

**MINUTES**

**Education Professions Committee Meeting**

**Date**

**Tuesday, August 9, 2016**

**Time**

**10:16 a.m.**

**Location**

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

*Mr. Gerald Reeves, Acting Committee Chair  
Karla McLawhorn Hawkins, Deputy Superintendent  
Staff Liaison to the Committee*

**I. Welcome and Determination of a Quorum**

Mr. Gerald Reeves welcomed everyone to the Education Professions (EP) Committee.

State Board of Education (SBE) committee members in attendance were: Dr. Janice Gamble, Third Judicial Circuit; Tom Ewart, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Sharon Wall, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; and Dr. Ivan Randolph, Eighth Judicial Circuit. A quorum was present.

Attending on behalf of the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) were: Karla McLawhorn Hawkins, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources; Tammy Jeffers, Minutes Taker, 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; Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources; and Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent for Legal Affairs/Parliamentarian.

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

Visitors in attendance were Dr. Corey Murphy from Educational Testing Service (ETS) and Ms. Laura Jumper.

**III. Approval of Committee Minutes for June 14, 2016**

The Committee minutes for June 14, 2016, were approved by acclamation.

**IV. Approval of Committee Agenda for August 9, 2016**

The Committee agenda for August 9, 2016, was approved by acclamation.

**V. Public Comment Period**

No one signed up for public comment.

**VI. Board Items**

**FOR APPROVAL**

- 01. Recommended Adjustment in Cut Score on Praxis II Examination Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5161)**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

The SCDE recommends approval for adjusting the required score on Praxis 5161 Mathematics: Content Knowledge from 160 to 150.

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

- 02. Educators Request to Waive Provisions of R. 43-53 Credential Classification (Laura Jumper)**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Staff received a request from educator Laura Jumper to waive provisions of R. 43-53 with regards to the effective date of a credential upgrade. Ms. Jumper addressed the Committee.

Dr. Gamble made a motion to deny this request. Dr. Randolph seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 03. Educators Request to Waive Provisions of R. 43-53 Credential Classification (Saneva Myskowsky)**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Staff received a request from educator Saneva Myskowsky to waive provisions of R. 43-53 with regards to the effective date of a credential upgrade. Ms. Myskowsky was not in attendance.

Dr. Gamble made a motion to deny this request. Dr. Randolph seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 04. New Committee Members for the Professional Review Committee (PRC)**—Dr. Rachel Burns, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

By acclamation, the Committee approved Dr. Susan Fernandez as a new PRC member and appointed Dr. Janice Gamble to serve on the PRC as the SBE representative.

**FOR INFORMATION**

- 05. Required Credentials for Professional Staff Members in the Instructional Programs of South Carolina’s Public Schools 2016-17**—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Mary Hipp provided a brief summary of the required credentials document.

**VII. Consent Agenda**

EP-01 and EP-04 were placed on the consent agenda.

**VIII. Other Business**

There was no other business discussed.

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.