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*“Civic Engagement in Public Education”*

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## **Five education leaders named to SC-SIC Board of Trustees**

COLUMBIA – Five education leaders from across South Carolina have recently been named to the S.C. School Improvement Council Board of Trustees, Board Chairman Carlos Primus has announced.

Elected to full three-year terms on the Board were Bob Grant of Spartanburg, Bonnie King of Manning, and Lina Wehbi of Columbia. Appointed to fill unexpired terms on the Board were Dr. Sandra Lindsay-Brown of Rock Hill and Dr. Bob L. Hanley of Anderson.

The SC-SIC Board is composed of 21 members from all corners of the state and acts in an advisory capacity to the S.C. School Improvement Council (SC-SIC), which provides services to more than 15,000 members of local School Improvement Councils in the state’s 1,100-plus K-12 public schools.

“These five individuals demonstrate a great deal of passion for and understanding of public education and its significant impact on the future economic health of our state,” said Primus. “We are very fortunate to have them and their expertise on our Board, and we look forward to partnering with them in the coming years as we help the S.C. School Improvement Council to provide vital services to our schools, our children and our communities.”

Mr. Grant is a career educator currently serving as principal of Jesse Boyd Elementary School in Spartanburg School District 7. He has also served as principal of J.S. Shanklin Elementary in the Beaufort County School District, and has held the positions of interim principal, assistant principal, interim assistant principal, summer school director, and elementary classroom teacher. Mr. Grant holds the Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications/Journalism from the University of South Carolina-Spartanburg, the Master of Education degree in Elementary Education from Converse College, and the Education Specialist degree in Administration and Supervision from Converse College.

Ms. King has served as Director of Public Relations and Coordinator of School-to-Work Programs for the Williamsburg County School District since 1999. She was previously that district’s Coordinator of Tech Prep, served as a job developer and plan manager for Williamsburg County Disabilities and Special Needs, and was formerly Financial Administrator for the City of Manning. Ms. King holds the Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing, the Master of Arts degree in Rehabilitation Counseling, and the Masters of Education degree in Counselor Education from South Carolina State University.

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Ms. Wehbi currently serves as a French teacher and Department Chair at Eau Claire High School in Richland School District 1, where she has also served as the school's SIC Chair. A native of Lebanon, her professional career has taken her to various parts of the globe. She has served as Adjunct Professor of French at Saginaw Valley (MI) State University, and has taught French at the International College in Beirut, the American University of Beirut, and the French Cultural Center/Lebanese School in Doha-Qatar. Ms. Wehbi holds the Bachelor of Arts degree in French Literature from Lebanese University and the Master of Arts degree in French from the University of South Carolina.

Dr. Lindsay-Brown is currently the principal of The Children's School at Sylvia Circle, a public Montessori school in Rock Hill School District 3. A career educator, she has also served as a principal and assistant principal in the Chester County School District and as an elementary classroom teacher in Richland School District 1. Dr. Lindsay-Brown holds the Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of South Carolina, Certification in Early Child and Elementary Education from Benedict College, the Master of Education degree in Educational Administration from USC, the Education Specialist degree in Superintendentcy from South Carolina State University, Certification in Montessori School Management from the College of New Rochelle (NY), and the Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership from South Carolina State University.

Dr. Bob L. Hanley is Vice President for Student Development and Associate Professor of Education at Anderson University. His teaching career has included serving as adjunct faculty at Lander University, Tricounty Technical College, and serving as a public school teacher of English, AP English and Department Chair. He has held several administrative posts at Anderson University including Dean of Student Services, Coordinator of Secondary Education, Associate Academic Dean, Assistant Head of the English Department, and Chair of the Faculty. Dr. Hanley holds the Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees in English from Clemson University, and the Ph.D. degree in Language Education from the University of Georgia.

Located at the University of South Carolina's College of Education, the S.C. School Improvement Council was established in state law over three decades ago to provide the member training, technical assistance, statutory accountability, and operational resources vital to the continued success of the community-based School Improvement Councils in each of the state's K-12 public schools.