

**MINUTES**

**State Board of Education**

**Policy and Legislative Committee Meeting**

**Date**

**February 10, 2016**

**Time**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Location**

**Rutledge Conference Center**

**1429 Senate Street**

**Columbia, SC 29201**

***Michael Brenan, Chair***

***Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent for Legal Affairs and  
Staff Liaison to the Committee***

**I. Welcome and Determination of Quorum**

Chair Michael Brenan, Governor's Appointee, Fifth Judicial Circuit, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. A quorum was present. Chair Brenan welcomed everyone to the meeting and addressed the members present. State Board of Education (SBE) Policy & Legislative Committee (Committee) members attending were Dr. Samuel Alston, First Judicial Circuit; Dr. Traci Young Cooper, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Sharon Wall, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; and Thomas Ewart, Twelfth Judicial Circuit.

Members absent were Dr. Ivan Randolph, Chair-Elect, Eighth Judicial Circuit.

South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff in attendance were Noelle Redd, Minutes Taker; Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent for Legal Affairs/Parliamentarian; Barbara A. Drayton, Staff Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs; Betsy Carpentier, Chief Operating Officer; Karla McLawhorn Hawkins, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources; Roy Stehle, Director, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources; Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources; Dr. Sheila Quinn, Division of Innovation & Effectiveness; Jennifer Morrison, Director, Office of School Transformation, Division of Innovation & Effectiveness; Dr. Julie Fowler, Deputy Superintendent, Division of College & Career Readiness; John Payne, Director, Office of Special Education Services,

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Division of College & Career Readiness; and Mellanie Jinnette, Deputy Superintendent & CFO, Chief Finance Office.

**II. Recognition of Visitors and News Media**

No visitors were present.

**III. Approval of Committee Minutes for January 13, 2016**

Chair Brenan asked if there were any objections or amendments to the January 13, 2016, minutes. There being none, Chair Brenan stated that the minutes were unanimously approved. Motion carried, item passed.

**IV. Approval of Committee Agenda for February 10, 2016**

Chair Brenan asked if there were any objections or amendments to the February 10, 2016, agenda. There being none, Chair Brenan stated that the agenda was unanimously approved. Motion carried, item passed.

**V. Public Comment Period**

No one signed up for public comment.

**VI. Board Item(s)**

**FOR APPROVAL**

01. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education Rules of Governance, Policy: BC (Policy BC), Board Meetings (2006)**—Cathy L. Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent, Division for Legal Affairs

Ms. Hazelwood presented the proposed amendment to Policy BC to change the State Board monthly meeting date from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

Mr. Ewart made the motion to approve the proposed amendment. The motion was seconded by Dr. Alston. Motion carried, item passed. Item 01 will be placed on the Consent Agenda.

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Prior to the presentations of Item 02 and 03, Mr. Brenan made the suggestion that since Items 02 and 03 dealt with waiver requests of SBE 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-261 (R.43-261), District and School Planning, and both items dealt with waivers that the SBE previously approved during previous SBE meetings, that these two items be “bundled” and approved with one motion. The purpose of both waiver requests is to delay the submission of the new five-year district strategic and school renewal plans, to align with the district’s AdvancED external review. There being no objections, Chair Brenan asked for a motion on bundling Items 02 and 03. Dr. Wall made the motion to bundle and approve both requests. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cooper. Motion carried, items passed. Items 02 and 03 will be added to the Consent Agenda.

- 02. Saluda County Schools’ 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

As requested by Chair Brenan, Ms. Prevatt presented the waiver requests of R.43-261, District and School Planning for

- Saluda County School District, and
- York School District One

Dr. Wall made the motion to approve the waiver requests. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cooper. Motion carried, item passed. Item 02 will be added to the Consent Agenda.

- 03. York School District One’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

As requested by Chair Brenan, Ms. Prevatt presented the waiver requests of R.43-261, District and School Planning for

- Saluda County School District, and
- York School District One

Dr. Wall made the motion to approve the waiver request. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cooper. Motion carried, item passed. Item 02 will be added to the Consent Agenda.

**04. Request for Grant to TransformSC—Betsy Carpentier, Chief of Staff/COO**

Chair Brenan, being the Co-Chair of TransformSC, recused himself from chairing and voting on this request and asked Dr. Cooper (former SBE Chair) to resume the duties of SBE Chair on Item 04. Dr. Cooper accepted Chair Brenan's request to preside over Item 04.

Betsy Carpentier presented TransformSC's request for a \$15,000 grant from the SBE. Dr. Cooper asked for a motion.

Dr. Wall made the motion to approve the grant request. The motion was seconded by Dr. Alston. Motion carried, item passed. Item 04 will be added to the Consent Agenda.

**FOR INFORMATION**

**05. Florence School District Four's (Florence Four) Preliminary Accreditation Classification Based on State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-300 (R.43-300), Accreditation Criteria—Molly M. Spearman, State Superintendent of Education**

Superintendent Spearman was held up in traffic and requested that Betsy Carpentier, Chief of Staff/COO, provide an update to the Committee on the accreditation issues facing Florence Four's district office, Timmonsville High School, and Johnson Middle School. Superintendent Spearman arrived and provided the rest of the information to the Committee. Superintendent Spearman indicated that the Department would receive additional information at the end of February, and an update would be presented to the Committee at their March 8, 2016, meeting.

**VII. Consent Agenda**

**06. Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda**

Chair Brenan asked if there were any objections to the placement of Action Item 01–04 on the Consent Agenda. There being none, Chair Brenan stated that Item 06 was approved by consensus. Motion carried, item passed.

**VIII. Other Business**

**IX. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Brenan adjourned the meeting at 9:33 a.m.