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## AGENDA

### Joint Academic Standards & Assessments and Public Awareness Subcommittee Meeting Monday, November 13, 2023 10:00 a.m. Room TBA, Blatt Building

- I. Welcome.....Dr. Patty Tate
- II. Approval of Joint ASA & PA Subcommittee Minutes  
for September 18, 2023 .....Dr. Patty Tate
- III. Action Items:
  - Industry Credentials for CCR ..... Dana Yow
  - Cut Score Concordance of  
College Readiness Exams (ACT & SAT) .....Dr. Matthew Lavery
- IV. For Information:
  - Adjustment of Student Climate Survey Participation  
Requirements for 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students.....Dr. Matthew Lavery
- V. Adjournment

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## **SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

### **Academic Standards & Assessments and Public Awareness Subcommittee Meeting**

Minutes of the Meeting

September 18, 2023

**Members Present (in-person or remote):** Dr. Patty Tate, Rep. Bill Hager, Barbara Hairfield, Sidney Locke, Sen. Dwight Loftis, Neil Robinson, Rep. Terry Alexander

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

**Guest(s) Present:** Colin Dingler, Chris Lefevre, Nivia Atwood, Stephanie Guillory, Sam Haring, Sandra Ammons

Dr. Tate welcomed members and, as the first order of business, called for a vote to approve the minutes from the prior meeting on May 15. Mr. Robinson motioned, with Rep. Hager seconding. The minutes were approved unanimously. Dr. Tate then welcomed EOC Executive Director Dana Yow to introduce the first action item: the process for approval of dual enrollment and industry certifications/credentials.

Ms. Yow reminded members of the six college ready and five career ready criteria before introducing the process for approval of dual enrollment courses. For the current school year, approximately 415 courses will be approved, compared to the approximately 702 approved for last year. Rep. Hager asked if this count is by school. Ms. Yow noted that the courses submitted are ones from the school and district. Sen. Loftis noted the need to align these courses with colleges and universities before asking how these courses are aligned with college expectations. Ms. Yow noted that they are not aligned enough but that it is important that dual enrollment courses match college rigor. Ms. Yow also noted that there are many with no students enrolled. Mr. Robinson moved to approve the process, with Sen. Loftis seconding. All voted in favor.

Next, Ms. Yow presented the process for approval of industry certifications/credentials. Ms. Yow noted that the EOC is responsible for approving these credentials but that no

approval of new certifications has occurred in three years. Mr. Robinson stated his excitement to see input from industries and businesses. Sen. Loftis asked if there is a problem in keeping up with the lists. Ms. Yow noted that many of the IT certifications are actually from 2009. Many items listed represented replacements rather than additions. Mr. Robinson moved to approve, with Dr. Tate seconding. All voted in favor.

Dr. Tate then introduced Dr. Knight for the second action item, the 2023 SC College and Career ready mathematics standards. Dr. Knight noted that the standards are reviewed on a seven-year cycle. Dr. Knight then introduced Sandra Ammons from the SC Department of Education. Ms. Ammons noted that the process began in 2021, with the writing committee divided into grade bands. All members were experts in mathematics and the invitation was extended statewide. Of note, Geometry and Statistics will now be taught before Algebra 1 and Foundations to Algebra will no longer be required. Ms. Ammons then opened the floor for questions.

Dr. Tate then asked if Foundations to Algebra and Intermediate Algebra will go away completely. Ms. Ammons noted that upon full implementation, these courses will go away. Rep. Alexander asked for the rationale for reducing the number of standards. Ms. Ammons stated that it is very difficult to teach so many standards. Ms. Hairfield asked where the missing information will go with such a massive reduction in standards. Ms. Ammons noted that many were removed due to repetition and that some were removed that didn't continue the path. Rep. Hager asked if trigonometry will be included in precalculus, which Ms. Ammons confirmed. Sen. Loftis asked about the reasoning behind including a precalculus course. Ms. Ammons introduced Janelle Wilson, the high school education associate for math standards. Ms. Wilson noted that, based on their discussions, not all students want or need calculus. Sen. Loftis noted that, depending on the school, these courses often are filled. Ms. Wilson noted that this would be a local decision. Mr. Robinson moved to approve, with Dr. Tate seconding. All approved.

Dr. Tate then introduced Dr. Lavery for an informational item about cut score calibration of college readiness exams. Dr. Lavery thanked the subcommittee and welcomed Mr. Dingler, Mr. Lefevre, Ms. Atwood, Ms. Guillory, and Mr. Haring from ACT. Dr. Lavery provided members with a brief review of the 2018 concordance study, which established

a relationship between two tests, the SAT and the ACT. This study allows for comparison of scores between the two tests. Dr. Lavery noted that while our college ready criteria are set at the composite level, the benchmarks set by ACT and SAT are at the subtest level. Therefore, with this information, staff will bring forward a recommendation for consideration at the November subcommittee meeting, with this decision moving to the full committee.

Rep. Alexander asked if the presentation could be shared, which Dr. Lavery affirmed. Mr. Haring thanked Dr. Lavery for his explanation. Dr. Tate thanked Dr. Lavery before telling members about the upcoming joint meeting with the State Board of Education to be tentatively held on November 7th. With that, the meeting adjourned. (Editor's Note: the meeting is now scheduled for November 8.)