

MINUTES

Education Professions Committee Meeting

Date

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Time

9:38 a.m.

Location

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

Danny Varat, PhD, Chair

Karla M. Hawkins, Deputy Superintendent

Staff Liaison to the Committee

I. Welcome and Determination of a Quorum

Dr. Danny Varat, Chair of the Education Professions (EP) Committee, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

State Board of Education (SBE) committee members in attendance were Gerald Reeves, Fourth Judicial Circuit, and Jim Griffith, Second Judicial Circuit. A quorum was present. Rhonda Edwards, DSL, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, joined the meeting later.

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 for Federal, State, and Community Resources; Tammy Jeffers, Minutes Taker, Division for Federal, State, and Community Resources; Rachel Harvey, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division for Federal, State, and Community Resources; and Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division for Federal, State, and Community Resources.

II. Recognition of Visitors and News Media

Kathy Maness from the Palmetto State Teachers Association (PSTA), Joannie Lawson from the South Carolina Education Association (SCEA), and Jay W. Ragley were in attendance.

III. Approval of Committee Minutes for October 14, 2015

Mr. Griffith made a motion to approve the minutes for October 14, 2015. Mr. Reeves seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

IV. Approval of Committee Agenda for December 9, 2015

Mr. Griffith made a motion to approve the agenda. 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. Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-51 (R.43-51), Certification Requirements (First Reading)**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

The proposed amendments will update the language specific to a particular educator preparation accrediting body (the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) to the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)); clarify both content and pedagogy examinations must be presented for certification; clarify the experience requirement necessary for an out-of-state educator to qualify for a professional, as opposed to an initial, teaching certificate; include provisions for issuing certificates for qualifying participants in all currently approved alternative certification pathways; and modify language within the regulation.

The Committee requested the word content be added in Section 3A to be consistent within that section. Staff made the correction.

Mr. Reeves made a motion to approve the proposed changes. Mr. Griffith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 02. Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-53 (R.43-53), Credential Classification (First Reading)**—

Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

The proposed amendments will modify language within the regulation; update the language specific to a particular educator preparation accrediting body (NCATE to CAEP); clarify conditions in which educators may request extensions of an initial teaching certificate; delete temporary, transitional, and graded certificate types that are no longer issued; delete the special subject certificate which is no longer issued; and add the restrictive alternative certificate.

Mr. Reeves made a motion to approve the proposed changes. Dr. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 03. 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 (First Reading)**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

This regulation governs requirements for additional areas of certification. The amendments will establish a clear approval process for the creation, revision, and deletion of initial areas of certification; add-on areas of certification; specialized endorsements; and specialized alternative certifications. These changes will allow the SBE to continue to provide appropriately qualified educators for South Carolina public schools and to address needed changes in educator training and certification more readily. Text deleted from the current regulation has been inserted into the guidelines for R.43-62, which was approved by the SBE in October 2015.

Mr. Griffith made a motion to approve the proposed amendments. Dr. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 04. Professional Review Committee (PRC) Recommendation for One New Committee Member**—Rachel Harvey, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Rebecca Brady was recommended by the PRC to fill the PK–12 District Level Administrator seat for the next three years. The Committee requested the agency pool more areas to get better candidates for the PRC members and not have the same groups or types serve on the committee.

Mr. Griffith made a motion to approve the PRC’s recommendation for one new committee member. Dr. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FOR INFORMATION

- 05. Charleston Southern University Program Modification**—Rachel Harvey, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Charleston Southern University submitted a program modification request for the M.Ed. in Administration and Supervision to reduce the number of credit hours from 39 credit hours to 33 credit hours. The proposed changes seek to condense content in courses to reduce redundancy and broaden the scope of content offered in the program of study.

VII. Consent Agenda

EP-04 was placed on the consent agenda.

VIII. Other Business

The Committee discussed the working conditions survey. Dr. Varat and Mr. Griffith rotate off the SBE this month. They thanked everyone for their service to the Board. Staff and visitors expressed their thanks to Dr. Varat and Mr. Griffith for their services and time to the EPC.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.