MINUTES OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

SBE Members in Attendance:

Chair David Mathis, *Second Judicial Circuit*
Chair-Elect Joyce Crimminger, *Sixth Judicial Circuit*
Rita Allison, *Governor's Appointee*
Donna Elmore, *First Judicial Circuit*
Jacqueline Lynn, *Fourth Judicial Circuit*
Virginia Catoe, *Fifth Judicial Circuit*
Dr. Joette Johnson, *Seventh Judicial Circuit*
David Trent, *Eighth Judicial Circuit*
Anthony Vincent, *Tenth Judicial Circuit*
Richard Harrington, *Twelfth 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:

Tammie Shore, Eleventh Judicial Circuit
Dr. Christian Hanley, *Ninth Judicial Circuit*

I. **Welcome & Pledge of Allegiance:** The State Board of Education meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Mathis. Chair-Elect Crimminger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. **Approval of State Board of Education Minutes for January 6, 2026:** The minutes of the regular board meeting for January 6, 2026, was approved by unanimous consent.

III. **Approval of State Board of Education Agenda March 3, 2026:** The agenda was approved as presented by unanimous consent.

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

V. **State Board Chair Report:** Chair Mathis welcomed the newly appointed State Board members, Donna Elmore, from the 1st Judicial Circuit and Virgina Catoe, 5th Judicial Circuit and welcomed back David Trent from the 8th Judicial Circuit.

Chair Mathis presented *Hometown Heroes*, honoring Derek Rhodes who is a first-year teacher from North Augusta High School.

VI. State Superintendent of Education Report: Superintendent Weaver talked about Liberty Day at the Statehouse, where fourth-grade students learned about the American Revolution and spent the day at the Capital learning about the government. She also discussed her visit to Dr. Ronald E. Mcnair Junior High School who was honored as the latest Palmetto Pioneer. Superintendent Weaver then played a Zearn video which was filmed at Schofield Middle School in Aiken County School District.

VII. Public Comment: The following individuals provided public comment:
Madison Haun Felicity Jones

VIII. State Board of Education Committees

A. Policy & Legislative Committee Report: During the Policy & Legislative Committee Report, Items 1-4 were unanimously approved to be placed on the Consent Agenda. Item #5 will be presented for Full Board approval.

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

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

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

C. **Standards, Learning, & Accountability Committee Report:** During the Standards, Learning & Accountability Committee Report, the following item was unanimously approved to be placed on the Consent Agenda:

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

D. **Instructional Materials Review Committee Report (Not Meeting)**

E. **Educator Licensure Committee Report:** During the Educator Licensure Committee Report, Mr. Cliff Warren, Committee Chair, reported that the Committee took action on ten cases which resulting in: one with no action; two orders of denials for initial certification; three orders of suspension; and four orders of revocation.

F. **Full Board Educator Licensure Committee Report:** During the Full Board Educator Licensure Committee Report, Chair Mathis reported that the Committee took action on two cases resulting in two orders of permanent revocation. The Committee ratified the work of the Full Board Educator Licensure Committee.

IX. **Consent Agenda**: Chair Mathis requested a motion to approve all items presented to the State Board for approval by Committees. Rita Allison made a motion, Joey Haney seconded, The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

X. **South Carolina Board of Education Report:** There was one item for Approval and one item for information:

FOR APPROVAL

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

Chair-Elect Crimminger made a motion to approve the second reading. Dr. Joette Johnson seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

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: Chair Mathis reminded Board members to turn in travel forms.

XII. Adjournment: Ken Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jackie Lynn seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.