

**MINUTES**

**Education Professions Committee Meeting**

**Date**

**Tuesday, June 14, 2016**

**Time**

**9:52 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**

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

State Board of Education (SBE) committee members in attendance were: Gerald Reeves, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Renee Hembree, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; and Dr. Janice Gamble, Third Judicial Circuit. A quorum was present.

Tom Ewart, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, was also in attendance.

Attending on behalf of the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) were: Karla McLawhorn Hawkins, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources; Kathy McCoy, Backup Minutes Taker, Office of Educator Services, 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; and Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources.

**II. Recognition of Visitors and News Media**

Visitors in attendance were Cathine Scott, Morris College; Elaine McClure, Morris College; Kay Rhoads, Morris College; and Kathy Maness, Palmetto State Teachers Association.

**III. Approval of Committee Minutes for May 11, 2016**

Dr. Gamble made a motion to approve the minutes for May 11, 2016. Ms. Hembree seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**IV. Approval of Committee Agenda for June 14, 2016**

Dr. Gamble made a motion to approve the agenda for June 14, 2016. Mr. Reeves seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**V. Public Comment Period**

No one signed up for public comment.

**VI. Board Items**

**FOR APPROVAL**

- 01. Professional Review Committee (PRC) Recommendation for Morris College's Program Modification Requests**—Dr. Rachel L.H. Burns, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Morris College submitted six program modification requests to include: Secondary Biology, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Secondary English, Secondary Mathematics, and Secondary Social Studies programs. The purpose for these modifications is to better align with current professional standards and requirements and to accommodate for the curriculum changes due to the implementation of Read to Succeed. All six program modifications were reviewed and approved by the PRC.

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

- 02. Replacement of Praxis Content Exam and Passing Score for English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Educational Testing Service (ETS) routinely updates examinations in content areas and will retire the current ESOL effective August 31, 2016. The agency recommends approval to adopt the new ESOL exam and the established cut score of 155.

Ms. Hembree made a motion to approve this item. Dr. Gamble seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**03. Revision of Program for Alternative Certification of Educators (PACE) Guidelines**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

The agency recommends several changes to the PACE guidelines to remove reference to No Child Left Behind, remove the work experience requirement for prospective PACE candidates, and assist districts in filing critical staffing vacancies.

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

**VII. Consent Agenda**

EP-01, EP-02, and EP-03 were placed on the consent agenda.

**VIII. Other Business**

Mr. Reeves expressed thanks for the work of the PRC and asked if the Committee would review Math Praxis cut scores. Staff will present this to the Committee at the next meeting.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.