

**From:** Erin Hames <erin@ReformEd.onmicrosoft.com>  
**To:** Veldran, KatherineKatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov  
**Date:** 11/13/2015 3:02:40 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting with South Carolina Education Reform Task Force

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I have another call scheduled at 3:30. Just call when you are free. Hopefully I will be free as well.

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**From:** Katherine Veldran  
**Date:** Friday, November 13, 2015 at 3:01 PM  
**To:** Erin Hames  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with South Carolina Education Reform Task Force

Going into a meeting with Gov at 3:15pm.  
Can I call you after that meeting?  
Katherine

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**From:** Erin Hames [mailto:erin@ReformEd.onmicrosoft.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 13, 2015 2:19 PM  
**To:** Veldran, Katherine  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting with South Carolina Education Reform Task Force

No, I can send you a message if I finish up before 3:00

On Nov 13, 2015, at 2:13 PM, Veldran, Katherine <KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Can you do a call now?

On Nov 12, 2015, at 6:42 PM, Erin Hames <erin@ReformEd.onmicrosoft.com> wrote:

Please just call my cell then. 678-780-9324

On Nov 12, 2015, at 3:50 PM, Veldran, Katherine <KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Can you do 3:00 tomorrow?

On Nov 11, 2015, at 4:08 PM, Erin Hames <erin@ReformEd.onmicrosoft.com> wrote:

Sure, what time works best for you?

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**From:** Katherine Veldran  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 4:04 PM  
**To:** Erin Hames  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting with South Carolina Education Reform Task Force

Hey there! Thank you for the email. Can you do a call on Friday?  
Katherine

On Nov 11, 2015, at 1:30 PM, Erin Hames <[erin@ReformEd.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:erin@ReformEd.onmicrosoft.com)> wrote:

Katherine,

I hope you're doing well. I always enjoy seeing you at RGA events. I left my position in Governor Deal's office in September to start my own firm. I still work with Governor Deal and am very engaged in his efforts to reform Georgia's K-12 funding formula. I wanted to reach out to you about a request we received to have members of Governor Deal's Education Reform Commission meet with a delegation from the South Carolina House Education Policy Review and Reform Task Force on December 1st. Before committing to doing so, we wanted to make certain that this task force is supporting Governor Haley and her priorities.

Please advise how you would for us to handle. I am happy to discuss by phone if that is easier.  
678-780-9324

The email we received is pasted below.

Thank you,  
Erin Hames

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Dear selected members of the Georgia Education Reform Commission:

I write to inquire about your availability for attending a meeting at the Georgia capitol between selected members of the Georgia Education Reform Commission and your counterparts on the South Carolina House Education Policy Review and Reform Task Force from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1.

As you know, educational reform has been in the news headlines in South Carolina in recent months, with the state Supreme Court seeking to enforce a 2014 ruling that found the state had failed to provide a minimally adequate education to its public school student. The South Carolina General Assembly first was given until February 1, 2016, to come up with a plan to improve its state education

system, and last Thursday, the Court extended the deadline to the end of the 2016 legislative session.

Members on the South Carolina House Education Policy Review and Reform Task Force have requested, through the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC), Southern Office of The Council of State Governments, to meet with you and your colleagues to discuss the work of the Georgia Education Reform Commission, including:

- The objective of the Commission and the timeline for completing your work;
- The challenges encountered during the educational reform research process, and the formulation of recommendations for the governor;
- Resources and solutions you have encountered while carrying out your charge;
- Any ongoing issues you are still seeking to resolve; and
- Your general experience serving on the Commission, lessons you have learned throughout the process, and suggestions you may have for any governmental entities with a similar charge.

Representative Tom Dickson, your colleague on the Governor Nathan Deal's Georgia Education Reform Commission and vice chair of the SLC Education Committee, identified you as a member that would have particularly valuable input for your colleagues serving on the South Carolina House Education Policy Review and Reform Task Force. As such, we sincerely hope you are able to participate and greatly appreciate your time if you do.

With December 1st approaching quickly, if you also would let us know about your availability as soon as possible, we would greatly appreciate your expedient response.

Thank you and best regards,

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