

Governor’s Teacher Advisory Committee
April 16, 2018
Department of Transportation Board Room
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Tomika Altman-Lewis
Lara Brickhouse
Deborah Brown
Bobbie Cavnar
Christine Conley
NaShonda Cooke
David Diamont
LeAnna Delph
Lisa Godwin
Dee Grissett
Mark Jewell

Tasha Martinez
Denise McCoy
Julio Morales
Elyse Cannon McRae
Kimberly Perry-Sanderlin
Bradley Rhew
Mireya Ruiz
Kimberley Strickland
Mark Townley
Keana Triplett

Not attending: Betty Brown, Nicole Sikes, Michael Bonner, Juandalynn Ray

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m. by Committee Chair LaTanya Pattillo, who then read the Conflict of Interest statement.

The body approved the agenda and the minutes from the previous meeting.

Committee member Mark Jewell recognized committee members who received external awards for their excellence in education. They were:

- Bobbie Cavnar who received the 2018 NEA Foundation Horace Mann/Member Benefits Award for Teaching Excellence
- NaShonda Bender-Cooke who received the 2018 NCAE Kay Trull Outstanding Educator Award
- Lisa Goodwin who received the NEA Teaching Excellence Award

Other members shared various accomplishments and points of recognition.

Committee members then broke into work groups to review and drill down on teacher recruitment recommendations drafted at the previous meeting. Broad recommendations to be moved forward include creating a culture of communication, restoring teacher preparation support programs and reinstating Master’s pay/ career status opportunities. These recommendations will be reviewed by staff and forwarded to the Governor for his review and acknowledgement.

Caroline Sullivan and Ashlie Bucy from the North Carolina Business Committee for Education (NCBCE) presented to the group next. Ms. Sullivan provided a brief overview of the NCBCE and described their upcoming work-based learning policy academy. Ms. Bucy previewed the Navigator online platform, which allows educators to “shop” for work-based learning opportunities provided by businesses that

have registered with the system. Committee members then shared their initial thoughts on the platform and offered to provide additional feedback as more updates are made to the Navigator.

Next, Brenda Berg from BEST NC (Business for Educational Success and Transformation) presented on BEST NC's plans for "elevating educators." She shared information about an upcoming marketing campaign geared toward the recruitment of teachers for the state. She then answered questions and solicited further feedback from the committee.

Mr. Terrance Ruth then engaged the committee in a discussion about issues in education. Mr. Ruth solicited responses to questions about various issues of importance to teachers and documented their responses. He also expressed the desire to re-connect with the group for further discussion.

The Committee broke for lunch.

Member Lara Brickhouse helped the group get ready for the next session by modeling a "brain break" energizer instructional strategy that she uses with her students.

Members then participated in a focus group around attainment as part of a listening tour for the My Future NC Commission. Dr. Trip Stallings and Dr. Jeni Corn from The Friday Institute for Educational Innovation gave an overview of the ongoing work of the commission around post-secondary attainment and facilitated two simultaneous sessions over the next hour. Members shared a number of concerns about factors that can contribute to one's ability to meet post-secondary attainment goals such as pricing structures of programs, access to opportunities, information and resources, and others. At the end of the session, Dr. Stallings thanked the group and discussed the next steps for the My Future NC Commission.

Finally, the Committee discussed next steps, and suggested possible dates and times for the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.