

**MINUTES**

**Education Professions Committee Meeting**

**Date**

**Wednesday, May 11, 2016**

**Time**

**10:10 a.m.**

**Location**

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

*Dr. Rhonda Edwards, Committee Chair  
Karla M. 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 M. Hawkins, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources; Tammy Jeffers, Minutes Taker, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources; Dr. Shelia Quinn, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness; 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 Tygère Charles, and Deana Scott.

**III. Approval of Committee Minutes for April 12, 2016**

Ms. Hembree made a motion to approve the minutes for April 12, 2016. Mr. Reeves seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**IV. Approval of Committee Agenda for May 11, 2016**

Dr. Gamble made a motion to approve the agenda for May 11, 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. **Request for Approval to Extend the Required Submission Date for District Plans as Required by Regulation 43-205.1 (R. 43-205.1), Assisting, Developing, and Evaluating Professional Teaching (ADEPT)**—Sheila Quinn, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness

Dr. Quinn advised the Committee as follows. This item is a request for approval to extend the required submission date for district plans as required by Regulation 43-205.1. Districts are to submit their ADEPT plans for teacher evaluation by May 1. For the last several years, there has been an Elementary and Secondary Education Act waiver in place that would allow for an extension to June 1. The agency is requesting an extension of July 1 to give districts adequate time to understand the new processes of the teacher evaluation system. The new teacher evaluation system is expected to be in place by 2017; therefore, it is not anticipated that there will be any additional extension requests.

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

**FOR INFORMATION**

02. **Anderson University Physical Education Program Voluntary Termination**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Mary Hipp advised the Committee as follows. Anderson University notified the agency that their physical education program is being voluntarily terminated. Students currently enrolled will be allowed to complete the program by spring 2019. After spring 2019, Anderson University will no longer enroll or recommend students for certification in physical education.

- 03. Benedict College Art Program Notification**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Mary Hipp advised the Committee as follows. Benedict College is conducting a thorough review of its art education program through 2017 to determine whether or not the program should continue to be offered at Benedict College. There are currently no candidates in this program. A decision on program status will be rendered no later than fall 2017.

- 04. Overview of the Office of Educator Services**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Mary Hipp presented the structure of the Office of Educator Services. There are three areas under this office to include Educator Professions, Educator Certification, and Alternative Certification. The programs that fall under Educator Professions are Professional Practices, Educator Recognition–Teacher of the Year, Cultural Exchange Programs, Educator Recruitment, Educator Retention, Educator Preparation, and Program Approval and Accreditation. The programs that fall under Educator Certification are Initial Certification, Certification for Teachers from Out-of-State, Certificate Advancement, Certificate Renewal, and Endorsements and Add-On Fields. The programs that fall under Alternative Certification are Work-Based Certification Career and Technology Education (CATE), Program of Alternative Certification for Educators (PACE), Teach For America, American Board for Certification of Teaching Excellence (ABCTE), and Adjunct Programs.

The Committee requested the presentation be sent to them for reference. Staff will share this via email.

**VII. Consent Agenda**

EP-01 was placed on the consent agenda.

**VIII. Other Business**

Mr. Reeves requested a copy of a survey from the agency's web site regarding educator evaluation. Staff will provide a copy of the survey to the Committee.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.