

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mick Zais, State Superintendent of Education
Mr. Barry Bolen, Chair of the State Board of Education

FROM: Melanie Barton *Melanie Barton*

DATE: April 29, 2014

IN RE: Science Standards

The Education Accountability Act (EAA) as amended requires the State Board of Education and the Education Oversight Committee (EOC) to approve all academic standards and any revisions. As you will recall, the EOC and State Board of Education have mutually approved all changes to the *2005 South Carolina Science Academic Standards* except for one standard, Standard H.B.5 of the Biology 1 course for South Carolina high schools.

On April 28, 2014, the EOC met and voted to recommend to the State Board of Education that the Board consider approving an additional performance indicator, H.B.5C.4 that states that students be able to:

H.B.5C.4. (NEW)

Construct scientific arguments that seem to support and scientific arguments that seem to discredit Darwinian natural selection

I have attached the entire standard and recommended new performance indicator. If I can answer any questions, please let me know.

Attachment

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