

MINUTES

State Board of Education

Policy and Legislative Committee Meeting

Date

September 13, 2016

Time

9:00 a.m.

Location

**Rutledge Conference Center
1429 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201**

Michael Brenan, Chair

*Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent for Legal Affairs and
Staff Liaison to the Committee*

I. Welcome and Determination of Quorum

Chair Michael Brenan, Governor's Appointee Fifth Judicial Circuit, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was present. Chair Brenan welcomed everyone to the meeting and addressed the members present. State Board of Education (SBE) Policy & Legislative Committee (Committee) members attending were Dr. Ivan Randolph, Chair-Elect, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Samuel Alston, First Judicial Circuit; Dr. Traci Young Cooper, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Sharon Wall, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Thomas Ewart, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; and Dr. Rhonda Edwards, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit.

Additional members present were Dr. Janice M. Gamble, Third Judicial Circuit; and Gerald Reeves, Fourth Judicial Circuit.

South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff in attendance were Noelle Redd, Minutes Taker; Betsy Carpentier, Chief Operating Officer; Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent for Legal Affairs/Parliamentarian; Barbara A. Drayton, Staff Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs; Karla McLawhorn Hawkins, Deputy Superintendent for Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources, Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources; Patricia Flora, Education Associate, Office of Career and Technology Education, Division of College and Career Readiness; and Debbie Tison, Administrative Specialist, Office of Career and Technology Education, Division of College and Career Readiness.

II. Recognition of Visitors and News Media

Visitors present were

- Pierce McNair, Director of Research, House Education and Public Works Committee, South Carolina House of Representatives
- Kathy Maness, Executive Director, Palmetto State Teachers Association

III. Approval of Committee Minutes for August 9, 2016

Chair Brennan asked if there were any objections or amendments to the August 9, 2016, minutes. There being none, Chair Brennan stated that the minutes were unanimously approved. Motion carried, item passed.

IV. Approval of Committee Agenda for September 13, 2016

Chair Brennan asked if there were any objections or amendments to the September 13, 2016, agenda. There being none, Chair Brennan stated that the agenda was unanimously approved. Motion carried, item passed.

V. Public Comment Period

No one signed up for public comment.

VI. Board Item(s)

FOR APPROVAL

01. Uniform Grading Policy (UGP): 10-point Grading Scale—Cathy L. Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent, Division for Legal Affairs

Ms. Hazelwood stated that Item 01 was previously presented and approved by the Committee on August 9, 2016. Ms. Hazelwood explained to the Committee that the presentation they received from the SCDE staff last month was correct, however, the attachments with the conversion chart, that was provided to the Committee during their August meeting was incorrect. Ms. Hazelwood further explained that the verbal information they received and approved still stands, and the correct conversion chart has now been posted and going forward, the conversions are not retro-active.

Dr. Cooper had a question about whether or not students who were in 2015–16 summer school sessions would be eligible for the 10-point Grading Scale. Ms Hazelwood stated all grades attained before August 15, 2016, would use the former UGP 7-point Grading Scale.

Dr. Wall made the motion to approve the correction of the August UGP 10-point Grading Scale attachments. The motion was seconded by Dr. Randolph. Motion carried, item passed. Item 01 will be placed on the Consent Agenda.

- 02. Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (R.43-205), Administrative and Professional Qualifications, Duties and Workloads (First Reading)**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Ms. Prevatt presented, for First Reading, the proposed amendments to R.43-205 to the Committee members for their approval.

Dr. Cooper made the motion to approve the proposed amendments. The motion was seconded by Dr. Randolph. Motion carried, item passed. Item 02 will be presented to the Full Board.

- 03. 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 (First Reading)**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Ms. Prevatt presented, for First Reading, the proposed amendments to R.43-234 to the Committee members for their approval.

Dr. Wall made the motion to approve the proposed amendments. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cooper. Motion carried, item passed. Item 03 will be presented to the Full Board.

- 04. Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-236 (R.43-236), Career or Technology Centers/Comprehensive High Schools (First Reading)**—Patricia Flora, Education Associate, Office of Career and Technology Education, Division of College and Career Readiness

Ms. Flora presented, for First Reading, the proposed amendments to R.43-236 to the Committee members for their approval.

Dr. Wall made the motion to approve the proposed amendments. The motion was seconded by Dr. Alston. Motion carried, item passed. Item 04 will be placed on the Consent Agenda

FOR INFORMATION

05. Update to the Policy and Legislative Committee on Waiver Requests Approved for August and September—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Ms. Prevatt gave the Committee an update on the waiver requests received and approved by her office on behalf of the Committee.

Various Committee members expressed that they had received positive comments from their school districts regarding the Committee's new waiver approval policy. The new policy allows the districts to receive waivers quickly from the Office of Federal and State Accountability, thereby saving money for the districts since district personnel no longer need to travel to Columbia for the Committee's monthly meetings.

VII. Consent Agenda

06. Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda

Chair Brenan asked if there were any objections to the placement of Action Item 01 on the Consent Agenda. There being none, motion carried, item passed.

Chair Brenan asked if there were any objections to the presentation of Action Items 02–04 to the Full Board. There being none, motion carried, item passed.

VIII. Other Business

None.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Brenan adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.