

**Minutes of the  
North Carolina State Board of Education  
North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching  
Ocracoke, NC 27960  
October 4, 2007**

<b>NCCAT East, Ocracoke, NC</b>	<b>Thursday, October 4, 2007</b>	<b>NCCAT, 8:30 AM</b>
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The North Carolina State Board of Education met and the following members were present:

Howard N. Lee, Chairman	Patricia Willoughby
Wayne McDevitt, Vice Chair	Tom Speed
Melissa Bartlett	Kathy Taft
Shirley Harris	John Tate
Kevin Howell	Eulada Watt

Also present were:

June St. Clair Atkinson, Superintendent	Craig Hill, Principal Advisor
Diana Beasley, Teacher Advisor	Carr Ipock, Local Board Member Advisor
James Bell, Teacher Advisor	Shirley Prince, Superintendent Advisor

### **CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION**

Chairman Lee called the Thursday Board meeting to order and declared the Board in official session. He provided a brief overview of the committee structure and reminded the audience that Board members held their discussions of the agenda items on Tuesday and Wednesday preceding the Board meeting and that today's agenda includes voting on the Board's action items. He then noted to all in attendance the wonderful meeting site for the Board's October meeting - the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching at Ocracoke. He added that this meeting marks an historic occasion since it is the first Board meeting on Ocracoke Island, preceded on Wednesday by a visit to the K-12 Ocracoke School, and that this Board meeting is the first at NCCAT East at Ocracoke Island.

Chairman Lee, in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 138A-15(e) of the State Government Ethics Act, then reminded Board members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest under Chapter 138A. He asked if members of the Board knew of any conflict of interest or any appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before them during this meeting. No Board members indicated a conflict of interest at this time. The Chairman then requested that if, during the course of the meeting, members became aware of an actual or apparent conflict of interest that they bring the matter to the attention of the chair. It would then be their duty to abstain from participating in discussion and from voting on the matter.

Following the ethics statement, Chairman Lee noted the absence of Board member Kathy Taft and told the audience that Ms. Taft was enjoying a long-planned and well-deserved vacation in Italy. He then recognized Dr. Mary McDuffie, NCCAT Executive Director; Dr. Kenneth Wells, NCCAT Board of Trustees Chairman; and Mr. Richard Schwartz, President of the NCCAT Foundation Board, for remarks and for a presentation on the NCCAT program. Dr. Wells briefly welcomed the Board and its staff and guests to NCCAT East, and Mr. Schwartz added his welcome also. NCCAT hosted the SBE for the

October meeting as one of the first groups to use the renovated former US Coast Guard station. Dr. McDuffie officially welcomed all in attendance for the meeting and shared a DVD on the mission of NCCAT. In her comments prior to beginning the DVD, Dr. McDuffie told the group that NCCAT is a state agency and that NCCAT visits for teachers are paid at no cost to the teachers. She also told the group that the programs offered at NCCAT provide public school teachers with new teaching strategies, a sense of renewal, and reflection that will hopefully keep them in the profession. After the DVD presentation, Chairman Lee thanked Dr. McDuffie for the inspiring message in the DVD and acknowledged all of the work by her and her staff on behalf of the Board to make the meeting a success. He also stated that he sees strong prospects for tying NCCAT training to leadership training for public schools. The Chairman then recognized Mr. Wayne McDevitt to lead the Board with the Pledge of Allegiance and Mr. John Tate for the invocation.

### **MINUTES**

*Following the invocation, Chairman Lee called for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2007 meeting. Vice Chair Wayne McDevitt made the motion, Mr. Tom Speed seconded the motion, and Board members voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written for September 2007.*

### **CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

During the Chairman's remarks, Senator Lee reminded Board members of upcoming activities for the Board, including the fall conference for the National Association of State Board's of Education (NASBE) in Philadelphia, October 10-13; the Board's retreat in Greensboro, October 28-30; and a seminar by Dr. Doug Reeves, hosted by High Five, on October 30. He also told Board members that he would be receiving NASBE's Distinguished Service Award while at the conference. Board members and all in attendance applauded the news of the award. He then reminded Board members that a series of education summits would soon begin across the state under the staff leadership of Mr. Marvin Pittman. The first summit is scheduled for Greenville on November 5 and will be kicked-off by Governor Easley. Local teams of superintendents, board chairs, and other local citizens are invited to the regional summits that will be held on community college campuses. The purpose of the summits is to share the urgency of the need for a high quality 21<sup>st</sup> century education, the rapid rate at which globalization is impacting all of North Carolina, and how citizens can participate in strengthening education in their local communities. Chairman Lee then asked other Board members if they had announcements or news to share. Ms. Melissa Bartlett also told the Board that the Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills will also soon participate in the Bright Institute to establish virtual teacher professional development. It is scheduled for October 16 at the Friday Institute at NC State University. SBE Vice Chair Wayne McDevitt told Board members that, during the first 24 hours of the retreat, Board members will be examining how the Board conducts its business and that the first 24 hours is for Board members only. Staff and Board advisors will join the Board at lunch on Monday for the remainder of the retreat activities.

### **Executive Director's Report and Legislative Update**

Following the Chairman's remarks, Chairman Lee then recognized Dr. Rebecca Garland for a legislative update. Dr. Garland reported to the Board that she recently accompanied Board member Tricia Willoughby to a national Chambers of Commerce Workforce Conference. She noted that, due to the work of the Board and Governor Easley, North Carolina was highlighted at the conference. Durham

Public Schools received an award for its work in partnering with businesses in the community. Dr. Garland also told the Board that the 2007 Legislative Report, prepared by Ms. Rita Joyner (who recently left the Board Office), is available both in hard copy and electronic form. The electronic version has been posted on the Board's website. Superintendents have indicated their preference for also receiving a hard copy for quick reference and for special notation, and a hard copy will be mailed to them. She concluded her report by informing the Board that she will soon begin interviewing candidates to fill the Legislative Liaison position, the staff attorney position, and the NC Virtual Public School Executive Director position.

### **STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. June Atkinson recognized Ms. Vanessa Jeter, Director of the Communications Division, and announced that the DPI website, under the direction of Ms. Jeter, recently won the honor of being named "2007 Best of the Web" award winner for the K-12 state Web sites category. The award was made by the Center for Digital Education, a national research and advisory institute on information technology policies and best practices in K-12 and Higher Education. Board, staff, and audience members applauded. Dr. Atkinson also reminded the Board that the Superintendents' Quarterly Meeting would be held in Raleigh on October 9, preceded by dinner at Peace College on October 8.

At the conclusion of the Superintendent's Report, Chairman Lee then called on the priority chairs to present items in their respective areas for *Information, Action, Action on First Reading, and Discussion*.

### **ACTION AND DISCUSSION TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY SYSTEMS BUSINESS/FINANCE AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT (Mr. Kevin Howell, Chair, and Mr. John Tate, Vice-Chair)**

#### ***ACTION***

#### **TCS 1 – Utilization of State Board Reserve for Innovative/Special Projects**

**Policy Implications:** Special Provisions

**Presenter(s):** Mr. Philip Price (Associate Superintendent, Financial and Business Services)

#### **Description:**

The State Board reserves \$500,000 from the At-Risk Student Services/Alternative Schools allotment to implement/support specific initiatives as a pilot or for program start-up. Funding has been utilized in the past for numerous start-up initiatives; including, in recent years, support of the Closing-the-Gap priorities of the State Board project recovery programs and Senior Projects. The State Board is being presented initiatives for FY 2007-08 (beginning July 1, 2007) that will utilize the \$500,000 reserve funds.

Three additional items have been added to the list of State Board Reserve Innovative Projects (see attachment).

#### **Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the State Board approve the reserve funds to be used for the projects presented.

**Discussion/Comments:**

- Mr. Philip Price reviewed the various ways that the Board could use the \$316,000 remaining reserve and noted three new additions to the list of possible projects to fund: a closing the achievement gap project in the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, a professional learning communities coaching academy, and updating materials on formative assessment.
- Mr. Price told the Board that staff recommends that the Board approve the first four items on the list, which included the above named three projects and the Education Insight Initiative (a collaborative project already supported both by UNC-GA and the NCCCS).
- No additional discussion occurred by Board members

*Upon motion by Mr. John Tate and seconded by Mr. Wayne McDevitt, the Board voted unanimously to approve the reserve funds to be used for the innovative/special projects presented and recommended. (See Attachment TCS 1)*

***ACTION ON FIRST READING***

**TCS 2 – LEA-Wide Calendar Waiver Requests**

**Policy Implications:** General Statute § 115C 84.2; SBE Policy #EEO-V-000

**Presenter(s):** Mr. Philip Price (Associate Superintendent, Financial and Business Services)

**Description:**

Attached is a summary of waivers submitted by LEAs for the start and end date of the 2008-09 school calendar year, in accordance with the GS 115-C -84.2 (HB1464, Sec. 1.5 (d), 2004). These LEAs meet the criteria of missing eight or more days of school in four of the last ten years.

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the various waiver requests allowing LEAs to vary from the August 25<sup>th</sup> beginning and June 10<sup>th</sup> ending dates.

**Discussion/Comments:**

- Mr. McDevitt asked if these calendar requests are automatic. Mr. Price indicated that they are not and that, in fact, the LEAs must apply for these waivers.
- No additional discussion occurred.

*Upon motion by Mr. John Tate and seconded by Ms. Shirley Harris, the Board voted unanimously to approve the various waiver requests allowing LEAs to vary from the August 25 beginning and June 10 ending dates. (See Attachment TCS 2)*

***ACTION ON FIRST READING***

**TCS 3 – Appeal Process for More at Four Expansion Slots**

**Policy Implications:** House Bill 1473, Section 7.24(f)

**Presenter(s):** Mr. Philip Price (Associate Superintendent, Financial and Business Services) and Mr. John Pruette (Executive Director, Office of School Readiness)

**Description:**

Per authorizing legislation for the state-funded More at Four Pre-kindergarten program, local contractors “must demonstrate that they are accessing resources other than “More at Four.” In SFY 2006-07, local programs contributed in excess of \$48 million to meet that obligation. However, rapid expansion of More at Four across the State has placed an increasing burden on the resources available to contractors to meet this requirement. The impact has been unrealized expansion for some counties resulting in an unmet need for pre-kindergarten services.

In response, House Bill 1473 included special provision language, Section 7.24.(f), to allow contracting agencies implementing county More at Four programs to “appeal to the Office of School Readiness for an exception” if the county is unable to increase “More at Four” slots in 2007-08 because of a documented lack of available resources necessary to provide the required local contribution.” The Office of School Readiness may, in turn, “grant an exception and allot funds to pay up to ninety percent (90%) of the full cost of the additional slots for that county.” Therefore, an appeal process has been defined to guide the Office of School Readiness in making administrative decisions with respect to this special provision language.

**Recommendations:**

The State Board is asked to approve the administrative procedures defined as the “Appeal Process for More at Four Expansion Slots.”

**Discussion/Comments:**

- Mr. Philip Price and Mr. John Pruette explained the development of the appeals process for the More at Four expansion slots from a finance perspective (Mr. Price) and a program perspective (Mr. Pruette), noting that resources and children served/unserved are but two factors that will be considered as a part of the appeals process. If the Board passes this proposal, the process as described will serve as the appeals process for new slots for More at Four programs provided by new funding from the 2007 Legislature.
- Board members asked questions about possible variances in the process and providing additional funds. Mr. Pruette replied that the department would work with locals regarding using the funds to best advantage to maximize the program.
- Mr. McDevitt asked when the additional funds will be distributed if the item is approved as presented. Mr. Pruette replied that several counties are ready to move as soon as approval takes place, noting that these appeals for the additional funds will begin next week if approved by the Board at the October meeting.
- Mr. Buxton told the Board that this proposed procedure simply establishes the means by which locals can apply but does not guarantee additional funds. He added that once locals apply, department staff will look at their resources and related factors proposed in the appeals process to make a decision. He also noted that children can be added to More at Four programs at any time of the year.

*Upon motion by Mr. John Tate and seconded by Ms. Eulada Watt, the Board voted unanimously to approve the administrative procedures defined as the “Appeal Process for More at Four Expansion Slots.” (See Attachment TCS 3)*

***ACTION ON FIRST READING***

**TCS 4 – Approval of Grant**

**Policy Implications:** Reading First Grant

**Presenter(s):** Mr. Philip Price (Associate Superintendent, Financial and Business Services), Mr. Robert Logan (Associate Superintendent, Innovation and School Transformation), and Ms. Jackie Colbert (Director, Elementary Education Division)

**Description:**

The grant listed below is being submitted for approval of distribution of funds to selected school systems. Please see attachment for description of grant.

- Attachment 1 – Reading Services

**Recommendations:**

The attached grant is being submitted for State Board approval.

**Discussion/Comments:**

- Ms. Jackie Colbert presented this item to Board members, noting that the department is seeking to award funds to three categories of schools as listed and described in the materials.
- There was no additional discussion following the presentation.

*Upon motion by Mr. John Tate and seconded by Mr. Tom Speed, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Reading Services as presented. (See Attachment TCS 4)*

***ACTION ON FIRST READING***

**TCS 5 – Revision of Allotment Policy for Literacy Coaches**

**Policy Implications:**

**Presenter(s):** Mr. Philip Price (Associate Superintendent, Financial and Business Services), and Ms. Carolyn McKinney (Executive Director, NC Professional Teaching Standards Commission)

**Description:**

The 2007-08 budget contained funding for an additional 100 literacy coaches and a provision to allow National Board Certified teachers serving as literacy coaches to remain on the NBPTS teacher salary schedule. The allotment policy manual is being updated to reflect these changes. Revisions are being proposed to the allotment policy for literacy coaches that would require schools accepting the state literacy coach funding: 1) to agree to abide by a memorandum of understanding; 2) to implement the 21<sup>st</sup> Century literacy model designed by the NC Teacher Academy; and 3) that the individual employed as the literacy coach will complete all training prescribed by the NC Teacher Academy. Additionally, a revision to the policy to allow the reallocation of the position for another school to participate in the literacy coach program if it is not filled within five weeks is proposed.

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the proposed revisions be approved.

**Discussion/Comments:**

- Mr. Philip Price told the Board that this proposed policy change seeks to do the following: ensure that literacy coaches go through the Teacher Academy coaches training program; ensure that National Board Certified teachers who work as literacy coaches continue to receive the 12 percent

salary differential for the NBPTS credential; and to require that if a school system cannot fill the literacy coach position within five weeks that the position will be reallocated to another school system

- No additional discussion occurred.

*Upon motion by Mr. John Tate and seconded by Ms. Tricia Willoughby, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed revisions to the allotment policy for literacy coaches. (See Attachment TCS 5)*

## ***DISCUSSION***

### **TCS 6 – Council on Educational Services for Exceptional Children**

**Policy Implications:** General Statute § 115C-121; SBE Policy #EEO-B-005; Section 300.167-300.169 of federal regulations under Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

**Presenter(s):** Mr. Robert Logan (Associate Superintendent, Innovation and School Transformation) and Ms. Mary Watson (Director, Exceptional Children Division)

#### **Description:**

The Council is established in federal and state law as an Advisory Council to the State Board of Education. Its establishment is set forth in Section 300.167-300.169 of the federal regulations, Section 1412(a)(21) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 2004) and Section 115C-121.1 of North Carolina General Statutes. The Council advises the State Board of Education on unmet needs within the State in the education of children with disabilities.

Legislation requires that the majority of the members of the Council must be individuals with disabilities or parents of children with disabilities. The Council shall represent the various interests of the groups concerned with the education of children with disabilities, including gender, ethnic diversity, and representation from across the state.

In accordance with State Board policy, the Council has 23 appointed members. Two members are appointed by the President Pro Tempore, two by the Speaker of the House, two by the Governor, thirteen by the State Board of Education, and four members, referred to as ex officio are designed by federal regulations. Terms for ex officio members are governed by virtue of their position. The term of appointments for all members except those appointed by the State Board of Education is for two years. State Board of Education appointments are for four-year terms with no person serving more than two consecutive four-year terms.

Appointments are by the State Board of Education. On June 30, 2007, the second term of appointment expired for one Council member previously appointed by the State Board of Education. Additionally, on June 30, 2007, the first term of appointment expired for another Council member who has retired and submitted his resignation. The representative from the Institutes of Higher Education also resigned. That leaves three (3) positions vacant. According to the Bylaws, the State Board of Education will need to appoint individuals to fill these vacancies.

#### **Recommendations:**

The Board is asked to appoint Terri Meyers, a parent of a child with disabilities from District 3, to a second four-year term running July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2011.

The Board is asked to appoint Jana Grigg, Exceptional Children Director for Buncombe County Schools, to a first four-year term running July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2011.

The Board is asked to nominate a representative from an Institution of Higher Education to complete the four-year term vacated by Dr. Diane Browder running from the present through June 30, 2010.

The Board is asked to appoint Gloria Upperman, Dept. of Correction, by virtue of position.

**Discussion/Comments:**

- Ms. Mary Watson reviewed the vacancies on the Council and the names of those eligible willing to serve another term. She noted that a nominee for the seat for an Institution of Higher Education representative is still needed and for Board members to notify her or Board staff with a nominee's name if they can identify one.
- Mr. Tate encouraged Ms. Watson to name a representative from an IHE for the Board to consider. Chairman Lee asked when the Council would next meet. Ms. Watson replied that the Council's next quarterly meeting will not be held prior to the next Board meeting when the Board will vote on the proposed new members.
- No additional discussion occurred.

This item is presented for discussion in October and will be presented at the November meeting for action. (See Attachment TCS 6)

***DISCUSSION***

**TCS 7 – Replacement of Compliance Commission Members**

**Policy Implications:** SBE Policy #EEO-B-000

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Louis M. Fabrizio (Director, Accountability Services Division)

**Description:**

The State Board of Education established the Compliance Commission for Accountability in July 1996. This Commission was charged with making recommendations to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and State Board of Education related to ABCs issues. There are two vacancies to fill, Ms. Dawn Singleton and Dr. Scott Smith. Ms. Singleton is the SBE Education District one central office representative and Dr. Smith is the SBE Education District four central office Exceptional Children representative. The current list of members is attached with the two vacancies shaded. The names and resumes of the proposed new members will be provided at the October meeting if not earlier.

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the recommendations for the new members of the Compliance Commission for Accountability.

**Discussion/Comments:**

- Mr. Tate informed the Board that this item would be moved to Action on First Reading upon vote by the Board so that Dr. Fabrizio could include new members in the scheduled October 11 meeting of the Compliance Commission.

Mr. Tate made a motion to move the TCS 7 item from Discussion to Action on First Reading, Mr. Wayne McDevitt seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion. Mr. Tate then made a motion for the Board to approve the recommended nominees to fill the vacancies on the Compliance Commission, Mr. Tom Speed seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion. (See attachment TCS 7.)

## **ACTION ON FIRST READING AND DISCUSSION AGENDA**

### **GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE STUDENTS (Ms. Kathy Taft, Chair; Ms. Tricia Willoughby, Vice-Chair)**

#### ***ACTION***

#### **GCS 1 – Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities**

**Policy Implications:** General Statute § 115C; SBE Policy #HSP-D-000-008, EEO-E-001

**Presenter(s):** Mr. Robert L. Logan (Associate Superintendent, Innovation and School Transformation) and Ms. Mary N. Watson (Director, Division of Exceptional Children)

#### **Description:**

Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities (Policies) will replace Procedures Governing Programs and Services for Children with Disabilities (Procedures). The current Procedures are a combination of law and best practices and no longer meet the requirements of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) 2004 and the accompanying regulations (34 CFR Part 300). The name change from Procedures to Policies will clearly indicate that the document reflects the state and federal laws and regulations.

Following the 1997 reauthorization of the IDEA amendments and the publication of the implementing regulations in 1999, the process of revising the North Carolina Procedures began. Because of the format of the document, it was difficult to ascertain that the requirements of IDEA were included in the Procedures. As a result, the process of approval by the Office of Special Education Programs required approximately five years. The proposed Policies are constructed utilizing the same format as the IDEA regulations with the inclusion of the requirements of Article 9 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes and policies from the 2004 North Carolina Procedures.

#### **Recommendations:**

Replace the current Procedures with the document entitled Policies Governing Services for Children with Disabilities. The Policies will bring North Carolina in compliance with both the federal law and the state statute.

Implement Policies upon approval with the exception of Section 1508, Class Size. It is recommended that this section become effective on July 1, 2008. The class size requirements in current Procedures will remain in effect until June 30, 2008. This will allow school systems time to prepare for implementation of the changes in this section.

#### **Discussion/Comments:**

- Ms. Willoughby informed the Board that, due to a significant number of changes to the document since the September meeting, this item will return for Action at the November meeting. She told the Board that Ms. Mary Watson, Exceptional Children Division director, had provided the GCS

committee and the full Board with materials that list the proposed new changes. She also told the Board that these additional changes have been proposed after a lengthy public comment period.

- No additional discussion occurred.

***ACTION ON FIRST READING***

**GCS 2 – Field Test Appeals**

**Policy Implications:** General Statute § 115C-174.12 (b1); SBE Policy # EEO-B-000

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Louis M. Fabrizio (Director, Accountability Services Division)

**Description:**

On September 6, 2007, LEAs were notified of participation in field tests and special studies. LEAs were permitted to file an official appeal requesting that a school be excluded from a specific field test sample based on a written justification submitted by the LEA superintendent along with a Request for Appeals form. Requests for Appeals were collected by the Division of Accountability Services and presented to the Compliance Commission for Accountability at a conference call meeting held September 24, 2007. The field test appeals and the Compliance Commission recommendations regarding each of the appeals are being provided to the SBE at the October meeting for approval.

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the SBE approve the Compliance Commission's recommendations regarding the appeals.

**Discussion/Comments:**

- Ms. Willoughby informed the Board that the Accountability Services Division received no field test appeals, the Compliance Commission did not need to have a conference call meeting, and no action would be needed on this agenda item.

***ACTION ON FIRST READING***

**GCS 3 – Changes to the 2006-07 ABCs/AYP Results**

**Policy Implications:** General Statute § 115C-105.20.40 (Article 8B), 115C-105.35

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Louis M. Fabrizio (Director, Accountability Services Division)

**Description:**

Changes to the 2006-07 ABCs/AYP Report will be presented to the State Board of Education (SBE) for Action on First Reading at the October 2007 meeting.

There will be additional changes to the 2006-07 ABCs/AYP Report if LEAs submit data changes that impact school status.

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the changes to the 2006-07 ABCs/AYP Report.

**Discussion/Comments:**

- No discussion occurred on this item.

*Upon motion by Ms. Tricia Willoughby and seconded by Mr. Wayne McDevitt, the Board voted unanimously to approve the changes to the 2006-07 ABCs/AYP Report. (See Attachment GCS 3.)*

***ACTION ON FIRST READING***

**GCS 4 – 2007 Textbook Adoption and Textbook Commission Report**

**Policy Implications:** General Statute § 115C-85-86; 115C-89; SBE Policy #HSP-H-000, HSP-H-004; APA #16NCAC 6D.0204, 0209

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Susan Purser (Chair, N. C. Textbook Commission) and Mrs. Charlotte Hughes (Special Assistant/Textbook Coordinator, Curriculum and Instructional Services)

**Description:**

Dr. Susan Purser, Chairperson of the North Carolina Textbook Commission, will present a list of recommendations for textbooks to be adopted by the North Carolina State Board of Education. The report also covers the Textbook Commission’s activities for the year, including the evaluation and deliberation process, selection of evaluators, and other issues related to textbook adoption.

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the State Board approve the list of textbooks for inclusion on the State Adoption List.

**Discussion/Comments:**

- Ms. Willoughby told the Board that the proposed adoptions include Social Studies K-12, Business and Information Technology Education 6-12, and Marketing 9-12. She noted that this year most publishers submitted some form of electronic/technology books and materials for consideration, an issue first identified for the Board as a priority for the future by former Board member Dr. Michelle Howard-Vital (now President of Cheyney State University in Pennsylvania). Ms. Willoughby asked that this vote occur in honor of Dr. Howard Vital and her visionary leadership on this issue. Ms. Willoughby also told Board members that the textbooks approval process required lots of evaluation and expertise to review materials. She noted that the textbook caravan is scheduled to begin on November 5.

*Upon motion by Ms. Tricia Willoughby and seconded by Ms. Melissa Bartlett, the Board voted by roll call vote to approve the list of textbooks for inclusion on the State Adoption List. (See Attachment GCS 4) The results of the roll call vote are listed here: Watt, Yes; Harris, Yes; Tate, Yes; Lee, Yes; McDevitt, Yes; Willoughby, Yes; Speed, Yes; and Bartlett, Yes. Mr. Howell left the meeting prior to the vote.*

**ACTION AND DISCUSSION  
21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT  
(Ms. Shirley Harris and Ms. Eulada Watt, Co-Chairs)**

***ACTION***

**TCP 1 – Renewal of License Renewal Requirements to Reflect Legislation**

**Policy Implications:** SBE Policy # TCP-A-005; Senate Bill 1292, Session 2007

**Presenter(s):** Mr. Larry Simmons (Chief, Licensure Section) and Dr. Kathy Sullivan (Senior Policy Analyst, SBE Office)

**Description:**

In July the General Assembly enacted legislation directing the State Board of Education to adopt a policy requiring teachers to take credits in their academic subject area as part of the license renewal process. Proposed revisions to license renewal requirements to reflect this legislation are attached. The proposed revisions would become effective for teachers renewing their licenses on or after July 1, 2009.

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the proposed revisions to the license renewal policy be approved by the State Board.

**Discussion/Comments:**

- There was no discussion on this item.

*Upon motion by Ms. Eulada Watt and seconded by Mr. Wayne McDevitt, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed revisions to the license renewal policy. (See Attachment TCP 1)*

***ACTION ON FIRST READING***

**TCP 2 – Recommendation from the Advisory Board on Requests for Exception from Teacher Licensing Requirements**

**Policy Implications:** SBE Policy # QP-A-021

**Presenter(s):** Dr. Kathy Sullivan (Senior Policy Analyst, SBE Office)

**Description:**

In April 2006 the Board adopted a policy to allow individuals who have not met licensing requirements due to extenuating circumstances to request an exception from the requirement or an extension of time. The request must include documents from the teacher, the principal, the superintendent, and the chair of the local board of education. In June, a similar policy was approved to allow colleges and universities to submit requests for exception to Praxis I testing requirements on behalf of students seeking admission to teacher education programs. Requests are evaluated by a panel chaired by a member of the State Board. Panel recommendations will be presented in closed session.

**Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the actions related to each request be approved.

**Discussion/Comments:**

- This item was presented and voted on during the closed session.

***ACTION ON FIRST READING***

**TCP 3 – Final Decision in Contested Case: Forrister v. DPI**

**Policy Implications:** General Statute § 150B-36

**Presenter(s):** Mr. Thomas J. Ziko (Special Deputy Attorney General)

**Description:**

Forrister v. DPI, 07 EDC 0054. This is a contested case in which the Administrative Law Judge reversed the Department's decision to deny Forrister's request for graduate level pay. The ALJ also ruled that State Board of Education Policy QP-A-006, "Policies related to experience/degree credit for salary purposes, was invalid because it had not been promulgated as a rule under the APA rule-making process.

**Recommendations:**

The Board will deliberate on a final decision in the case in closed session.

**Discussion/Comments:**

- This item was presented and acted on during the closed session.

**ACTION AND DISCUSSION  
LEADERSHIP FOR INNOVATION COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT  
(Ms. Melissa Bartlett and Mr. Tom Speed, Co-Chairs)**

***ACTION***

**LFI 1 – Recommendations for Preliminary Approval of 2007 Charter School Applications**

**Policy Implications:** General Statute §115C-238.29D(b)

**Presenter(s):** Mr. Jack Moyer (Director, Office of Charter Schools)

**Description:**

As per NCGS 115C-238.29D(b), the State Board of Education may authorize no more than 100 charter schools. There will be two (2) openings for new charter applications at the beginning of the 2007-08 school year. Eight (8) applications were received and reviewed by a Charter School Application Review Panel. After the initial review process, three (3) applications met the minimum criteria. The Review Panel recommends three (3) applications be submitted to the State Board of Education. (See attached chart)

The applications can be found at the below links.

Duplin Charter School-

[http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe\\_meetings/0705/charterschools/duplincharter.pdf](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0705/charterschools/duplincharter.pdf)

Triad Math and Science Academy-

[http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe\\_meetings/0705/charterschools/triadmthscience.pdf](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0705/charterschools/triadmthscience.pdf)

Endeavor Charter School-

[http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe\\_meetings/0705/charterschools/endeavorcharter.pdf](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/sbe_meetings/0705/charterschools/endeavorcharter.pdf)

Any school receiving preliminary approval will undergo rigorous training as per the expectations set by the state and federal government for operation of a public charter school. Each applicant will further develop the policies and procedures that are deemed necessary for the effective and efficient operation of a charter school. The SBE will review the progress of the school(s) no later than the March 2008 SBE meeting when final approval may be granted.

**Recommendations:**

The Office of Charter Schools recommends the State Board of Education review all three (3) applications.

**Discussion/Comments:**

- There was no discussion.

*Ms. Melissa Bartlett moved that the Board vote to approve Endeavor Charter School and Triad Math and Science Charter School for preliminary approval; Ms. Tricia Willoughby seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to grant preliminary approval. (See Attachment LFI 1)*

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Lee asked SBE members if there were new business items on which they would like to report. Mr. John Tate told fellow Board members that new standards for education leaders continue to evolve and that his Leadership Committee has held three meetings. He also reminded the Board of the group's objectives: to identify gaps between new leadership standards and existing available training; develop and/or reassess current delivery systems; to determine an appropriate governance structure; and to establish an accountability system with criteria that measure impact on student achievement. He indicated that he hopes that this committee's work would be completed by early 2008 for a system to move our education leaders to new standards that the Board has boldly adopted.

Chairman Lee noted that he will ask Dr. Garland to have the Board's three current ad hoc committees to report to the Board soon to ensure that their work is aligned with the Board's expectations.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There were no items for Old Business.

**DEPUTY STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Deputy Superintendent JB Buxton informed the Board that during the Board's retreat that he will present metrics for performance measures for the Department. He added that Senior Leadership will also hold an off-site retreat prior to the Board's retreat to prepare for and finalize the presentation for the Board's retreat. He then recalled the Board item for distribution of Reading First funds to low-performing elementary schools and told the Board that this type of work reflects the Department's efforts to identify LEAs' resources and remaining needs and using an 'air traffic control' approach to target resources where needed.

Following the Deputy's report, Chairman Lee recognized Hyde County Superintendent Mr. Gregg Todd and thanked him for hosting the Board at the Ocracoke School. Chairman Lee told Superintendent Todd that the Board can learn a great deal from what Hyde County Schools is doing at the Ocracoke School. Mr. Todd told the Board that the Ocracoke School teachers were very excited to have the Board visit their school and that he appreciated the Board sharing their time with the teachers, administrators, and support staff at the school. Chairman Lee asked Mr. Todd to thank Hyde County's Board of Education and County Commissioners on the Board's behalf for hosting the Board and for all of their support of public education.

**CLOSED SESSION/ADJOURNMENT**

*Mr. Wayne McDevitt moved that the Board go into closed session to discuss personnel matters. Ms. Melissa Bartlett seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to go into closed session.*

*At the end of the closed session, upon motion by Mr. Tom Speed and seconded by Ms. Shirley Harris, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Chairman Lee asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon motion by Mr. Wayne McDevitt and seconded by Ms. Tricia Willoughby, Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the October 4, 2007, meeting of the State Board of Education.*