

MINUTES

Education Professions Committee Meeting

Date

Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Time

9:34 a.m.

Location

**Room 101, Rutledge Building
1429 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201**

Gerald Reeves, Acting Chair

Karla McLawhorn Hawkins, Deputy Superintendent

Staff Liaison to the Committee

I. Welcome and Determination of a Quorum

In Dr. Rhonda Edwards' absence, Gerald Reeves served as the Acting Chair. Mr. Reeves welcomed everyone to the Education Professions (EP) Committee.

State Board of Education (SBE) committee members in attendance were Ivan Randolph, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Jim Griffith, Second Judicial Circuit; and Renee Hembree, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit. A quorum was present.

Attending on behalf of the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) were Karla McLawhorn Hawkins, Deputy Superintendent, Division for Federal, State, and Community Resources; Tammy Jeffers, Minutes Taker, Division for Federal, State, and Community Resources; Laura Covington, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division for Federal, State, and Community Resources; Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division for Federal, State, and Community Resources; Kris Joannes, Director, Office of Educator Effectiveness, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness; Sheila Quinn, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness; and Mellanie Jinnette, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance.

II. Recognition of Visitors and News Media

Visitors in attendance were Kathy Maness, Palmetto State Teachers Association (PSTA); Dr. Regina Wragg, University of South Carolina (USC); and Lisa Peterson, USC.

III. Approval of Committee Minutes for December 9, 2015

Mr. Griffith made a motion to approve the minutes for December 9, 2015. Dr. Randolph seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

IV. Approval of Committee Agenda for January 13, 2016

Dr. Randolph made a motion to approve the agenda for January 13, 2016. Mr. Griffith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

V. Public Comment Period

Kathy Maness from PSTA signed up for public comment.

VI. Board Items

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. Identification of Critical Need Subject Areas for 2016–17 Relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation Programs**—Laura Covington, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

The SBE is required to designate the critical need subject areas for the purpose of the teacher loan cancellation program. This is designated annually and, once approved, is distributed to school districts, teachers, colleges, universities, and other educational entities. The following subject areas are recommended to be added to this list: Literacy, Industrial Technology, Engineering, Social Studies, Speech Language, Agriculture, and Music. The following subject areas, which were previously identified as critical needs, were recommended for removal: Computer Programming, Career & Technology, and Physical Education.

Mr. Griffith made a motion to approve this item. Dr. Randolph seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 02. Identification of Geographic Critical Need Schools for the 2016–17 South Carolina Teacher Loan Program**—Laura Covington, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

The SBE is required to designate the geographic critical need schools for the purpose of the South Carolina teacher loan program. The list of the critical geographic areas was submitted for approval. School ratings for the 2014–15 school

year were not produced in preparation for the transition to a combined federal and state accountability system.

Mr. Griffith made a motion to approve this item. Dr. Randolph seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- 03. Expanded South Carolina Assisting, Developing, and Evaluating Professional Teaching (ADEPT) and Program for Assisting and Evaluating Principal Performance (PADEPP) Educator Evaluation System Request for Implementation Timeline Extension**—Kris Joannes, Director, Office of Educator Effectiveness, Division of Innovation & Effectiveness

Dr. Quinn and Mrs. Joannes provided the Committee with background information on the Expanded ADEPT and PADEPP Educator Evaluation System.

The agency requested approval on (1) the expansion of timeline representing full implementation to begin in 2018–19; (2) the removal of the requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)–required test scores as part of the student growth measures from teacher evaluation; (3) the removal of student learning objectives (SLOs) as a standalone measure and embed it as an artifact to support the other professional practice domains; and (4) authorization to convene teacher and principal stakeholder groups and focus group discussions around the state to get feedback on these items.

Ms. Maness expressed concerns about teacher stakeholders being included in the SLO focus meetings. Dr. Wragg expressed concerns about the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) process. Staff will consider the concerns of Ms. Maness and Dr. Wragg.

Dr. Randolph made a motion to approve this item. Mr. Griffith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

VII. Consent Agenda

EP-01 and EP-02 were placed on the consent agenda.

VIII. Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.