

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****Title:** Council on Educational Services for Exceptional Children**Type of Executive Summary:**

Action       Action on First Reading       Discussion       Information

**Policy Implications:**

- Constitution \_\_\_\_\_  
 General Statute #115C-121  
 SBE Policy #EEO-B-005  
 SBE Policy Amendment  
 SBE Policy (New)  
 APA # \_\_\_\_\_  
 APA Amendment  
 APA (New)  
 Other Section 300.167-300.169 of federal regulations under Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

**Presenter(s):** Ms. Angela Quick (Deputy Chief Academic Office, Innovation and School Transformation) and Mrs. Mary N. 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 of Education policy, the Council has 24 appointed members. Two members are appointed by the President Pro Tempore, two by the Speaker of the House, two by the Governor, fourteen by the State Board of Education, and four members referred to as state agency representatives are designated by federal regulations. Terms for state agency 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.

The State Board of Education is asked to approve the appointment recommendation of Nicole Jimerson as a parent of a child with disability from Region 2 to a first four-year appointment.

The first four-year term appointment expired for Teresa Mebane on June 30, 2008. Teresa Mebane is seeking reappointment to a second four-year term. The State Board of Education is asked to reappoint Teresa Mebane to a second four-year term.

There are four additional vacancies created by term expirations and one resignation. The State Board of Education is asked to submit recommendations from Regions 3, 4 and 5 for approval at the October State Board of Education meeting. The recommendations must collectively consist of a two (2) appointments for parent of a child with a disability, one (1) general education administrator (central office or local administrator) and one (1) representative of a charter school. The current membership roster is attached.

**Resources:**

The Department of Public Instruction's, Exceptional Children Division provides secretarial support and a staff liaison to the Council. The expenses required for the operation of the Council are also provided by the Division.

**Input Process:**

According to the Bylaws, the State Board of Education will need to appoint individuals to fill these vacancies.

**Stakeholders:**

Students with disabilities and their families, LEAs and the State Board of Education.

**Timeline For Action:**

Presented for discussion in September 2008, and for action in October 2008.

**Recommendations:**

The State Board of Education is asked to reappoint Teresa Mebane (Region 2) to a second four-year term running July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2012.

The State Board of Education is asked to appoint Nicole Jimerson, parent of a child with disability, to a first term running July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2012.

The State Board of Education is asked to recommend two (2) appointments for a parent of a child with a disability, one (1) charter school representative and one (1) general education administrator to a first term running July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2012.

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Audiovisual equipment requested for the presentation:

Data Projector/Video (Videotape/DVD and/or Computer Data, Internet, Presentations-PowerPoint preferred)  
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Audio Requirements (computer or other, except for PA system which is provided)  
Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Document Camera (for transparencies or paper documents – white paper preferred)  
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Motion By: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Postponed \_\_\_\_\_ Revised \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Person responsible for SBE agenda materials and SBE policy updates: Tish Bynum, 807-3971

**CURRENT MEMBERSHIP  
COUNCIL ON EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN**

<b>POSITIONS REQUIRED</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>TERM</b>	<b>GENDER</b>	<b>ETHNIC</b>
<b>4-Year Appointments - State Board District</b>					
<b><u>STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (14)</u></b>					
Parents of children with disabilities	Sonja Brown - Mecklenburg County (6)	7/1/06-6/30/10	2	F	AA
	**vacant	7/1/08-6/30/12			
	Jill Scercy - Pitt County (1)	7/1/06-6/30/10	1	F	W
	***vacant	7/1/08-6/30/12			
	*Teresa Mebane-New Hanover County (2)	7/1/04-6/30/08	1	F	W
	***vacant	7/1/08-6/30/12			
Special Education Teacher (PreK-12)	Doris McCain - Wake County (3)	7/1/06-6/30/10	2	F	AA
LEAs	Odell Clanton - Warren County (3)	7/1/05-6/30/09	2	M	AA
	Jana Griggs - Buncombe County (8)	7/1/07-6/30/11	2	F	W
	***vacant - Gen Ed Administrator	7/1/08-6/30/12			
Institutions of Higher Education	Cathy Kea - Guilford County (5)	7/1/06-6/30/10	1	F	AA
Charter Schools	***vacant	7/1/08-6/30/12			
McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act	Vacant	7/1/06-6/30/10	1	F	W
Voc., Comm., or Bus. (Transition)	Mark Yost - Wake County (3)	7/1/06-6/30/10	2	M	W
<b>2-Year Appointments</b>					
<b><u>EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS (2)</u></b>					
Individual with a Disability	Linda Nelson - Wake County (3)	7/1/08-6/30/10	3	F	W
Private School Representative	Shary Maskel - Durham County (3)	7/1/08-6/30/10	3	F	W
<b><u>LEGISLATIVE APPOINTMENTS (4)</u></b>					
Senator (1)	Senator Bob Atwater	7/1/07-6/30/09	1	M	W
Parent of a child with a disability (1)	Sheila Knapp - Wake County (3)	7/1/07-6/30/09	2	F	W
Representative (1)	Representative Laura Wiley	7/1/07-6/30/09	1	F	W
Parent of a child with a disability (1)	Sally Hunter - Wake County (3)	7/1/07-6/30/09	1	F	W
<b><u>STATE AGENCY (5)</u></b>					
DPI	Mary Watson	NA		F	W
DHHS	Dwight Pearson	NA		M	W
DHHS Child Welfare	Esther High	NA		F	AA
DOC	Gloria Upperman	NA		F	AA
DJJ	Jane Young, Chair	NA		F	W

\*Member is requesting appointment for second four-year term.

\*\*State Board of Education is recommending Nicole Jimerson to a first four-year appointment. (Region 2)

\*\*\*State Board of Education is asked to make appointment recommendations.

## NICOLE JIMERSON

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### PROFILE:

Public Servant, Administrator, Educator. Advocate committed to working with a diverse community of children and families. Detail-oriented. Exceptionally strong written, verbal and organization skills. Working knowledge of federal, state and local political structures and education policies.

### EDUCATIONAL PROFILE:

North Carolina Central University • Durham, North Carolina • May 2006  
**Masters of Arts in Teaching, Special Education**

North Carolina Central University • Durham, North Carolina • May 2006  
**Masters Public Administration**

#### *Honors and Awards*

- Moss-Wigfall Academic Excellence Award, 2002  
 North Carolina Central University Department of Public Administration

North Carolina Central University • Durham, North Carolina • December 1994  
**Bachelor of Arts, Political Science**

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Lakeview School

Durham Public Schools

#### **Exceptional Children's Compliance Facilitator (September 2006 – present)**

Monitor the delivery of special education services on five campuses that comprise the alternative program. Chair IEP Team meetings. Ensure that all mandated timelines are adhered to for service delivery, processing student referrals, and manifestation meetings. Coordinate psychological and other required student assessments. Ensure that student confidential folders are complete, accurate, and compliant, including all required documentation. Maintain data in the NC Comprehensive Exceptional Children's Accountability System (CECAS). Train and orient Exceptional Children teachers. Serve on the school-based Administrative Team. Consult with principal regarding exceptional children's needs and assist with the evaluation of building level programs. Serve as liaison between building level administrators and the central office administrative staff. Address parent concerns and ensure that parents are informed of parental rights and are given maximum opportunity to participate in

all educational decisions.

### **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

The Arc of North Carolina and  
Person Centered Support Services

**Employer of Record Services (September 2005 to March 2008)**

Co-Employer for a self-determinate model, which helps to manage services and supports, for children with mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

Served as the managing employer by identifying needs and completing related documentation, gathering information from a variety of sources (family members, medical providers, educators), developing goals and a plan of action to respond to the assessed needs, making referrals to providers for needed services, and ensuring implementation of the plan. Co-authored the Person Centered Plan and developed job descriptions based on the unique support needs. Developed pay scales based on the personal budget. Recruited, hired and supervised staff.

Reviewed and approved daily schedules and timesheets. Updated consents and releases annually.

PhyAmerica Physician Group, Inc.

**Risk Management Coordinator (October 1997 to September 2001)**

Responsible for the integration of the Sterling Healthcare Group, Inc. and Coastal Physician Group, Inc. claims/risk management department following the acquisition of Sterling. The combined company, with annual revenues of \$240 million, provided practice management and support services to over 260 hospital based emergency departments in 25 states. Assessed issues, trends, services and resources in the health care environment with advanced knowledge in word processing, spreadsheets and database computer programs. Provided leadership and direction in bringing about change and resolving conflicts. Applied ideas to resolve issues and improve approaches. Monitored and maintained litigation files. Conduct initial interviews with doctors regarding the reporting of new lawsuits. Maintain good working relationships with defense attorneys in 32 states. Responsible for processing request for legal information. File state and national reports with strict deadlines.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

- National Association for the Education of African-American Children with Learning Disabilities, Columbus, Ohio, Parent Leadership Institute Board Member
- Duke University Children's Education Law Clinic, former Advisory Board Member
- The Mekte Center for Children with Learning Differences, Executive Board Member

- Autism Society North Carolina and Durham County, Member
- The Durham Center Inter Agency Council, former Member
- Pi Alpha Alpha Member, national honor society formed to recognize and promote excellence in the study and practice of public affairs and administration
- Pi Sigma Alpha Member, national honor society for political science majors

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

### *Conferences and Trainings*

- Wilson Reading System Trained, St. Augustine Project, Chapel Hill, NC, July 2008 (6 CEUs)
- Durham Public Schools, SRA Corrective Reading Training, July 2008
- Durham Public Schools/Teaching & Learning Institute, June 2008  
Lexile Framework for Reading
- Durham Public Schools/Teaching & Learning Institute, June 2008  
Vocabulary Instruction: What Research Says (.6 CEUs)
- Durham Public Schools/Teaching & Learning Institute, June 2008  
Top 10 Reading & Writing Strategies (.6 CEUs)
- Durham Public Schools/NCDPI, Manifestation Determination Training
- Durham Public Schools/NCDPI, EMD Eligibility Training
- Durham Public Schools, Parent Academy  
Presenter: Educating the Special Student – What Parents Need to Know  
March 2007
- Functional Behavior Assessments and Behavior Intervention Plans –  
Doing It Right! The Hill Center, Durham, NC, March 2007
- Durham System of Care Overview, Durham, NC, June 2006  
(*Certification of Completion*)
- Teacher Intern, The Hill Center, Durham, NC  
Successful completion of 240 classroom hours in an academic  
remediation setting.
- Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA) Annual Conference

- Wrightslaw Special Education Law Training by Pete and Pam Wright, April 2006 (2.5 CEUs)
- The Autism Society of North Carolina Annual Conference, March 2006 (.725 CEUs)
- The Hill Center Methodology I Training, Durham, NC, February 2006 (2 CEUs)
- Parent and Family Advocacy and Support Training, Durham, NC, Dec. 2005
- North Carolina Center for Justice, Education Leadership Institute, March 2004