais concluded his report with the following passage:

“Mr. Chairman, I come from a family of educators. I’ve been a teacher. My mother and father, wife, daughter-in-law, sister-in-law, and mother-in-law were all teachers. I have great respect for teachers, because I know what they do every day is not a job, it’s a calling. I believe the best way to empower them is to respect their professionalism by giving them the flexibility they need to foster innovation in the classroom.”

This concluded the State Superintendent’s report.

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals participated in the public comment period:

- Kevin Thomas addressed the Board about the Midlands STEM Institute. Liesha Huffstetler addressed the Board in opposition of the Common Core State Standards.
- Jackie Hicks, representative of the SCEA, spoke in favor of the Common Core State Standards.

## VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS

### PH PUBLIC HEARING

#### FOR APPROVAL

01. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-64 (R 43-64), Requirements for Certification at the Advanced Level (Second Reading)**—Cindy Van Buren, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness

The following individual spoke during the public comment period:

- Betsy Carpenter, representing SCASA, suggested a change in Section “D” to be “a” Transformational Leaders program instead of “the Transformational Leaders Academy.”

Dr. Shortt moved to approve Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-64 (R 43-64) as recommended by the SCDE. Mr. Willis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

02. **Proposed Repeal of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-130 (R 43-130), Accreditation Standards Filed (Second Reading)**—Roy Stehle, Director, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

There was no one who signed up for public comment regarding this proposed regulation.

Dr. Varat moved to repeal Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-130 (R 43-130) as recommended by the SCDE. Mr. Rampey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

03. **Proposed Repeal of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-162 (R 43-162), School Superintendent Compensation and Benefits/Expenses (Second Reading)**—Charmeka Childs, Deputy Superintendent, Division of School Effectiveness

There was no one who signed up for public comment regarding this proposed regulation.

Mr. Kobrovsky moved to approve the proposed repeal of Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-162 (R 43-162) as recommended by the SCDE. Dr. Varat seconded the motion. The motion passed.

04. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-188 (R 43-188), Displaying the Flag (Second Reading)**—Roy Stehle, Director, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

There was no one who signed up for public comment regarding this proposed regulation.

Mr. Griffith moved to approve the proposed changes to Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-188 (R 43-188) as recommended by the SCDE. Dr. Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed.

05. **Proposed Repeal of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-201.1 (R 43-201.1), Teacher Grants (Second Reading)**—Roy Stehle, Director, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

There was no one who signed up for public comment regarding this proposed regulation.

Mrs. Boyd moved to approve the proposed repeal of Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-201.1 (R43-201.1) as recommended by the SCDE. Dr. Varat seconded the motion.

Mrs. James raised the concern that the funding source for this regulation has been eliminated, but there was no discussion over the necessity to end the program.

The motion passed.

06. **Proposed Amendments to 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 (Second Reading)**—Roy Stehle, Director, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

The following individuals spoke during the public comment period:

- Bobby Chandler, Horry County
- Craig King, representing PSTA

Dr. Shortt moved to approve the SCDE recommendation to not approve the proposed changes to Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (R43-205). Mr. Kobrovsky seconded the motion.

Dr. Varat said for the record, “We, the Superintendent, the State Board, have been admonished for a problem that we cannot fix. The local districts need to own this if we want them to have local control.”

Dr. Blackmon called for the vote. Dr. Shortt, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Harry, Mr. Bolen, Mrs. James, Mr. Griffith, Dr. Cooper, Mr. Willis, Mr. Kobrovsky, and Dr. Edwards voted in favor of the SCDE recommendation. Dr. Varat and Dr. Longshore voted in opposition of the recommendation of the SCDE.

The motion passed.

07. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-209 (R 43-209), Support Personnel/Paraprofessional Personnel Positions, Qualifications and Duties (Second Reading)**—Roy Stehle, Director, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

The following individual spoke during the public comment period:

- Betsy Carpentier spoke on behalf of SCASA in opposition to the language being stricken.

Dr. Shortt moved to approve the proposed changes to Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-209 (R43-209) as proposed. Dr. Varat seconded the motion.

Mr. Willis made a motion to postpone the consideration of this item to the December 11 State Board of Education meeting. Dr. Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed.

08. **Proposed Repeal of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-243.4 (R 43-243.4), Utilization of General Teacher Certification (Second Reading)**—John Payne, Education Associate, Office of Exceptional Children, Division of Accountability

There was no one who signed up for public comment regarding this proposed regulation.

Mr. Griffith moved to repeal Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-243.4 (R 43-243.4) as proposed. Dr. Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed.

09. **Proposed Repeal of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-244 (R43-244), Interscholastic Activities (Second Reading)**—Roy Stehle, Director, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

There was no one who signed up for public comment regarding this proposed regulation.

Mr. Kobrovsky moved to repeal Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-244 (R 43-244) as proposed. Dr. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed.

10. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-248 (R 43-248), South Carolina Virtual School Program (SCVSP) (Second Reading)**—Bradley Mitchell, Director, Office of Virtual Education, Division of School Effectiveness

There was no one who signed up for public comment regarding this proposed regulation.

Dr. Varat moved to approve the proposed changes to Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-248 (R 43-248) as proposed. Mr. Willis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dr. Cooper asked that her vote in opposition of the motion be recorded in the minutes.

11. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-272 (R 43-272), School Admission (Second Reading)**—Roy Stehle, Director, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

There was no one who signed up for public comment regarding this proposed regulation.

Dr. Cooper moved to approve the proposed changes to Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-272 (R 43-272) as proposed. Mrs. Boyd seconded the motion. The motion passed.

12. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-274 (R 43-274), Student Attendance (Absences and Excuses) (Second Reading)**—Roy Stehle, Director, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

There was no one who signed up for public comment regarding this proposed regulation.

Mrs. Boyd moved to approve the proposed changes to Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-274 (R 43-274) as proposed. Mr. Rampey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Griffith made a motion to postpone the consideration of this item to December 11 State Board of Education meeting. Dr. Shortt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-279 (R 43-279), Minimum Standards of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Enforcement Procedures to be Implemented by Local School Districts (Second Reading)**—Sabrina Moore, PhD, Director, Office of Student Intervention Services, Division of Accountability

There was no one who signed up for public comment regarding this proposed regulation.

Dr. Cooper moved to approve the proposed changes to Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-279 (R 43-279) as proposed. Mrs. James seconded the motion. The motion passed.

14. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-300 (R 43-300), Accreditation Criteria (Second Reading)**—Roy Stehle, Director, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

There was no one who signed up for public comment regarding this proposed regulation.

Dr. Cooper moved to approve the proposed changes to Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-300 (R 43-300) as proposed. Dr. Shortt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

15. **Proposed Repeal of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-500 (R 43-500), Operation and Funding of Teacher Training Courses in Mathematics, Science, Reading and Computer Education (Second Reading)**—Cathy Jones-Stork, Team Leader, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness

There was no one who signed up for public comment regarding this proposed regulation.

Mr. Bolen moved to approve the repeal of Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-500 (R 43-500) as proposed. Dr. Varat seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## **ELC EDUCATOR LICENSURE COMMITTEE**

**Committee Report**—Dr. David Blackmon

### **FOR APPROVAL**

#### **Approval of the Ratification Agenda**

Dr. Blackmon called for a vote to approve the ratification agenda. The motion carried.

## **EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS**

**Committee Report**—Dr. David Longshore, Chair

The committee heard two action items.

### **FOR APPROVAL**

- 01. Proposal to Add the Option of Taking Examinations in World Languages through the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) in Addition to the Option of Taking Praxis/Educational Testing Services (ETS) Exams**—Cindy Van Buren, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness

The Committee placed EP-01 on the consent agenda.

- 02. Educator Waiver Request of State Board of Education Regulation 43-64**—Cindy Van Buren, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness

The Committee placed EP-02 on the consent agenda.

Dr. Blackmon called for a motion to approve the committee report. The motion carried.

## **SLA STANDARDS, LEARNING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Committee Report**—Dr. Thomas Shortt, Chair

The committee heard two information items about Common Core implementation and assessments.

Dr. Blackmon called for a motion to approve the report from the SLA Committee. The motion carried.

**IF INNOVATION AND FINANCE**

**Committee Report**—Barry Bolen, Chair

The Committee heard one action item and one information item.

**FOR APPROVAL**

- 01. Statewide Capital Needs Report, “Public School Capital Needs 2013/14–2017/18”**—Delisa Clark, Director, Office of School Facilities, Division of Operations and Support

The committee placed item IF-01 on the Consent Agenda, but it was taken off by Chair Bolen, as there were corrections made to the report.

Ms. Clark presented the State Board with the revised report. Mr. Bolen moved that the amended report be approved. The motion carried.

Dr. Blackmon called for a motion to approve the IF Committee report. The motion carried.

**PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE**

**Committee Report**—Dr. David Blackmon, Chair

The PL Committee heard two information items. These items were about the ESEA renewal of Principal 2 and an update on the Educator Evaluation Pilot project.

Dr. Blackmon called for a motion to approve the PL Committee report. The motion carried.

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items were approved in committee and placed on the Consent Agenda:

**EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS**

- 02. Proposed New Praxis Content Exams and Passing Scores in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and General Science**—Cindy Van Buren, PhD, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness

**IF INNOVATION AND FINANCE**

- 01. Request from the Riley Institute for Financial Support**—David Blackmon, PhD,  
Chair, State Board of Education

Chair Blackmon called for a vote to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried.

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

Dr. Cooper asked about opportunities to meet and work with other Boards across the nation.

Nominating Committee

- Ms. Raye O’Neal Boyd
- Dr. David Longshore
- Mrs. Dru James, Chair

State Board Members eligible to be Chair-Elect:

- Michael Brenan (no term—at the will of the Governor)
- Dr. Traci Young Cooper (December 31, 2016)
- Dr. Rhonda Edwards (December 31, 2016)
- Mr. Jim Griffith (December 31, 2015)
- Mrs. Lonzena Harry (December 31, 2015)
- Mr. Jeff Kubu (December 31, 2016)
- Dr. Thomas Shortt (December 31, 2015)
- Dr. Danny Varat (December 31, 2015)

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 3:17 p.m.