

NOTES FOR GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE, CHAIRMAN,  
SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD  
DECEMBER 2-3, 2002 SREB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Monday, December 2**

*Reception and dinner for SREB Executive Committee members*

The reception will be held at the Omni Hotel at CNN Center in the President's Room on the 15th floor, beginning at 6:30 p.m. At approximately 7:15 p.m. we will have a dinner in the hotel on the CNN Center Floor, which is one level below the hotel's main lobby. The meeting room for the dinner is Meeting Room 4 on the CNN Center Floor.

As dessert and coffee are served at dinner, Governor Musgrove may want to begin a conversation with Executive Committee members about their upcoming legislative sessions and the education and finance issues they anticipate.

The 2002 SREB Legislative Briefing will be mailed today to Governor Musgrove and is a comprehensive summary of information about the topics that dominated the 2002 sessions.

The purpose of the dinner discussion is at least twofold. First, it will be informative to Executive Committee members, and they may have questions for each other about how they plan to handle particular issues. Second, it will be helpful for SREB staff if there are issues and problems to which the Board members wish to have staff give particular attention. These kinds of discussions often lead to SREB reports as we try to get needed information to Board members as they are working to make decisions.

Governor Musgrove can be the judge of the time allocated for this after-dinner discussion, adjourn the group, and announce that we will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a breakfast meeting tomorrow morning in this same room.

**Tuesday, December 3**

*8:00 a.m. Breakfast*

*(CNN Center Floor, Room 4)*

Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. We anticipate being able to begin the business session no later than 8:30 a.m. and a few minutes earlier if possible. Governor Musgrove can call the group to order as he determines.

***The Business Meeting Agenda***  
***CNN Center Floor, Room 3***

All Executive Committee members have received the meeting materials in advance. Several of the presentations will be led by staff. Governor Musgrove will have an annotated agenda noting those persons who will make presentations. Staff will be prepared to make brief summary descriptions of the agenda items. The first item is opening comments by Governor Musgrove.

Governor Musgrove may want to simply offer welcoming remarks or may want to comment in this public session on his actions in Mississippi regarding the budget or other education items. To the extent that remarks might link to the *Goals for Education*, this would be an excellent tie-in with the agenda.

Item II is the Treasurer's report. Following the Treasurer's report, discussion, and hopefully adoption, the matter of the Treasurer's position after Senator Lee leaves the legislature in January needs to be dealt with. Mark Musick has a suggestion for this which would include the Executive Committee electing a Treasurer to serve through June 2003. This person could be a legislator now serving on the Finance Committee. The immediate past Chairman (Senator Mahony) is on the Finance Committee and would serve. This could be suggested by the Board's Vice Chair for Committee action.

The Governor and Mark Musick can work to manage the time for the meeting. There is virtually no predicting how much discussion and how many recommendations might be part of any particular agenda item.

For the *Goals* agenda item, Governor Huckabee will be prepared to speak about the Arkansas Smart Start program and its connection with the themes in the

*Goals for Education.*

Governor Musgrove should recognize Governor Huckabee and specifically ask for him to describe the Arkansas Smart Start initiatives.

The press briefing on educational technology developments does require the Executive Committee to hit a noon timeline. Governor Patton will be prepared to come on line in Kentucky at noon to participate in the videoconference press briefing. We anticipate about 30 minutes for the full press briefing. The suggested format for the press briefing is attached.

The agenda item pertaining to the Institute on Teaching and Mentoring features a description of the 2002 Institutes and notes that Governor Musgrove was a keynote speaker at the meeting. Digital photographs from the Institute will be shown to the Executive Committee during this presentation. Dr. Ansley Abraham, who directs the Doctoral Scholars Program, will make brief comments that can lead to comments by Governor Musgrove. We hope that the Governor would give his observations about the Institute and the Doctoral Scholars Program.