

## *Summary of Actions: July 13, 2017*

### **INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION**

**SHOW CAUSE** – in light of the Commission’s judgment that the institution fails to demonstrate compliance with one or more Standards for Accreditation. The sanction may not exceed one year.

Southeastern Bible College, 2545 Valleydale Road, Birmingham, AL 35244

- Order Southeastern Bible College (AL) to show cause by September 15, 2017, why its accredited status should be continued in light of the Commission's judgement that the institution fails to comply with the following ABHE Conditions of Eligibility and Standards
  - COE 8 (Faculty Qualifications)
  - COE 13 (Student Body)
  - COE 18 (Income Allocation)
  - Standard 6a (Human Resources)
  - Standard 6b (Financial Resources)
  - Standard 9 (Faculty)

Southeastern Bible College suspended operations indefinitely and released faculty and staff on June 1, 2017. The institution is exploring its options for the future. A Commission-approved Teach-Out Plan is on file.

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### **The Meaning of Show Cause**

A show cause order is a negative, public action indicating that an institution’s accredited or candidate status will be withdrawn unless it can provide persuasive evidence that such action should not be taken. The time allowed to provide this persuasive evidence is not to exceed one year. A teach-out plan, approved by the appropriate Commission on Accreditation committee, is required for institutions placed on show cause. The institution will be required to submit a teach-out plan in accord with specifications in the Policy and Process for Reviewing a Required Teach-Out Plan within 60 days of the notice informing it of the show cause order. If the institution already has an approved teach-out plan on file, a new plan is not required unless changes are necessary.

In cases where an institution has been on probation for two years, but has failed to correct its deficiencies, a show cause order can only be issued for good cause. In the absence of good cause, the Commission on Accreditation is required by federal regulations to remove an institution’s status with the Commission on Accreditation. The rationale for good cause must be substantive and defensible.

A show cause order may be appealed in accordance with the ABHE Policy on Reviews and Appeals. Notification of an appealable action will not be released until appeal options have been exhausted and the action is final.

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