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## Church suspect competency hearing wraps up with no decision made yet

### CHARLESTON

There's no official decision yet on the competency of Dylann Roof to stand trial in the killing of nine black worshippers at a South Carolina church.

Court officials say no decision was reached in the two-day hearing that ended Tuesday afternoon in Charleston.

U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel says he'll rule later this week if the trial can continue.

Gergel closed the hearing amid concern its contents could taint potential jurors'



Roof

views of Roof. The hearing came as Gov. Nikki Haley attended a prayer vigil blocks away at Emanuel AME Church, site of the 2015 shootings. The vigil was one of many statewide Haley requested to encourage prayer for South Carolina during the trials of Roof and former North Charleston officer Michael Slager, as well as recovery from Hurricane Matthew.

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## Haley 'leading candidate' for UN ambassador, newspaper report says

S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley is President-elect Donald Trump's "leading candidate" for the next ambassador to the United Nations, according to the Wall Street Journal.



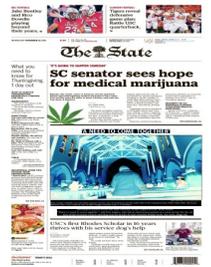
Haley

Haley was rumored last week to be a contender for secretary of state. However, the Wall Street Journal article said Trump is leaning toward Mitt Romney.

Haley met last week with Trump in New York, but details of the meeting were scarce. Haley also was elected vice chair of the Republican Governors Association last week.

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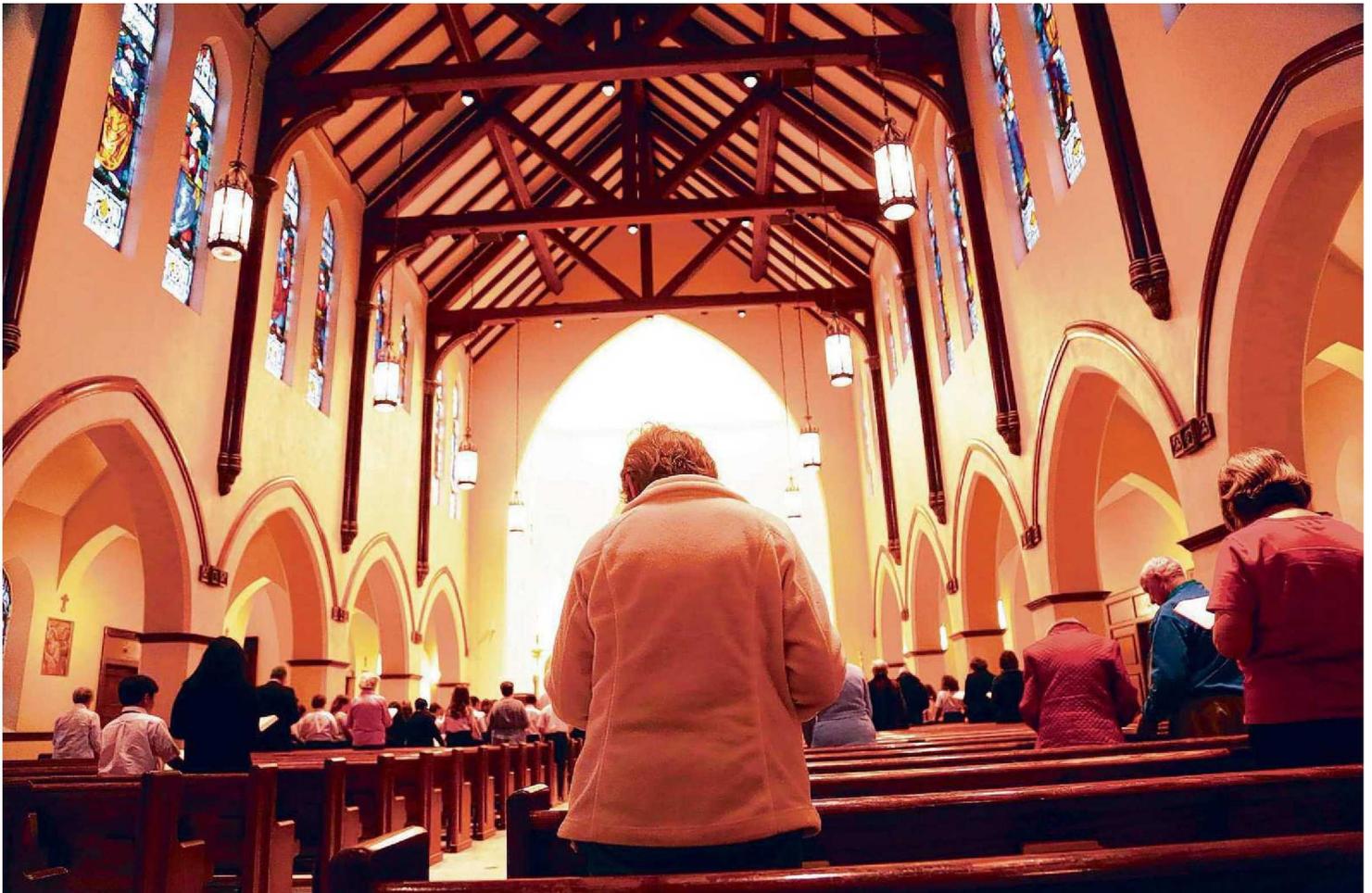
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# 'A NEED TO COME TOGETHER'

Worshippers prayed across the state Tuesday, at the request of Gov. Nikki Haley.

"There's a need to come together," said Dan Rogers, who led an intercessory prayer at a noon service for the victims of the Emanuel Church shooting and the family of slain motorist Walter Scott. See story, **Page 3A**.



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Saint Joseph Catholic Church holds a prayer service, one of several across the state held at the request of Gov. Nikki Haley after Hurricane Matthew and in the midst of two racially-charged murder trials in Charleston.

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# Haley top contender for UN ambassador, per report

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Gov. Nikki Haley is the “leading candidate” to become U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, the *Wall Street Journal* reports.

Haley met with President-elect Donald Trump last week amid reports she was under consideration for multiple cabinet positions in the coming Trump Administration. One of those positions is believed to be secretary of state.

Both secretary of state and U.N. ambassador are positions concerning diplomacy and foreign policy, areas in which Haley has limited experience. The two-term South Carolina governor has led trade missions to countries including India, Sweden and Germany during her tenure, and the S.C. Department of Commerce has offices in India, Germany, Japan and China.

Haley and her staff have been tight-lipped about what Haley and Trump discussed during their meeting in the president-elect’s Manhattan office. When asked about the meeting at a Monday press conference, Haley said she would not discuss details because it was a private meeting. Haley’s deputy



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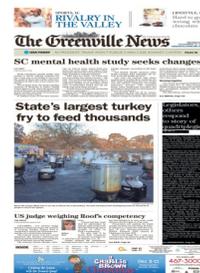
**South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley met with President-elect Donald Trump last week.**

chief of staff Rob Godfrey characterized the meeting as a “good discussion” in a statement released after the meeting.

Haley’s office did not immediately respond to a request for comment Tuesday.

If Haley accepted any job with the Trump Administration before her term as governor expires, Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster would assume the governorship.

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# Legislators, others respond to story of quadriplegic

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COLUMBIA - Lawmakers say they are considering legislation in the wake of a story in *The Greenville News* concerning an Upstate quadriplegic who has battled state agencies for nine years in an attempt to get the nursing services ordered by her doctors.

The legislators say they were saddened and disturbed by Sunday's story in *The News* that detailed the plight of Brook Waddle, a 28-year-old quadriplegic living in her mother's home in Landrum that is at risk of foreclosure.

Waddle is a former homecoming queen, athlete and cheerleader who was paralyzed in 2005 in an auto accident. She was treated at various hospitals for two years before being moved to her mother's home.

## Quadriplegic

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"It's a heartbreaking story that gets increasingly worse," said Sen. Harvey Peeler, a Gaffney Republican who chairs the Senate Medical Affairs Committee.

Peeler said he tried contacting the agencies to talk about Waddle's case but was told they could not discuss it because of federal medical privacy laws.

"Which is frustrating, to say the least," he said. "I wish there was something we could do legislatively, and I'm going to take a look at it, but I don't want to give anyone any false hopes because it is tied up in the courts."

Rep. Leola Robinson-Simpson, a Greenville Democrat who serves on the House Medical, Military and Municipal Affairs Committee, said she plans to work on legislation because other families also are suffering who take care of loved ones who are disabled.

Though a doctor in 2007 ordered at least 108 hours of skilled care per week for Waddle, including 24 hours of care by a registered nurse and attendant care whenever a nurse was not available, the state departments of Disabilities and Special Needs and Health and Human Services have never approved that amount.

In fact, records show, the amount of approved nursing care has been steadily cut over the years and Waddle has never had the regular care of a registered nurse, despite a complex medical condition.

An HHS hearing officer in 2013 found the agency improperly reduced Waddle's hours, said the state had violated her due process rights and said the state should have provided RN

care at least weekly since she was home. In addition, the officer concluded that Waddle should have received the care her doctor ordered until the end of her administrative appeal. She ordered the state to pay \$140,148 to Waddle's mother for her years as a caretaker.

The hearing officer's directives have yet to be followed by the state, according to Waddle's lawyer, Patricia Logan Harrison.

The story has brought expressions of frustration about the state's handling of Waddle and sympathy for her from readers, as well as by legislators.

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"What really bothered me is how we could have been more of a blessing to her instead of an impediment," she said. "Sometimes you can cope with things in life that occur. But when you have support from your community and your government, it makes it more bearable. I was very disturbed by that."

She said she is working with members of the Silver-haired Legislature, an advisory group created by the General Assembly to advocate for older residents, on legislation that would provide assistance to caretakers and parents of the disabled.

"It is very much needed," she said. "I think there have been unnecessary obstacles to assisting families. It's touched a nerve not only with me but a lot of people. We can do better."

Sen. Glenn Reese, a Spartanburg

County Democrat who represents part of Landrum, said he was unfamiliar with Waddle's story but believes the hurdles she faced are rooted in agencies not having the funding they need to serve the state's most vulnerable citizens.

"It's a bad situation, but if the House and Senate are not going to be willing to step up to the plate and fund the agencies, we need to shut them down and not take any responsibility if they are going to be that way," he said.

Among those who were upset at Waddle's handling was Roxanne Walker Cordonier of Taylors, who said she has been a volunteer guardian ad litem for 16 years.

"Brook Waddle's compelling story is yet another chapter in the endless saga of the mismanagement of the DDSN,"

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she said. "I wish I could blame Nikki Haley for the mess that is this agency, but the mismanagement preceded her administration. I feel like South Carolina denies services to the most vulnerable of our residents simply because they can."

As a guardian, she said, she saw firsthand how disabled children in state custody are treated.

"I've always known that poor people and children can be abused because they don't have any political power," she said. "Even though Brook's parents have what appears to be a very good attorney, the system makes it impossible to navigate

or obtain the services you are entitled to. I love this state, but our government is starved of resources, mismanaged by administrators and overrun by good ole boys who only look out for themselves."

Several readers have asked about how to donate to the Waddles.

Two women say they are working on a GoFundMe account.

Patricia Logan Harrison, Waddle's lawyer, said donations can be directed to a trust fund for Waddle at the Arthur State Bank.

Harrison also has notified the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Ser-

vices of Waddle's case and asked for assistance in forcing the agencies to comply.

"We would appreciate some help from CMS in requiring DHHS to pay the amount ordered by its hearing officer so that the Waddle home is not lost to foreclosure, causing Brook to be institutionalized, and to give CMS an opportunity to help DHHS understand the importance of providing the services the hearing officer ordered during the administrative appeal," she wrote. "This case demonstrates what a farce 'fair hearings' are in South Carolina."



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Brook Waddle is shown at her home in Landrum.

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# Governor names new SC Revenue director

**■ S.C. Department of Revenue director Rick Reames is stepping down; Hartley Powell will succeed him.**

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S.C. Department of Revenue director Rick Reames is stepping down after three years in charge, Gov. Nikki Haley said Monday.

The Republican governor tapped Hartley Powell of Columbia, a lawyer and

KPMG tax professional, to succeed Reames.

Haley said Powell, whose nomination

requires confirmation by the state Senate, will focus more on advising counties in how to create tax policies that help attract economic development.

“We will now see the Department of Revenue work closely with the counties and with the Department of Commerce as we continue to negotiate deals, bring jobs, continue to have higher num-

bers of people working,” Haley said.

Powell and Reames said they will work together on the transition until Powell takes over on Jan. 2.

Haley praised Reames for tackling the Revenue Department’s security issues, taking

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on tax fraud and building agency morale “back up so that they could be proud of who they were.”

Reames, who was paid \$160,650 last year, recently feuded with Richland County over its penny sales-tax program. The Revenue Department alleged possible corruption, fraud and misuse in

connection with the county’s 1 percent sales tax for transportation projects.

In June, a state judge ordered the Revenue Department to release \$17 million in penny sales proceeds that it had been withholding from the county. But Reames claimed victory in the case since the judge ruled his

agency can go forward with its claims that Richland County is wrongly spending the tax money.

Reames of Florence said he has not decided what he will do next in the private sector.

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Powell

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## CHARLESTON CHURCH SLAYINGS

# Closed hearing on Roof's competency to continue

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CHARLESTON

A hearing to determine whether Charleston church killer Dylann Roof is mentally fit to stand trial will continue Tuesday in federal court in Charleston.

The hearing began Monday behind closed doors. U.S. Judge Richard Gergel said last week that he hoped to decide on Roof's competence after the hearing.

A criminal defendant must be able to understand and participate in legal proceedings.

Gergel may be wrestling with last-minute issues raised by

Roof's lawyers, led by veteran anti-death penalty attorney David Bruck.

Four nonpublic documents were filed Monday, making it impos-

sible to say if the material came from federal prosecutors or Roof's lawyers. So far, 645 documents have been submitted, most of them private.

Roof's competency hearing was closed to the public despite pleas to open it from more than a half-dozen African-American survivors and relatives of victims of the June 2015 massacre at historic Mother Emanuel AME Church.

Gergel refused, saying that Roof's right to a fair trial and getting an impartial jury trumped those concerns.

A federal indictment in the case alleges Roof, 22, a self-described white supremacist from the Columbia area, went to Charleston to kill African-Americans to "incite racial tensions across the nation." Roof killed nine people, including church pastor state Sen. Clementa Pinckney.

Gergel said he would release a censored transcript of the hearing, opening those portions that don't affect Roof's rights.

The judge has said he would like jury selection for Roof's trial to begin Monday, assuming Roof is found competent.

Meanwhile, Gov. Nikki Haley is asking South Carolinians to pray for healing amid two racially-charged murder trials and recovery from Hurricane Matthew. She is urging places of worship to hold a prayer vigil at noon Tuesday. She also wants church bells to be rung statewide. The governor will be at Mother Emanuel AME Church.

Besides the Roof hearing, the trial of former North Charleston officer Michael Slager is under way. He's accused of fatally shooting a black motorist in the back as he fled. Haley says, "We don't know what's going to come out of these murder trials." She says it's important "we all come together" and reflect.



Roof



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'A GOOD MEETING'

Haley:
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S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley would not say what she and President-elect Donald Trump discussed in their meeting last week. But she continues to be the focus of talk about a potential Cabinet appointment.

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S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley did not offer many details Monday on her meeting with President-elect Donald Trump, even as she continues to be the focus of talk about a potential Cabinet appointment.

Haley would not say what she and Trump discussed in their meeting last week. The Republican governor, touted as a possible Cabinet appointee under the New York real estate mogul, said they had a "very nice" conversation about several topics.

"It was a private meeting,"

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Haley said she has been in talks with the Trump transition team since the meeting and that she will continue to support the president-elect.

"What we want is a very

successful Trump transition and administration. That only helps South Carolina. From that standpoint, we should all be praying for his success."

Haley said Monday at a press conference.

Haley held the press conference at the State House to announce a new director of the state Department of Revenue, but was questioned about reports she could be named Trump's secretary of state. Haley also has been speculated to be a candidate for secretary of the Commerce Department.

"I was very happy to be invited," Haley said. "It was a good meeting. We talked about a multiple group of topics."

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Haley attributed her national profile to S.C. residents, especially their response to tragedies and natural disasters.

"It was all about the team," she said.

Haley was sharply critical of Trump at times during the GOP primary campaign, but is one of several Trump critics reportedly being considered for jobs in the presi-

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dent-elect's administration.

Haley said Monday her critiques of Trump during the campaign were professional, not personal. She added her relationship with Trump did not need mending during last week's meeting.

"He was a friend and supporter before he ran for president, and was kind to me then. But when I see something I am uncomfortable with, I say it.

... When we met, it was friends who had known each other before."

Trump previously had contributed to a Haley-backed political committee, and the Republican's 2010 and 2015 campaigns for governor.

Trump met with former GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney over the weekend, another frequent critic who also is considered a candidate for secretary of state.

Also on Monday, U.S. Rep. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tennessee, indicated Trump was planning to name women to prominent positions in his administration.

The president-elect met Monday in Trump Tower with U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii, a populist Democrat who backed Bernie Sanders in his primary challenge to Hillary Clinton.

Trump also was to meet

with Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin and former Texas governor and GOP presidential rival Rick Perry.

Trump aide Kellyanne Conway told Fox News that Perry is a possible contender to lead the Defense or Energy departments and that Fallin is being considered to head the Interior Department.

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Haley



Trump

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# Second board member quits Recreation Commission

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A second board member of the embattled Richland County Recreation Commission has resigned, bringing the number of remaining commissioners to five.

Board secretary Weston Furgess Jr. turned in a resignation letter Friday announcing he was stepping down, said David Stringer, human resources director for the commission.

While the commission did not immediately publicize Furgess' resignation, his nameplate was noticeably absent from the board dais during Monday's commission meeting.

In the letter dated Nov. 17 and addressed to Gov. Nikki Haley, Furgess said he hopes his decision to resign will help "lift the cloud

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remove them on Nov. 30, though a time or place has not been set.

Haley acted at the urging of legislators after months of lawsuits alleging sexual harassment by Recreation Commission director James Brown III, who retired last month after he was indicted for misconduct in office.

Commissioner Wilbert Lewis was the first board member to resign, on Nov. 15. Lewis was not one of the five board members that some of state legisla-

tors accused of allowing unwarranted pay raises and widespread nepotism at the commission.

Commissioner Thomas Clark also was not asked to quit. Both he and Lewis had been more critical of Brown.

Furgess was among the five board members that 10 state legislators of the Richland County delegation wanted to see go.

The other four include board chair J. Marie Green, vice chair Barbara Mickens, George Martin

hanging over the agency and that they will be able to move forward in prayer."

"My tenure with the agency was uplifting and a great opportunity to serve the citizens of Richland County," Furgess said in the letter.

Furgess is the second board member to quit in recent weeks since Haley moved to fire the commission's seven-member board. Members of the board can appeal Haley's decision to

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### MORE INSIDE

Clemson QB Deshaun Watson will try to compete his hat trick of victories against three USC head coaches: Spurrier, Elliott and Muschamp, **1B**

### ONLINE

**THESTATE.COM:** Video of the tiger burn

Jr. and Joseph Weeks.

Green said in October she would not seek reappointment and step down when her term ends in February. Furgess' appointment was set to expire on Feb. 27, 2020. He had served since Feb. 27, 2010.

The remaining commissioners declined to comment on his resignation on Monday.

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University of South Carolina fans burn a tiger sculpture for the 2016 Tiger Burn on Monday before the rivalry game between USC and Clemson.

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The traditional burning of the tiger sculpture was held at the Greene Street Intramural Fields in advance of the Carolina-Clemson football game. The history and tradition of Tiger Burn dates back to 1902. This year's tiger was built by the student group American Society of Mechanical Engineers.



Furgess

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## Appointed superintendent

As the state's chief executive, the governor should have a lot more to say about the direction of public education, as one of the state's preeminent responsibilities. The best way to accomplish that would be to give the governor authority to appoint the state superintendent of education....

Both Gov. Nikki Haley and state Superintendent Molly Spearman are endorsing the change, and are urging the Legislature to put the question to a vote in the next general election.

In a letter to lawmakers this week, they point out that South Carolina is one of only 13 states where the superintendent is an elected official, "wholly separate from the administration of the governor."

The result?

"Instead of moving the state forward with a common vision for education priorities, this divided leadership structure can result in incompatible positions, a lack of coordination and fragmented accountability for failures in our pre-K-12 education system."

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**SOUTH CAROLINA IS ONE OF ONLY 13 STATES WHERE THE SUPERINTENDENT IS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL, 'WHOLLY SEPARATE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNOR.'**

And there is an unfortunate record of failure in public education in South Carolina, which typically ranks among the bottom tier of states in many measures of student achievement.

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