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AMENDED AGENDA
EIA and Improvement Mechanisms Subcommittee

Monday, October 16, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Room 521, Blatt Building

- I. Welcome and Introductions Dr. Bob Couch
- II. Approval of Minutes of May 15, 2023..... Dr. Bob Couch
- III. Information: EIA 2022-23 Reports & 2024-25 Budget Requests

Presentations:

- Teacher Loan’s Bold Career Pathway Ray Jones
Vice President
SC Student Loan (10:15-10:30)
- SC Department of Education..... Phillip Cease
Director
Governmental Affairs Office (10:35-11:15)
 - Palmetto PartnersChristine Plumier
GTT Engineering & Robotics
Sevier Middle School-Greenville CS (11:20-11:35)
- S²TEM Centers SCDr. Tom Peters
Executive Director (11:40-11:55)
- CUBE (Claflin University) Dr. Dora Waymer
Program Coordinator (12:00-12:15)
- Lunch..... 12:20-1:15
- Centers for Excellence (CHE) Dr. Lishu Yin
Program Manager, Educator Quality,
Retention & Recruitment (1:15-1:35)
- Center for Educational Partnerships (UofSC)..... Dr. Cindy Van Buren
Assistant Dean & Director,
College of Education
(1:40-2:00)

IV. Adjournment

Summary Sheets for all EIA Reports and Budget Requests will be handed out at the October 9th Full Committee meeting. The link will be available at that time also.

Subcommittee Members:

- Dr. Bob Couch, Chair Rep. Neal Collins
- April Allen Sen. Kevin Johnson
- Melanie Barton Dr. Brian Newsome
- Dr. Russell Booker

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SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
EIA and Improvement Mechanisms Subcommittee Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting

May 15, 2023

Members Present (in-person or remote): Dr. Bob Couch, April Allen, Melanie Barton, Dr. Russell Booker, Sen. Kevin Johnson, Rep. Neal Collins (remote)

EOC Staff Present: Dana Yow, Dr. Rainey Knight, Gabrielle Fulton, Hope Johnson-Jones, Riley Dixon, Dr. Matthew Lavery, Dr. Jenny May

Guest(s) Present: Karen Woodfaulk (remote), Marcella Wine-Snyder (remote), Ray Jones, Sally Cauthen

Dr. Couch welcomed members to the meeting. As the first order of business, members reviewed the minutes from the meeting prior. Ms. Barton asked for a correction to be made to include her attendance. With that correction made, members approved the minutes unanimously. Next, Dr. Couch welcomed Sally Cauthen, a consultant with the EOC, to present the Teacher Loan Program Annual Report, covering 2021-22.

Ms. Cauthen thanked the members, before providing a brief introduction to the report, which covers the 904 recipients to the program in 2021-22. The report can be found in full on the EOC website. After reviewing the program's funding, governance, and various teacher pipelines, Ms. Cauthen provided members with recommendations. Ms. Barton asked what we can do to encourage use of the program when we don't know what results we want due to a lack of system processes. Ms. Yow noted that the program should attract not just students out of college, but career changers, but that many don't know about the opportunity.

Ms. Cauthen noted the need for clear marketing positioning the program as a forgiveness program, highlighting the need to appeal to a changing workforce. Dr. Couch noted the work shortage that can be found in every field and that with the number of male enrollees in four-year colleges down, this presents a multi-faceted issue. Rep. Collins asked to clarify the number of undergraduate education students broken down by loan type. Ms.

Cauthen noted that approximately four thousand of the thirteen thousand represent Hope and Fellows. Following discussion, Dr. Couch thanked Ms. Cauthen and called for a vote. With all in favor, the Teacher Loan Program Report moved to Full Committee.

Next, Dr. Knight provided an update on Palmetto Gold and Silver awards, noting that with the new growth model, more work will need to be done to see its effect. With that, Dr. Knight recommended that the awards be paused so that the data can be examined further, and stakeholder input can be considered. Following that, this would return to EIA, then to Full Committee and State Board, with hopes to implement by 2025-26. Ms. Barton asked if we can still recognize schools that have closed the pandemic gap. Dr. Knight noted that while recommendations have been made to do so, funds have not been included thus far. Ms. Barton noted that even without award funds, these schools should be acknowledged. Dr. Booker asked to clarify if there will be Palmetto Gold and Silver awards this year. Dr. Knight clarified that schools will be awarded with the current criteria and that these criteria will then be updated in a few years.

Dr. Couch introduced April Allen, who announced the formation of a Survey Advisory Group as a special standing committee. Ms. Yow stated that with the increase in survey work conducted by the EOC, and with the education data dashboard, we will need significant guidance and input from stakeholders. Dr. Couch thanked members and provided a brief update on the upcoming Full Committee Retreat. With that, the meeting adjourned.

Education Improvement Act (EIA)

EOC EIA Subcommittee Timeline 2023 Room 521 Blatt Building

Dr. Bob Couch, chair

Event	Date
EIA Summary sheets distributed to EIA Subcommittee and other relevant stakeholders; EIA Notebooks available to subcommittee members	October 9, 2023
EIA Subcommittee Meeting (Testimony from EIA applicants only)	October 16, 2023 10 am-4 pm
EIA Subcommittee Meeting (Testimony; if time available, draft recommendations from EOC staff; subcommittee to discuss EIA and vote to approve EIA program recommendations to full EOC on Dec 11)	November 13, 2023 10 am-4 pm
EIA Subcommittee Meeting (If needed, draft of EOC staff recommendations; subcommittee to discuss EIA and vote to approve EIA program recommendations to full EOC on Dec 11)	November 27, 2023 10 am-4 pm
EIA Recommendations to Full Committee for Consideration	December 11, 2023 1 pm