

MINUTES
Policy and Legislation Committee

Date

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Time

9:00 a.m.

Location

849 Learning Lane
West Columbia, SC 29172

Rita Allison, Chair

Barbara Drayton, Deputy General Counsel and Staff Liaison to the Committee

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.

State Board of Education (SBE) committee members in attendance:

Chair Rita Allison, Governor's Appointee

Chair-Elect Dr. David Mathis, Second Judicial Circuit

Jacqueline Lynn, Fourth Judicial Circuit

Dr. Joette Johnson, Seventh Judicial Circuit

Joyce Crimminger, Sixth Judicial Circuit

Dr. Christian T. Hanley, Jr., Ninth Judicial Circuit

Other SBE members in attendance:

Joey Haney, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit

Ken Richardson, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit

Cliff Warren, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit

Dr. Rosa Dingle, Third Judicial Circuit

Vincent, Anthony, Tenth Circuit

I. WELCOME AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The Committee convened at 9:00 a.m. Chair Allison called the meeting to order, welcomed all present and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

II. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND NEWS MEDIA

Chair Allison welcomed any media and visitors present and/or viewing online.

III. APPROVAL OF POLICY AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR JUNE 3, 2025

Chair Allison asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes for the June 3, 2025, meeting. There were no objections, and the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

IV. APPROVAL POLICY AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE AGENDA FOR AUGUST 5, 2025

Chair Allison asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda for the August 5, 2025, meeting. There were no objections, and the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VI. BOARD ITEMS

Chair Allison asked if there were any objections to Policy and Legislation going into Executive Session to discuss a matter before the Board. Hearing none, Executive Session commenced at 9:02AM.

FOR APPROVAL

1. Lexington-Richland School District 5 Irmo High School - Waiver Request of S.C. Code Ann. §59-39-160(C)(1)(a), related to a student Participating in Interscholastic Activities—V. Henry Gunter, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel

Presentations were made by representatives from the local district for the above-referenced items. After questions and discussion, Dr. Mathis made a motion to approve the requested waiver. Dr. Hanley seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chair Allison called for a motion to return to open session.

Return to Regular Session at 9:13AM

2. Request for Approval of Property Disposal
 - a. Lexington County School District Two—Property 1, 365 Saxe Gotha Road, Cayce, SC 29033—Theresa Penney, Associate Engineer III, Office of School Facilities, Division of District Operations and Support
 - b. Lexington County School District Two—Property 2, 3500 Henbet Drive, West Columbia, SC 29169—Theresa Penney, Associate Engineer III, Office of School Facilities, Division of District Operations and Support

Mrs. Crimminger made a motion to approve the property disposal. Dr. Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FOR INFORMATION

None.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Mathis made a motion to place all approved items on the Consent Agenda. Dr. Hanley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Lynn, Seconded by Ms. Crimminger. The committee adjourned at 9:17a.m.