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**MINUTES OF THE  
CALLED STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**Atlanta, Georgia  
Mike Royal, Board Chairman**

**October 17, 2017  
Richard Woods, Superintendent**

**Call to Order**

The State Board of Education convened on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, at 8:45 a.m. in Room 2070 Twin Towers East, State Board Room for a Called State Board Meeting. Chairman Mike Royal called the joint meeting of the State Board of Education and Education Turnaround Advisory Council to order at 8:45 a.m.

**Attendees**

**State Board of Education:**

Mr. Mike Royal	Mr. Kevin Boyd	Ms. Lee Anne Cowart
Ms. Lisa Kinnemore	Ms. Barbara Hampton	Mr. Scott Johnson
Mr. Mike Long	Ms. Helen Rice	Mr. Larry Winter

**Education Turnaround Advisory Council:**

Dr. Jimmy Stokes	Dr. Kimberly Evans	Dr. Melissa Ladd
Dr. Allene Magill	Dr. Rosemary Vaughn	Ms. Angela Palm

**Final Candidate Presentations to the State Board of Education and the Education Turnaround Advisory Council.**

In a joint session with members of the State Board of Education and members of the Education Turnaround Advisory Council, the three final candidates being considered for the Chief Turnaround Officer (CTO) position made individual presentations. individually. Kristin Amundson, Executive Director, and Robert Hull, Associate Director, with the National Association for State Boards of Education (NASBE) were also present to introduce each candidate. NASBE was retained to conduct the national search for Georgia's first CTO.

The State Board of Education conducted interviews with each of the final candidates individually.

At 3:00 p.m., by motion of Ms. Helen Rice and a second by Ms. Lisa Kinnemore, the State Board of Education entered into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

**ACTION ITEM**

*(Please note that the items in their entirety, with backup material and attachments, can be found on the State Board of Education's Simbli website, October 17, 2017, Called State Board Meeting.)*

At 3:45 p.m., by motion of Mr. Mike Long and a second by Mr. Kevin Boyd, the State Board approved a motion to exit Executive Session.

By motion of Ms. Lisa Kinnemore and a second by Mr. Mike Long, a unanimous affirmative vote was given to approve the agenda.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

1. **CTO Candidate Recommendation.** Mr. Larry Winter made a motion that an offer of employment be made to Dr. Eric Thomas for the Chief Turnaround Officer position and that Chairman Royal and Ms. Barbara Hampton be given the authorization to negotiate the terms of employment on behalf of the State Board of Education. Upon second from Mr. Scott Johnson, those present unanimously approved the motion as stated.

Chairman Royal expressed appreciation to the members of the Education Turnaround Advisory Council for their time and professionalism. He also thanked NASBE for the professional search and work throughout the four months process.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:30 p.m., by motion of Mr. Larry Winter and a second by Mr. Mike Long, an affirmative vote was given to adjourn.

The next regular State Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Caputo  
Recording Secretary