

## MINUTES

### **State Board of Education Meeting**

#### Date

**Wednesday, December 9, 2015**

#### Time

**1:00 p.m.**

#### Location

**Rutledge Conference Center  
1429 Senate Street  
Columbia, South Carolina**

***Traci Young Cooper, EdD, Chair***

***Michael Brenan, Chair-elect***

***Molly M. Spearman***

***State Superintendent of Education***

***Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board***

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## **I. WELCOME**

The State Board of Education (SBE) meeting convened at 1:00 p.m. Chair Cooper called the meeting to order. Chair Cooper recognized the Kelly Mill Middle School Choral Ensemble.

The following SBE members were in attendance: Traci Young Cooper, EdD, Chair, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Samuel Alston, EdD, First Judicial Circuit; Jim Griffith, Second Judicial Circuit; Lonzena Harry, Third Judicial Circuit; Gerald Reeves, Fourth Judicial Circuit; Jane P. Harmon, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Ivan Randolph, PhD, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Richard Kizer, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Jeffrey Kubu, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Sharon Wall, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Thomas Ewart, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Danny Varat, PhD, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Rhonda Edwards, EdD, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; Sharon Bynum, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mike Brenan, Chair-elect, Governor's Appointee.

SBE members absent with apologies were Chair-elect Michael Brenan, Governor's Appointee; James Stroman, Sixth Judicial Circuit; and Thomas L. Shortt, EdD, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Betsy Carpentier, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Superintendent; Karla Hawkins, Deputy

Superintendent, Division of Federal, State, & Community Resources; Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent and Parliamentarian, Division for Legal Affairs; Sheila Quinn, EdD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness; Julie Fowler, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness; Mellanie Jinnette, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance; Liz Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness; Robert Benn, Information Resource Consultant, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Lori Smith, Information Resource Consultant, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Charlie Garrett, Information Resource Consultant, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Don Cantrell, Chief Information Officer, Chief Information Office; Barbara Drayton, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs; and LaTonia Holloway, Administrative Assistant, Office of General Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs.

**II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2015**

Chair Cooper asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes as presented for the SBE meeting on November 10, 2015. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

**III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 9, 2015**

Chair Cooper asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda for the SBE meeting on December 9, 2015. Dr. Wall moved that the agenda for the December 9, 2015, be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Griffith. The agenda was approved.

**IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA**

Chair Cooper welcomed visitors to the SBE meeting. Chair Cooper acknowledged and recognized the following visitors: Dr. Cynthia Cash-Green and Renee Hembree, who is one of the newly appointed State Board members for 2016.

**V. STATE BOARD CHAIR REPORT**

Chair Cooper stated that the first item of her report was an information item surrounding the Nominating Committee with regards to Chair-elect. She explained the process in detail and recognized the members of the nominating committee: Richard Kizer, Chair; Jim Griffith; and Lonzena Harry. Chair Cooper recognized Mr. Kizer to provide a report regarding the results of the nominee selected for Chair-elect. Mr. Kizer thanked Mr. Griffith and Ms. Harry for their time and thanked his fellow Board members for submitting their nominations. He stated that the committee reviewed all nominations and they're honored to nominate Dr. Ivan Randolph as 2016 Chair-elect. Mr. Kizer stated further that he had spoken to Dr. Randolph and he was willing to serve.

Chair Cooper paused to take additional nominations from the floor for Chair-elect. Hearing none, Chair Cooper stated that this nomination was coming out of committee and did not require a second. The motion to approve the nomination of Dr. Randolph was passed with one abstaining vote by Dr. Ivan Randolph. The motion carried.

Chair Cooper recognized the retiring Board members and presented them with their plaques for their service on the Board. Superintendent Spearman stated that it has been an honor working with the Board and thanked them for helping the year run smoothly. Mrs. Spearman thanked the retiring members for their work and Chair Cooper for her leadership this year.

Chair Cooper provided an update regarding the safe schools task force stating that they have launched their work surrounding matters on school climate, school safety, and discipline in the school districts. She stated that they are taking a reflective look into Regulation 43-279 and determine if this affects our schools.

This ended her report.

## **VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT**

Chair Cooper recognized Superintendent Molly Spearman to present her report. Mrs. Spearman stated that the 3–8 assessment has been awarded to Data Recognition Corporation and the SCDE is looking forward to administering the test in the spring. She stated that we currently are without a high school assessment, but work is in progress pertaining to that matter; she hopes to provide additional information in January. Mrs. Spearman stated that since the last Board meeting she had an opportunity to visit Lexington School District Two with fifteen superintendents from the Midlands area, and they signed a military resolution to renew their commitment to military families.

Mrs. Spearman reported that the US Senate passed the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which will replace No Child Left Behind (NCLB). She stated that the SCDE is pleased because it will provide more flexibility back to the states and the local school districts. She thanked the SCDE staff and the Deputy Superintendents for all of their hard work for the year. Mrs. Spearman provided a brief report regarding her scheduled press conference with Governor Haley's release of her state government facilities study in which the SCDE is a named building in this study.

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Only one person spoke during the public comment period: Patricia Miley from Horry County.

## VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS

### EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS

Chair Cooper recognized Dr. Varat who reported that the Committee met and heard four action items and one information item. Dr. Varat stated that he would report on these items in reverse starting with the information item dealing with Charleston Southern University's program modification. He stated that the Committee placed item EP-04 on the consent agenda. He stated that the remaining items addressed were regulations and provided a full, detailed report regarding each item. Dr. Varat stated that since these items were coming out of committee, they did not require a second and therefore Dr. Cooper could call for the vote for each individual item.

Dr. Cooper called for the votes, individually, to approve Items EP-01 through EP-03, as recommended by the Committee; each motion passed unanimously.

### 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
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
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
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

**FOR INFORMATION**

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

**IF INNOVATION AND FINANCE—COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chair Cooper recognized Mr. Ewart who reported that the Committee met and heard two action items and one information item. Mr. Ewart stated that both items IF-01 and IF-02 were approved by the Committee and placed on the consent agenda. He further stated that Mellanie Jinnette provided a financial update regarding the 2015–16 SBE budget and stated that the Board is in good financial standing.

**FOR APPROVAL**

01. **Report of Recommendations from the 2015 Instructional Materials Review Panels**—Kriss Stewart, Program Coordinator, Instructional Materials Section, Office of Finance
02. **Recommendations from the Instructional Materials Advisory Committee (IMAC)**—Kriss Stewart, Program Coordinator, Instructional Materials Section, Office of Finance

**FOR INFORMATION**

03. **Financial Update for Fiscal Year 2015–16**—Mellanie Jinnette, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance

**PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE—COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chair Cooper reported that the Committee met and reviewed seven action items. Action items PL-01 through PL-05 and PL-07 were approved by the Committee and placed on the consent agenda. Chair Cooper stated that items PL-01 through PL-05 dealt with a host of school district waiver requests on various matters, and item PL-07 was regarding the approval of the 2015–16 State Priority Schools Challenge to Achieve Plans. Chair Cooper explained the proposed amendments to PL-06 (R.43-300) and recommended that the proposed amendments be approved as presented. She stated that this item was approved in committee and did not require a second.

Dr. Cooper called for the vote. The proposed amendments to PL-06 (R.43-300) were voted upon and approved by unanimous consent.

**FOR APPROVAL**

01. **Beaufort County School District's Media Specialist Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-64(II)(D) [R.43-64(II)(D)], Requirements for Initial Certification at the Advanced Level**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
02. **Greenville County Schools' Washington Center's Guidance Counselor Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205(II)(B)(2)(a); (III)(B)(1)(a)–(b); and (IV)(B)(1)(a)–(b) (R.43-205), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
03. **Greenville County Schools' Washington Center's Principal Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205(II)(A)(1), (III)(A)(1), and (IV)(A)(1)(a) (R.43-205), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
04. **Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five's Principal Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (R.43-205), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
05. **Greenwood District Fifty Two's Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-261 (R.43-261), District and School Planning**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
06. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2. S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-300 (R.43-300), Accreditation Criteria (First Reading)**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources
07. **2015-16 State Priority Schools' Challenge to Achieve Plan Approvals**—Tina Jamison, Program Manager for State Priority Schools, and Jennifer Morrison, Director of the Office of School Transformation

**ELC EDUCATOR LICENSURE COMMITTEE**

Chair Cooper recognized Dr. Alston to provide his report. Dr. Alston moved that the SBE ratify action items presented before the Educator Licensure Committee; the motion was seconded by Mr. Griffith. Dr. Cooper stated that the recommendation came out of committee and did not require a second. Dr. Cooper called for the vote; the motion carried by unanimous consent.

Dr. Cooper stated that the Standards and Learning Committee did not meet but would reconvene in January and thanked Dr. Randolph for his service as chair.

**SBE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Chair Cooper stated that the 2016 meeting dates needed to be approved and called for the vote. The motion carried by a vote of 12 to approve and 1 not to approve the dates.

**APPROVAL**

- 01. 2016 State Board of Education Meeting Dates**—Traci Young Cooper, EdD, SBE Chair

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| <p><b>IX. CONSENT AGENDA</b></p> |
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**PL POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE—COMMITTEE REPORT**

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**Qualifications, Duties and Workloads**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

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**EP EDUCATOR PROFESSIONS**

**FOR APPROVAL**

**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

Dr. Cooper called for the vote for approval of the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair Cooper reminded everyone to turn in their travel forms prior to leaving the meeting. Chair Cooper stated that during the break, she would be working on the year-end report, which she began working on back in May following the SBE Retreat. She stated that she hopes to provide the final information at the January Board meeting. Chair Cooper extended holiday wishes to all present and to the teachers, administrators, and support staff throughout the state. Chair Cooper called for a motion to adjourn. It was moved by Mr. Griffith and seconded by Dr. Alston to adjourn.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the SBE adjourned at 2:00 p.m.