



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Subcommittee on Laboratory Schools

September 19, 2019 at 3:00 PM
University of North Carolina System Office
Center for School Leadership Development/Spangler Center, Room 279
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

AGENDA

- A-1. Welcome and Introductions C. Philip Byers
- A-2. Laboratory Schools Compliance Resolution Michael Delafield
- A-3. Laboratory Schools Funding Allocation Andrew Kelly
- A-4. Adjourn

AGENDA ITEM

A-2. Laboratory Schools Compliance ResolutionMichael Delafield

- Situation:** The Laboratory Schools program poses unique compliance challenges for the constituent universities because the schools are subject to K-12 laws and regulations that do not typically apply to institutions of higher education. To help manage these compliance challenges and the resulting risks, System Office staff have prepared a resolution directing the chancellors of those UNC System universities that operate laboratory schools to work collaboratively with the UNC System Office to design, implement, and report on a comprehensive compliance program.
- Background:** The Subcommittee on Laboratory Schools is responsible for the oversight of the operation of each laboratory school, mandated by Article 29A of the North Carolina General Statutes. Chancellors of the constituent institutions that operate laboratory schools are designated to adopt policies and operational procedures to govern their respective laboratory schools. The proposed resolution calls on chancellors of constituent institutions hosting laboratory schools to adopt comprehensive compliance programs and report on the results of those compliance programs to the Subcommittee on Laboratory Schools.
- Assessment:** The implementation of compliance programs at each laboratory school will help ensure compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and policies and enable laboratory schools to more effectively share best practices.
- Action:** This item requires a vote by the committee.



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

LABORATORY SCHOOLS COMPLIANCE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors, through its Subcommittee on Laboratory Schools, is responsible for the oversight of the operations of laboratory schools created and operated under Article 29A of the North Carolina General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the chancellors of those UNC institutions housing laboratory schools are designated by statute as the administrative heads of those laboratory schools, charged with providing the general direction of the school and adopting policies and operating procedures to govern their respective laboratory schools, in consultation with their advisory boards; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors and the chancellors of the UNC constituent institutions share an unwavering commitment to the highest standards of ethics, integrity and compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, this Subcommittee has determined that it is in the best interest of the students and families served by the laboratory schools, the Board of Governors, the constituent institutions with laboratory schools, and the laboratory schools for the chancellors to establish robust and comprehensive compliance monitoring and reporting programs for their respective laboratory schools,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Subcommittee hereby directs the chancellors of the constituent institutions housing laboratory schools and their respective staffs to work collaboratively with UNC System Office and others to design and implement comprehensive compliance programs which identify compliance gaps, address identified gaps, and submit annual reports to the Subcommittee on the compliance efforts at the schools, with the reporting timeline to be defined by the System Office in consultation with this subcommittee;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the System Office shall, at the request of the laboratory schools and through the Division of Strategy and Policy, assist the chancellors in the development and implementation of their respective compliance programs by convening representatives of the laboratory schools to collaborate, share best practices, and learn from experts in public school law, finance, and policy.

Adopted this 20th day of September, 2019

C. Philip Byers, Chair

Meredith M. Steadman, Secretary

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A-3. Laboratory Schools Funding Allocation..... Andrew Kelly

- Situation:** The North Carolina General Assembly appropriates \$2M in recurring funds to the UNC System Office to support the Laboratory Schools Initiative. The majority of that funding is distributed to constituent institutions to support their operation of laboratory schools. The proposed allocation model will provide a base amount for each school up to a particular enrollment level. When a laboratory school's enrollment exceeds that enrollment level, additional funds will be distributed on a per-pupil basis.
- Background:** Historically, the System Office has provided both start-up and operational funding for each laboratory school on a per-school basis, to account for fixed costs associated with starting a new school. However, significant differences in school size, level, and mission have emerged as the number of schools has grown. In light of these differences, System Office staff have developed an alternative funding formula to reflect these differences.
- Assessment:** The proposed allocation method aims to establish a balanced approach that takes into consideration both the fixed and per-pupil expenditures at each laboratory school. System Office staff request the Subcommittee's feedback on the approach.
- Action:** This item is for information only.