

AGENDA

Full Education Oversight Committee Retreat
SC Ports Authority Headquarters
200 Ports Authority Dr., Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464
2:00 P.M.

Sunday, August 6, 2023

- I. WelcomeApril Allen

- II. Approval of Full Committee Minutes, June 12, 2023April Allen

- III. Presentations and Information Items
 - Using Data in the Service of Student Learning Brennan McMahon Parton
Vice President, State Policy & Advocacy,
Data Quality Campaign (DQC)

 - Celebrating Great AXExpectations for SC Students:
EOC Strategic Plan Update.....EOC Staff

 - Remarks from the State Superintendent of Education.....Ellen Weaver
SC State Superintendent of Education

5 PM: Check-in at Holiday Inn Express and Suites, Mt Pleasant, SC
350 Johnnie Dodds Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

6:30 PM: Dinner at Red Drum Restaurant
Coleman Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

April Allen
CHAIR

Brian Newsome
VICE CHAIR

Terry Alexander

Melanie Barton

Russell Booker

Neal Collins

Bob Couch

Bill Hager

Barbara B. Hairfield

Kevin L. Johnson

Sidney Locke

Dwight Loftis

Neil C. Robinson, Jr.

Patti J. Tate

C. Ross Turner, III

Ellen Weaver

Note: If a member of the public desires to attend the meeting, please contact the EOC Office at (803) 734-6148 or via email at danay@eoc.sc.gov by close of business on August 3, 2023. Because the event will be held at a facility with strict safety protocols, prior registration is required as well as proper identification upon entering the facility.

Dana Yow
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Monday, August 7, 2023

SC Ports Authority Headquarters
200 Ports Authority Dr., Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464
9:00 A.M.

- IV. Tour of SC Ports Authority Wando Terminal with Presentation
Kelly Bus Tours will pick up EOC members, staff, and guests at the SC Ports Headquarters at 9 AM.

All members, staff, and guest should bring a valid government-issued Photo ID with them (driver's license will work)

V. Presentation and Information Items

EOC Chair Updates.....April Allen

SC Economic Update & Education

Dashboard DemonstrationFrank Rainwater
Executive Director
SC Revenue & Fiscal Affairs

Lunch will follow at 12 noon. Box lunches will be provided by The Gallery Catering at SC Ports.

SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Full Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting

June 12, 2023

Members Present (in-person or remote): Sen. Ross Turner; Melanie Barton; Dr. Patti Tate; Neil Robinson; Sen. Dwight Loftis; Barbara Hairfield; Rep. Bill Hager; Sen. Kevin Johnson; Dr. Bob Couch; Rep. Terry Alexander; Dr. Russell Booker (remote); April Allen (remote); and Rep. Neal Collins (remote)

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

Guest(s) Present: Mike King; Dr. Christine DiStefano; Matthew Ferguson; Diane Sigmon

Mr. Robinson, filling in for April Allen, called the meeting to order. As the first order of business, members moved to approve the minutes from the prior full committee meeting on April 17, 2023. The minutes were approved as they stood. Next, Mr. Robinson welcomed Mike King for a review of the South Carolina Adult Education program.

Mr. King provided a review of the structure of the Adult Education program in South Carolina as compared to other states. In South Carolina, there are currently 51 adult education providers, with over 150 sites and adult education providers available in all 46 counties. Mr. King then provided a demographic breakdown from 2018 to March 1, 2023. Ms. Barton noted that those in the 17-21 age bracket tend to do far better than those 22 and over. Mr. King noted that the younger students in adult education programs tend to perform better as they are not as far removed from school as their older counterparts. Mr. King highlighted the different program levels, noting that students at a lower level take a much longer time to complete the process. Sen. Loftis asked if reading poses the greatest challenge for students, with Mr. King stating that reading is key to the entire program. Mr. Ferguson asked if these numbers indicate completers, not all who attended an adult education program, which Mr. King confirmed. Dr. Booker asked if adult education enrollment is increasing now, after the pandemic, which Mr. King confirmed. Ms. Yow asked if these programs are free, with Mr. King noting that the majority are but that a small few have registration fees. Ms. Yow asked what other barriers exist aside from the cost of registration. Mr. King noted that transportation, family care, and childcare make up the most significant barriers to adult education enrollment and attendance.

Mr. King then described some items currently in development, such as creating a high school diploma plan for the Department of Corrections and establishing career pathways in partnership with CTE. Ms. Barton thanked Mr. King and noted that this data has been some of the most reliable from the program so far. Mr. Robinson thanked Mr. King and introduced Ms. Hairfield to provide the first subcommittee report of the meeting from Barbara Hairfield, chair of the Joint Academic Standards and Assessments and Public Awareness Subcommittee. Ms. Hairfield provided the committee with an overview of the action items: the report on the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children (ECENC) Program, the report on the Educational Performance of Military-Connected Students in South Carolina, and a report outlining the US History and Constitution End-of-Course Evaluation. For a full review of these reports, visit the ASA&PA Subcommittee meeting minutes available on the EOC website.

Ms. Hairfield then introduced Dr. Christine DiStefano to provide a follow-up on the US History EOC Evaluation and to answer any questions members might have.

Dr. DiStefano noted that the test performed well and that a majority of items met the criteria, but that two did not so it is recommended to review these items and follow up. Dr. DiStefano noted that items go through a rigorous review and that all new and old items have to meet benchmarks in order to be included. This review was conducted by way of alignment meetings. Out of 545 questions in the bank, 32% were discarded, while 373 were aligned. Ms. Hairfield noted that the motion to bring the report to committee must be seconded before questions, Neil Robinson seconded Ms. Hairfield's motion. Sen. Loftis asked if the changes made were due to a change in standards, with Mr. Ferguson noting that science provides a good example, as content is realigned between grade levels. Ms. Hairfield noted that for the US History EOC, the content is not changing, just the skills needed, bringing the evaluation to a higher standard of rigor. Mr. Robinson moved to approve this report. This motion was seconded, and with all in favor, the motion carried. All members voted in favor of the three reports.

Ms. Hairfield then introduced Dr. Matthew Lavery to provide members with information on revisions to accountability in modified in-year reporting. For a full review of these changes, visit the ASA&PA Subcommittee meeting minutes available on the EOC website. Dr. Couch then provided members with a review of two items from the EIA and Improvement Mechanisms Meeting held on May 15th, the Teacher Loan Program annual report and an update on Palmetto Gold and Silver. Dr. Couch moved the Teacher Loan Program annual report to the full committee, with all voting in approval.

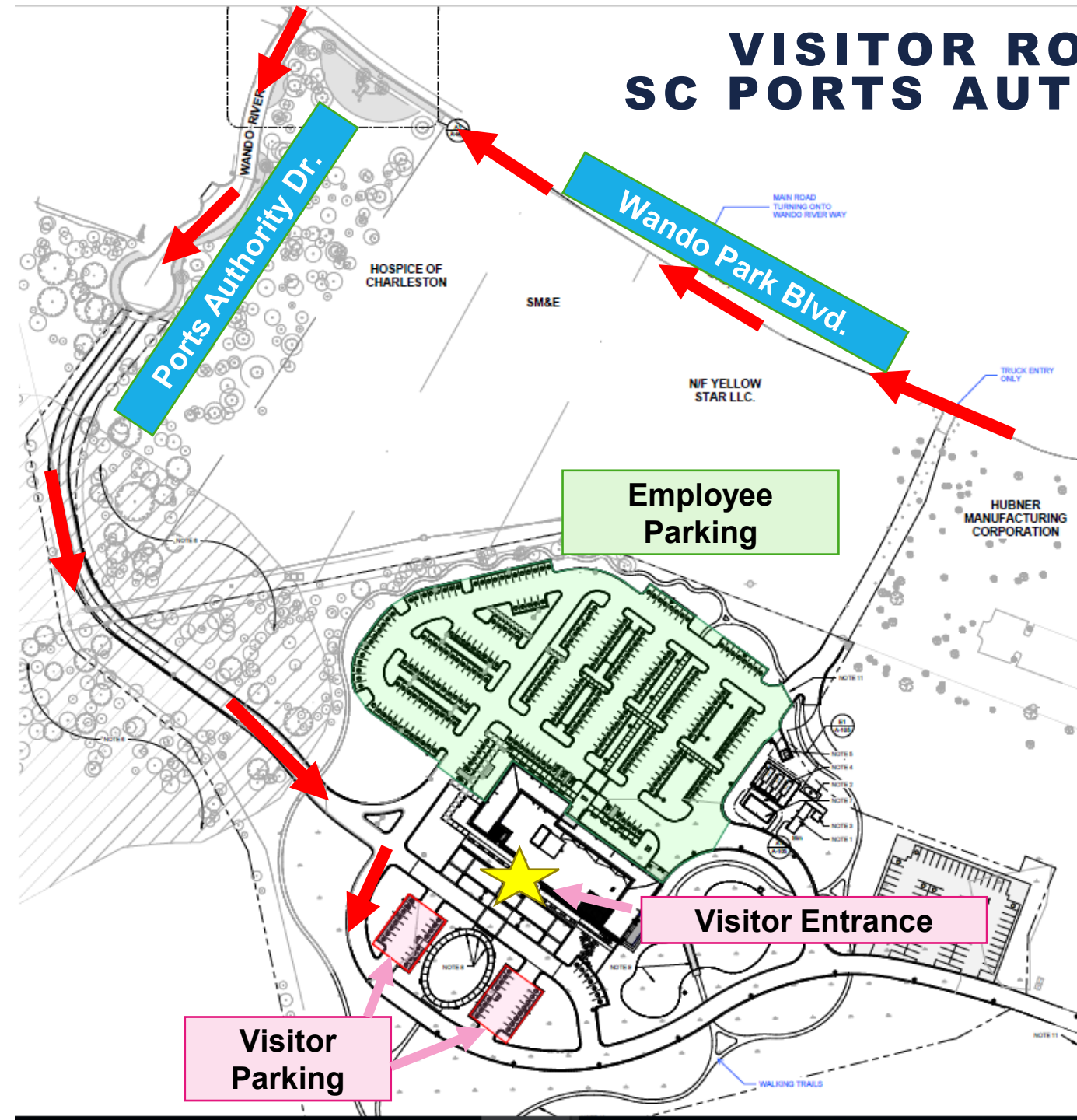
Mr. Robinson introduced Mr. Ferguson for a review of the PASS Science Field Test and accountability waiver for grades four and six. Mr. Ferguson stated that this proposal will be submitted to the federal Department of Education for review. As standards are approved, a timeline will be submitted to the EOC and State Board of Education. Sen. Loftis noted that, particularly with science, the seven-year cycle may not allow us to keep up with advancements. With no further comments, Mr. Robinson called on Interim Executive Director Dana Yow for an update. Ms. Yow provided information on the upcoming EOC retreat to be held on August 6-7 in Mt. Pleasant at the SC Ports Authority. Superintendent Ellen Weaver and RFA Executive Director Frank Rainwater will present.

Mr. Robinson called an executive session to provide members with an update on the EOC Executive Director search. When members returned from executive session, Mr. Robinson noted that no action was taken and that the search committee unanimously submitted a nomination for Dana Yow to take the position of EOC Executive Director. Dr. Tate noted her support for the nomination, as did Mr. Robinson and Sen. Johnson. All members voted in favor of the appointment. With Ms. Yow appointed EOC Executive Director, the meeting adjourned.

VISITOR ROUTE TO SC PORTS AUTHORITY HQ

200 Ports Authority Dr,
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

1. 200 Ports Authority Drive, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464
2. From Long Point, take a right onto Wando Park Blvd (not shown in diagram on left)
3. Take left onto Ports Authority Dr (previously Wando River Way)
4. Follow road to SC Ports HQ (there will be a port sign on the left right before the turn onto Ports Authority Drive)
5. Turn right into visitor parking lot (pink)
6. ★ Visitor Entrance
7. Enter through main doors and check in with the reception desk



EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

Tentative Meeting Schedule

| Subcommittees | Full Committee |
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| | August 6-7, 2023 |
| September 18, 2023 | |
| | October 9, 2023 |
| October 16, 2023* | |
| November 13, 2023* | |
| November 27, 2023 * | |
| | December 11, 2023 |
| January 22, 2024 | |
| | February 12, 2024 |
| March 18, 2024 | |
| | April 8, 2024 |
| May 20, 2024 | |
| | June 10, 2024 |

* The EIA and Improvement Mechanisms Subcommittee will tentatively meet in October 16th and November 13th and November 27th, if needed, for EIA budget hearings and reviews.