

# SREB



Southern Regional Education Board

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The Honorable Nikki Haley  
Governor of South Carolina  
State House  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Governor Haley:

Each year I write to update you on South Carolina's membership on the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). On June 30, 2016, the term of membership of Dr. Mitchell M. Zais on the Board expired. You may reappoint Dr. Zais or appoint someone else to serve the term July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2020. In addition, on June 30, 2013, the term of membership of Senator Nikki G. Setzler expired. You may reappoint Senator Setzler or someone else to serve the term ending June 30, 2017. Because the SREB Compact requires that at least one member of a state's representation on the Board must be a state legislator and at least one must be an educator, one of your appointments must be a legislator.

The other members now serving on the Board from South Carolina and the expiration dates for their term are:

Melanie Barton	June 30, 2018
Superintendent Molly Spearman	June 30, 2019

I am also writing about South Carolina's membership on SREB's Legislative Advisory Council, which advises the Board on legislative matters pertaining to Southern regional education. States find it important to have key legislators in education and education finance leadership positions involved in SREB's work, and SREB benefits greatly from having the group's advice and guidance. Ideally, each state has four to five members on the Council, with both House and Senate represented. At present, Senator Setzler serves on the Council by virtue of being a legislative member of the Board. Senator John W. Matthews Jr. serves on the Council at your pleasure and does not have a specified term. I hope you will increase South Carolina's presence in SREB's work by appointing two or three additional legislators, including members from the House, to serve on the Council at your pleasure. All that is necessary from SREB's standpoint is that we receive a copy of your letter to the legislators you appoint to the Council.

Enclosed are the Compact and Bylaws that include provisions concerning the appointment of members of the Board. Also enclosed are two sets of SREB's official appointment form for Board members to be completed in your office for your signature. Each appointee should receive a copy of his/her appointment form, one copy should be retained for your files, and we ask that one copy be returned to the SREB office for our official Board files.

We look forward to another productive year and appreciate South Carolina's commitment to improving education.

Sincerely,

  
David S. Spence  
President

Enclosures