SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

AGENDA
State Board of Education
Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.
849 Learning Lane
West Columbia, SC 29172

SBE Mission: The State Board of Education's mission is to provide a leadership role in helping South Carolina set policy and direction to transform teaching and learning so that students are prepared with the necessary knowledge and skills, including innovation, to compete globally and live a productive life.

I. Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of State Board of Education Minutes for January 6, 2025

III. Approval of State Board of Education Agenda March 3, 2026

IV. Recognition of Visitors & News Media

V. State Board Chair Report

VI. State Superintendent of Education Report

VII. Public Comment

VIII. State Board of Education Committees

A. Policy & Legislative Committee Report

FOR APPROVAL

1. Spartanburg County School District One—Waiver Request of S.C. Code Ann. §59-39-160(C)(1)(c), related to a student Participating in Interscholastic Activities —Todd Atwater, General Counsel
2. Horry County School District— Waiver Request of S.C. Code Ann. §59-39-160(C)(1)(c), related to a student Participating in Interscholastic Activities — Todd Atwater, General Counsel
3. Horry County School District—Waiver Request of S.C. Code Ann. §59-39-160(C)(1)(c), related to a student Participating in Interscholastic Activities — Todd Atwater, General Counsel
4. Request for Approval of 2025 Statewide School Districts Capital Needs Report— Theresa Penney, Office of School Facilities

5. Approval of Rule of Governance BBCDC, Criteria for Review of Applicants for the Noncertified Teacher Pilot Program, Second Reading—Henry Gunter, Deputy General Counsel

FOR INFORMATION
No items.

B. Education Professions Committee Report

FOR APPROVAL
1. Identification of Critical Need Subject Areas for 2026-27—Sherry Schneider, Team Lead, Office of Educator Services
2. Identification of Critical Need Geographic Areas (Schools) for 2026-27—Sherry Schneider, Team Lead, Office of Educator Services
3. Critical Need Designations for Employment of Retired Educators: 2026-27—Sherry Schneider, Team Lead, Office of Educator Services

FOR INFORMATION
4. Professional Review Committee (PRC): Provider and Program Updates—Russell Clark, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services

C. Standards, Learning, & Accountability Committee Report

FOR APPROVAL
1. Florence One Schools Requests an S.C. Ann. §59-19-350 Schools of Innovation Waiver—Cristina Hall, Team Lead, Federal and State Accountability

FOR INFORMATION
2. South Carolina Department of Education Cyclical Review of the 2019 SC College- and Career-Ready Standards for Social Studies—Kristi Austin, Director, Office of Assessment & Standards
3. 2025 School Improvement Designations—Kim Mack, Director, Office of Leadership Effectiveness
4. Tiered Support for Underperforming and Emergency Managed Districts—Kim Mack, Director, Office of Leadership Effectiveness

D. Instructional Materials Review Committee Report (Not Meeting)

E. Educator Licensure Committee Report

F. Full Board Educator Licensure Committee Report

IX. Consent Agenda

All Committee Items presented to the State Board for approval make up the Consent Agenda.

X. South Carolina Board of Education Report

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FOR INFORMATION

2. Academic Updates **– "***Palmetto Math: Where Every Student in South Carolina is a Math Student*," Dr. Abbey Duggins, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer & Elizabeth Schumpert, Team Lead, Office of Instructional Supports

XI. Other Business

XII. Adjournment