

## MINUTES

### State Board of Education Meeting

#### Date

Wednesday, January 21, 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; Jim Griffith, Second 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; Jeffery Kubu, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Thomas Ewart, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Danny Varat, PhD, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Rhonda Edwards, EdD, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; Thomas Shortt, EdD, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; Sharon Bynum, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mike Brenan, Governor's Appointee.

SBE member Dr. Sharon Wall, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, was absent with apologies. .

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Betsy Carpentier, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Superintendent; Angela H. Bain, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educator Effectiveness; Dino Teppara, Director, Office of Public Affairs;

Emily Heatwole, Director, Office of Legislative Affairs; Cathy Hazelwood, General Counsel and Parliamentarian, Office of General Counsel; Mellanie Jinnette, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance; Julie Fowler, Deputy Superintendent, Division of College & Career Readiness; Virgie R. Chambers, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Operations & Support; 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; Wendy Cartledge, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; and LáTonia Holloway, Administrative Assistant, Office of General Counsel.

**II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 10, 2014**

Chair Cooper asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes, as presented, for the SBE meeting on December 10, 2014. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

**III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR JANUARY 21, 2015**

Chair Cooper asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda for the SBE meeting on January 21, 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.

**V. STATE BOARD CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Cooper recognized the newly appointed Board members as follows: Gerald Reeves, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Jane Harmon, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Richard Kizer, Ninth Judicial Circuit; and Sharon Bynum, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and Dr. Sharon Wall, Eleventh Judicial Circuit. Dr. Cooper offered regrets on behalf of Dr. Wall who was absent due to illness.

Dr. Cooper asked all of the newly appointed members to join her for their official swearing in.

This ended her report.

**VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT**

Dr. Cooper recognized Superintendent Molly Spearman to present her report. Mrs. Spearman welcomed all present and thanked all of the State Board members for giving up their time and service to the State Board. Mrs. Spearman addressed the document disseminated earlier entitled Profiling the South

Carolina Graduate and encouraged the Board members to keep this framework in mind during the next four years when they make decisions for our South Carolina students.

Mrs. Spearman introduced her Leadership Team as follows: Betsy Carpentier, Chief of Staff; Mellanie Jinnette, Deputy Superintendent for Finance; Julie Fowler, EdD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of College & Career Readiness; Virgie R. Chambers, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Operations & Support; Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent for Legal Division; Angela Bain, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educator Effectiveness, and Emily Heatwole, Director of Legislative Affairs. Mrs. Spearman stated that their focus will be on working with the educators, business community, and parents to ensure that the services we provide and policies that we recommend are always focused on what is best for students.

Mrs. Spearman stated that she has been out in the field and has already met with the SC Alliance of Black School Educators, College Deans, the House Education Committee, and Transform SC Workforce Committee.

Mrs. Spearman recognized and presented the 2015 Principal of the Year Certificate to Brenda Campbell, Principal, Saluda Trail Middle School of York County School District Three. Mrs. Campbell presented some information regarding the programs that are being implemented in her school and how they operate.

Mrs. Spearman thanked Mrs. Campbell for sharing her information with the Board and stated how important it is for us to hear what is going on out in the field. She informed the State Board that we have a lot of work to do.

Chair Cooper recognized Chair-elect Brenan, who acknowledged Ms. Betty Bagley, who was present. Mr. Brenan thanked her for her hard work with the pilot schools project for Transform SC. On behalf of Governor Haley, Mr. Brenan stated that she was looking forward to a very high level of collaboration with Superintendent Spearman and with Melanie Barton, Executive Director of the EOC.

Chair Cooper stated that the State Board was looking forward to working with Superintendent Spearman, the Leadership Team, and the SCDE Staff.

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals participated in the public comment portion of the meeting:

- Trevor Packer
- Annie Marie Green
- Coleman Tanner

**VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS**

**PH PUBLIC HEARING**

Chair Cooper stated to the Board that no one had signed up for the public hearing comment period for the proposed public hearing items prior to the presentation of regulations for second reading.

**FOR APPROVAL**

01. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-100 (R.43-100), Test Security (Second Reading)**—Elizabeth Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Accountability

Chair Cooper recognized Liz Jones to provide the recommendations of the proposed amendments to item PH-01 Regs. 43-100 (Second Reading). Chair Cooper called for a motion. Dr. Varat moved to approve Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-100 (R.43-100), as recommended by the SCDE. Dr. Randolph seconded the motion. Motion carried.

02. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-62 (R.43-62), Requirements for Additional Areas of Certification (Second Reading)**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness

Chair Cooper recognized Mary Hipp to provide the recommendations of the proposed amendments to item PH-02 Regs. 43-62 (Second Reading). Chair Cooper called for a motion. Mr. Griffith moved to approve Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-62 (R.43-62), as recommended by the SCDE. Dr. Alston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

03. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-165.1 (R.43-165.1), Program for Assisting, Developing, and Evaluating Principal Performance (PADEPP) (Second Reading)**—Briana Timmerman, PhD, Director, Office of Instructional Practices and Evaluations, Division of School Effectiveness

Chair Cooper recognized Dr. Brianna Timmerman to provide the recommendations of the proposed amendments to item PH-03 Regs. 43-165.1 (Second Reading). Chair Cooper called for a motion. Dr. Varat moved to approve Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-165.1 (R.43-165.1), as recommended by the SCDE. Mr. Griffith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

04. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-232 (R.43-232), Defined Programs 6–8 (Second Reading)**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

Chair Cooper recognized Darlene Prevatt to provide the recommendations of the proposed amendments to item PH-04 Regs. 43-232 (Second Reading). Chair Cooper called for a motion. Dr. Varat moved to approve Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-232 (R.43-232), as recommended by the SCDE. Mr. Ewart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

05. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-234 (R.43-234), Defined Program, Grades 9–12, and Graduation Requirements (Second Reading)**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

Chair Cooper recognized Darlene Prevatt to provide the recommendations of the proposed amendments to item PH-05 Regs. 43-234 (Second Reading). Chair Cooper called for a motion. Dr. Varat moved to approve Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-234 (R.43-234), as recommended by the SCDE. Dr. Randolph seconded the motion. Motion carried.

06. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-259 (R.43-259), Adult Education (Supp. 2013) (Second Reading)**—David Stout, Director, Office of Adult Education, Division of Accountability

Chair Cooper recognized David Stout to provide the recommendations of the proposed amendments to item PH-06 Regs. 43-259 (Second Reading). Chair Cooper called for a motion. Mr. Stroman moved to approve Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-259 (R.43-259), as recommended by the SCDE. Dr. Alston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

07. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-260 (R.43-260), Use and Dissemination of Test Results (Second Reading)**—Elizabeth Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Accountability

Chair Cooper recognized Liz Jones to provide the recommendations of the proposed amendments to item PH-07 Regs. 43-260 (Second Reading). Chair Cooper called for a motion. Dr. Edwards moved to approve Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-260 (R.43-260), as recommended by the SCDE. Mr. Griffith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

08. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-262 (R.43-262), Assessment Program (Second Reading)**—Elizabeth Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Accountability

Chair Cooper recognized Liz Jones to provide the recommendations of the proposed amendments to item PH-08 Regs. 43-262 (Second Reading). Chair Cooper called for a motion. Mr. Brenan moved to approve Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-260 (R.43-260), as recommended by the SCDE. Dr. Alston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

09. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann Regs. 43-262.4 (R.43-262.4), End-of-Course Tests (Second Reading)**—Elizabeth Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Accountability

Chair Cooper recognized Liz Jones to provide the recommendations of the proposed amendments to item PH-09 Regs. 43-262.4 (Second Reading). Chair Cooper called for a motion. Mr. Brenan moved to approve Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-262.4 (R.43-262.4), as recommended by the SCDE. Mr. Griffith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

10. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-601 (R.43-601), Procedures and Standards for Review of Charter School Applications (Second Reading)**—Donna Manning, Team Leader for School Improvement and Choice, Office of School Transformation, Division of School Effectiveness

Chair Cooper recognized Donna Manning to provide the recommendations of the proposed amendments to item PH-10 Regs. 43-601 (Second Reading). Chair Cooper called for a motion. Dr. Varat moved to approve Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-601 (R.43-601), as recommended by the SCDE. Mr. Griffith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Chair Cooper recognized Dr. Varat, who reported that the Committee met and heard two action items, which were placed on the consent agenda. He stated that both addressed critical needs teaching positions. Dr. Varat stated that the Committee has gone back to the discussion addressing teacher recruitment and retention for critical need courses.

### **FOR APPROVAL**

01. **Identification of Geographic Critical Need Schools for 2015–16 Relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation Program**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness

02. **Identification of Critical Need Subject Areas for 2015–16 Relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation Program**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of School Effectiveness

**IF INNOVATION & FINANCE—COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chair Cooper recognized Mr. Ewart, who reported that the Committee heard one action item, which was placed on the consent agenda, to address the disposal of property in Greenwood County School District Fifty-Two. The information item addressed the budget which was presented by Chief Financial Officer Mellanie Jinnette.

**FOR APPROVAL**

01. **Request for Approval of Property Disposal—Greenwood County School District Fifty-Two**—Delisa Clark, Director, Office of School Facilities, Division of Operations and Support

**FOR INFORMATION**

02. **Financial Update for Fiscal Year 2014–15**—Mellanie Jinnette, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance

**PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE—COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chair Cooper reported that the Committee heard five action items which were placed on the consent agenda.

**FOR APPROVAL**

01. **Multiple Districts 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 Accountability
02. **Laurens County School District Fifty-Five Waiver Request of 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regulation 43-261 (R.43-261), District and School Planning**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability
03. **Lexington County School District One Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-261 (R.43-261), District and School**

**Planning**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

04. **School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-261 (R.43-261), District and School Planning**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Accountability

05. **Laurens County School District Fifty-Six 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 Accountability

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

### FOR APPROVAL

01. **South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards for English Language Arts 2015**—Julie Gore Fowler, PhD, Deputy Superintendent

Chair Cooper recognized Dr. Randolph, who reported that the Committee met and heard one action item which addressed the South Carolina English Language Arts 2015 Standards. Dr. Randolph recognized Dr. Julie Fowler to provide detailed information regarding the final revisions for the 2015 ELA Standards.

Chair Cooper recognized members of the writing team that were present and thanked them for all of their hard work and dedication. Dr. Randolph stated that the item came from Committee and made a recommendation for approval. Dr. Varat asked Dr. Fowler if it was the EOC's initial response that the SCDE start from the beginning. Dr. Fowler stated that this was the reason why that included members that were recommend by the EOC to be part of the team so that their voice could be heard.

The item came from the committee and did not require a second. Chair Cooper called for the vote, and the motion carried unanimously.

### FOR INFORMATION

02. **Assessment Update**—Liz Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Accountability

Dr. Randolph recognized Liz Jones who gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the SCDE assessments. Mr. Kubu asked that a list be given to the Board members to provide

the results of these assessments, how they are administered by teachers, and the timeframe in which it takes to obtain results.

Dr. Varat questioned the level of reliability of assessment results he could receive for the year regarding the Readiness Assessment.

Mrs. Spearman commended SCDE staff, the EOC, and teachers who faired well under the circumstances given that there was very little time to create and implement this assessment. She further expressed her concerns about the anxiety level of teachers where assessments are concerned. Mrs. Spearman specifically addressed the ACT test that is scheduled to be administered in three months, and the fact that it is transitioning from a non-timed test to a timed test. Mrs. Spearman further stated that we need to help inform the public and our community to get ready and prepared for forthcoming state assessment results.

Mr. Ewart asked if members could get a consent message to share with the public regarding this matter. Mrs. Spearman stated that it may be possible to obtain some talking points.

Dr. Randolph posed a question to Ms. Jones about the technology needed by districts to properly administer these assessments to the students.

**03. Math Standards and Learning Update— Julie Gore Fowler, PhD, Deputy Superintendent**

Dr. Randolph recognized Dr. Julie Fowler to provide the Math Standards update. Dr. Fowler stated that upon fine tuning and revisions, it is the intention of the SCDE staff to bring the Math Standards(K-12) for first reading in February.

**ECC EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION CASES COMMITTEE—COMMITTEE REPORT**

**FOR APPROVAL**

Approval of the Ratification Agenda

Chair Cooper recognized Dr. Alston, who moved to approve the ECC ratification agenda. The motion carried.

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

Legislative Update and General Assembly Requests Related to SBE Regulations—Emily Heatwole, Director, Office of Legislative Affairs

Chair Cooper recognized Ms. Heatwole, who reported that there were two bills, S.154 and S.394, on the agenda for the Senate Education Sub-Committee. She further highlighted matters scheduled to be heard in the House the week of January 26–29, 2015, through the week of February 9–13, 2015.

Chair Cooper asked all Board members to submit their biographical information to be placed on the website to Ms. Holloway. She reminded the members that the next Board meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2015.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 3:00 p.m.