

MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 8, 2007
Tampa Airport Marriott
Tampa International Airport
Tampa, Florida

Chairman T. Willard Fair welcomed members and guests to the State Board of Education meeting at the Tampa Airport Marriott, on October 8, 2007, with the following members present: Donna Callaway, Akshay Desai, Roberto Martinez, Phoebe Raulerson, and Kathleen Shanahan. Linda Taylor participated in the meeting via phone.

Interviews of the Next Commissioner of Education

State Board members of the State Board of Education interviewed the following three finalists for the position of Commissioner of Education: Dr. Cheri Pierson Yecke, Dr. Eric Smith, and Dr. Joseph Marinelli.

Upon completion of all interviews, Dr. Desai made the motion to offer the position of Commissioner of Education to Dr. Smith with a second by Ms. Shanahan. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Fair stated that he would finalize all issues relating to Dr. Smith's employment with the Board, as well as ensure that the Governor's office was well informed of the status and progress.

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business, Chairman Fair adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education.

Lynn Abbott, Corporate Secretary

T. Willard Fair, Chairman