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**The Higher Education Governance Ad Hoc Committee
Meeting on Thursday, September 17, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 433 of the Blatt Building.**

Members: Representative Bill Taylor, Chairman; Representatives Jeff Bradley, Robert Brown, Gary Clary, Raye Felder, Wayne George, Jeff Johnson, Harold Mitchell and Don Wells

AGENDA

- I. Introduction** Chairman Bill Taylor
- II. Overview of Objectives** Dr. Dave Spence, President, Southern Regional Education Board
- III. Panel and Committee Discussion** Moderated by Dr. Dave Spence
- Panel Guests:
- Dr. Pat Callan, President, Higher Education Policy Institute
- Dr. Tom Layzell, retired former Chancellor, Illinois Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities
- Dr. Brian Noland, President, East Tennessee State University
- IV. Next Meeting Dates: September 24, October 6 and November TBD**

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David S. Spence is president of the Southern Regional Education Board, where he consults on education policy with governors, state legislators, state K-12 and higher education chiefs and other leaders in the organization's 16 member states. He has led one of the nation's foremost efforts to work with states in establishing statewide college readiness policies aimed at increasing the percentage of state populations with a postsecondary certificate or degree. Spence became SREB president in 2005, after leadership roles in education agencies in three states. From 1998 to 2005, he was executive vice chancellor and chief academic officer of the California State University System, where he led California's Early Assessment Program to help more high school students prepare for postsecondary education. He also served as executive director of the Florida Postsecondary Education Planning Commission, executive vice chancellor for the University System of Georgia, and executive vice chancellor and vice chancellor for academic programs at the State University System of Florida. He holds a Ph.D. in higher education from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Patrick M. Callan is president of the Higher Education Policy Institute. He previously served as president of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, executive director of the California Higher Education Policy Center, the California Postsecondary Education Commission, the Washington State Council for Postsecondary Education, the Montana Commission on Postsecondary Education, and as vice president of the Education Commission of the States. He authored many articles and papers on education, educational opportunity, public accountability, financing of higher education, and leadership. Callan is co-editor of *Public and Private Financing of Higher Education: Shaping Public Policy for the Future* (1997); *The Learning Connection, New Partnerships between Schools and Colleges* (2001); and co-author of *Designing State Higher Education Systems for a New Century* (2001), and *Financing American Higher Education in the Age of Globalization* (2012).

Tom Layzell was a System Head for 23 years. He was Chancellor of the Illinois Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities, Commissioner of Higher Education for the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, and President of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. He has also served as an advisor to the Louisiana Board of Regents, Interim President of the University of Louisiana System, and as the chief financial officer of a university, and of a multi-campus university system. Layzell has served as president of SHEEO, president of NASH, a member of the National Commission on Accountability in Higher Education, a member of the Illinois Legislative Study Commission on Higher Education Finance, and a member of the AGB Council of Presidents. Tom received a BA degree in History from Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois, and JD and MAPA degrees from the University of Illinois.

Brian Noland became the ninth President of East Tennessee State University in 2012. Prior to coming to ETSU, Dr. Noland spent five years as Chancellor of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, a 10-person board that oversees the state's post-secondary education system. From 1998-2006, he worked for the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and was promoted through the ranks to Associate Executive Director. Among his responsibilities while at THEC was implementing the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship program. He also was a faculty member in the Peabody College of Education at Vanderbilt University. Noland received his B.A. in Political Science and M.A. in Public Policy Studies from West Virginia University and holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

Gale Gaines, Vice President for State Services, Southern Regional Education Board, has worked in a number of areas both at the K-12 and higher education levels, with a focus on legislation, and state and education budgets. She works closely with the SREB Legislative Advisory Council, comprised of legislators from the 16 member states, and is the SREB liaison with legislators and their staff in South Carolina and the other SREB states.

Cheryl Blanco is vice president for Postsecondary Education at the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB). In previous positions, Blanco was Vice President for National College Access Programs and Executive Director of the Pathways to College Network at TERI; she held senior positions in policy and research at the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL), the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE), and the Florida Postsecondary Education Planning Commission. As a tenured associate professor at the University of Puerto Rico - Arecibo, Blanco also served as assistant to the dean for academic affairs and as director of the division of continuing education. Blanco received her Ph.D. in higher education leadership from Florida State University.