

Minutes
Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL)
October 3, 2019

Members Present

Vice Chair Terry Seckinger
Commissioner Julie Godshall Brown
Commissioner Bettie Rose Horne, Ph.D.
Commissioner Ben Satcher, Jr.

Staff Present

Dr. Jennifer Almeda
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Dr. Saundra Carr
Dr. Sam Grubbs
Dr. John Lane
Ms. Julissa Nixon
Dr. Lishu Yin

Guests

Mr. Dwight Cauthen, Silver Crescent LLC
Dr. Daniel Ennis, Coastal Carolina University (via teleconference)
Dr. Peter King, Francis Marion University (via teleconference)
Dr. Karin Roof, The Citadel (via teleconference)
Dr. Sally Selden, The Citadel (via teleconference)

Welcome

Vice Chair Seckinger called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. Ms. Nixon confirmed a quorum by introducing the Commissioners present, and confirmed the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Continuing Awards for EIA Centers of Excellence (Teacher Education) Competitive Grants Awards, FY 2020

Vice Chair Seckinger introduced the item and the Committee **moved** (Brown) and **seconded** (Satcher) a motion to accept the staff's recommendation for approval. Dr. Lane reviewed the nature of the EIA Centers of Excellence and their mission: to impact student performance and student attitudes about learning in SC high-needs school districts/schools through unique professional development strategies in recruitment and retention to pre-service and in-service teachers based on identified best practices. Currently, six Centers are sponsored at SC institutions, five through the Commission and one via proviso. They specialize in college and career readiness; minority educator recruitment; research; alternative teacher certification; project-based learning; and teaching children from disadvantaged backgrounds. Dr. Lane summarized the Centers' highlights and the broad scope of their annual activities.

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Then, he explained that though the Centers of Excellence are initially approved for the duration of their CHE sponsorship, CAAL precedent was to approve continuing funding annually.

Committee members commented on the state need for the Centers, and commended their successes, and the relevance of their distinct missions and strategies.

Without further discussion, the Committee **voted unanimously to approve** the *EIA Centers of Excellence* Competitive Grants Awards for FY 2020.

2. Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.