MINUTES OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tuesday, November 4th, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.
849 Learning Lane
West Columbia, SC 29172

SBE Members in Attendance:

Chair Rita Allison, *Governor's Appointee*
Dr. David Mathis, *Chair-Elect*
Maya Slaughter, *First Judicial Circuit*
Dr. Rosa Dingle, *Third Judicial Circuit*
Jacqueline Lynn, *Fourth Judicial Circuit*
Beverly Frierson, *Fifth Judicial Circuit*
Joyce Crimminger, *Sixth Judicial Circuit*
Dr. Joette Johnson, *Seventh Judicial Circuit*
Dr. David O'Shields, *Eighth Judicial Circuit*
Dr. Christian T. Hanley, *Jr., Ninth Judicial Circuit*
Anthony Vincent, *Tenth Judicial Circuit*
Tammie Shore, *Eleventh Judicial Circuit*
Dr. Cheryl Collier, *Thirteenth Judicial Circuit*
Cliff Warren, *Fourteenth Judicial Circuit*
Ken Richardson, *Fifteenth Judicial Circuit*
Joey Haney, *Sixteenth Judicial Circuit*
Ellen Weaver, *State Superintendent of Education*

SBE Members Absent: Richard Harrington, *Twelfth Judicial Circuit*

I. **Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance:** The State Board of Education meeting was called to order at 12:58 p.m. by Chair Allison. Chair-Elect Mathis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. **Approval of State Board of Education Minutes for October 7th, 2025:** The minutes of the regular board meeting for October 7, 2025, was approved by unanimous consent.

II. **Approval of State Board of Education Agenda November 4th, 2025:** The agenda was approved as presented by unanimous consent.

III. **Recognition of Visitors & News Media:** Chair Allison welcomed members of the media and visitors.

IV. **State Board Chair Report:** Chair Allison presented the State Board Chair Report, discussing the significance of November, including holidays such as Veteran's Day, Election Day, Thanksgiving, and American Educator Week. She emphasized importance of showing gratitude towards one another.

V. **State Superintendent of Education Report:** Superintendent Ellen Weaver spoke about "Recognizing and Celebrating Teachers Strategic Compensation." Over the past two years, a total of over $2.5 million has been awarded to 400 teachers across 37 schools, with an average award of $6,300. Seven Oaks Elementary has had 86% of eligible teachers receive this award, the highest percentage among schools operating under the Excellence in Teaching Model with more than 85% of Pupils in Poverty (PiP). Despite this, the school exceeded the state's projected award averages.

Superintendent Weaver discussed the SC School Report Cards, noting that South Carolina schools earning an overall rating of Good or Excellent increased from 549 to 623. She shared her experience visiting Annie Burnside Elementary School in Richland School District 1, one of the Education Oversight Committee's "Beating the Odds" schools.

VI. **Public Comment:** The following individuals provided public comment:
Caitlyn Boyle Brandon Langford

VII. State Board of Education Committees

A. Policy & Legislative Committee Report: During the Policy & Legislative Committee Report, Items 1a and 1b were unanimously approved to be placed on the Consent Agenda:

1. Request for Approval of Property Disposal
    a. Horry County School District, Property 1, 1620 Sherwood Dr., Conway, SC 29526—Theresa Penney, Associate Engineer III, Office of School Facilities
    b. Horry County School District, Property 2, 2694 Highway 905, Conway, SC 29526—Theresa Penney, Associate Engineer III, Office of School Facilities

B. Education Professions Committee Report: During the Educator Professions Committee Report, the following items were unanimously approved to be placed on the Consent Agenda:

1. Program Approval Recommendation: Winthrop University Add-on Certification Program in Special Education: Multi-categorical—Jacki Walsh, Team Lead, Office of Educator Services
2. Approval of Non-teaching Occupational Experience Credit Guidelines—Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services

C. Standards, Learning, & Accountability Committee Report: none

D. Instructional Materials Review Committee Report: none

E. Educator Licensure Committee Report: During the Educator Licensure Committee Report, Ms. Crimminger, Committee Chair, reported that the Committee took action on 11 cases, resulting in one revocation, eight suspensions and two public reprimands. The Committee ratified the work of the Educator Licensure Committee.

F. Full Board Educator Licensure Committee Report: During the Full Board Educator Licensure Committee Report, Ms. Crimminger reported that the Committee took action on 2 cases, one approval and one denial for initial certification. The Committee ratified the work of the Educator Licensure Committee.

VIII. Consent Agenda: Dr. David Mathis made a motion to approve all items presented to the State Board for approval by Committees. Mr. Richardson seconded the motion. The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

IX. South Carolina Board of Education Report:

There were four items presented for approval:

1. Public Hearing and Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 59-40-180, Charter School Restructuring (Second Reading) – Meka Childs, Director, Office of Choice & Family Engagement

   Laura Bayne, Deputy Superintendent, stated there has not been any amendments since the first reading. Dr. Joette Johnson made a motion to approve the second reading, Joyce Crimminger seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

2. Public Hearing and Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-100, Test Security (Second Reading) – Joshua Black, Office of Assessments & Standards

   Joshua Black presented a summary on Test Security. Dr. David Mathis made a motion to approve of the second reading, Dr. Rosa Dingle seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

3. South Carolina College-and Career-Ready Visual and Performing Arts Proficiency Standards (Second Reading) – Roger Simpson, Education Associate, Office of Assessment & Standards

Roger Simpson presented a summary on Proficiency Standards. Dr. Joette Johnson made a motion to approve of the second reading, Dr. Rosa Dingle seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

4. Safe Schools Funding Allocation- Laura Bayne, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Strategic Engagement

   Laura Bayne, Deputy Superintendent, provided a list of recommended approvals for funding. There was $19 million in available funds and $85 million was requested. Dr. David O'Shields made a motion to approve the recommendations, Joey Haney seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

There were four items presented for information:

1. Nomination Committee: State Board of Education Rules of Governance Policy BBAA, Method of Election of Officers, for the 2026 Chair-Elect – Chair, Rita Allison

   In accordance with State Board Rule BBAA, the Chair of the State Board of Education must appoint a Nominating Committee at the November Board meeting consisting of no more than three Board members to select a nominee for SBE Chair-Elect for the upcoming year. The Nominating Committee will then present its nominee to the State Board during the December Board meeting.

   Chair Allison appointed Dr. David Mathis, Tammy Shore, and Jackee Lynn to the Nominating Committee to choose the Chair-Elect for 2026, with Dr. David Mathis serving as the Chair of the Committee.

2. State Board of Education (SBE) Meeting Dates for 2026—Dr. David Mathis, Chair-Elect, South Carolina State Board of Education

   Dr. David Mathis presented the dates for the 2026 Committee and full State Board of Education meeting, as well as three additional dates for the Read In at the State Capitol, Teacher of the Year ceremony and retreat with the Education Oversight Committee.

3. Cyclical Review Update & "Beating the Odds" Update– Dana Yow, Executive Director, Education Oversight Committee

4. Academic Updates – Dr. Abbey Duggins, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer

X. **Other Business:** Chair Allison reminded Board members to about travel forms.

XI. **Adjournment:** Mr. Ken Richardson moved to adjourn the meeting, Dr. Christian Hanley seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.