

South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

COMMISSIONER UPDATES



HIGHLIGHTS OF CHE MEETING JUNE 4, 2015

The following information is intended to be a brief summary of Commission actions and should not be considered as any form of minutes for the referenced meeting. Blue underlined text is hyperlinked.

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Commissioners recognized three former members of the Commission for their service including:

Ms. Leah Moody, who is a USC trustee, served on CHE from March 31, 2011 – March 26, 2015 as the research institution representative. (pictured left with Chairman Finan)

Ms. Natasha Hanna (right), who is a Coastal Carolina University trustee, served on CHE from March 31, 2011 – March 5, 2015 as the 4-year comprehensive college & university representative.

Ms. Elizabeth Jackson, who was unable to attend, was also recognized for her service on CHE from March 31, 2011 – January 5, 2015 as a state at-large representative.



CHE approved Year One of the Comprehensive Annual Improvement Plans (CPIP) and received Years Two through Five for information.

CPIP is a five-year capital planning document required of agencies that are responsible for providing and maintaining facilities. CPIP Year One includes all permanent improvement projects expected to be advanced with funds available or expected to be available during the upcoming fiscal year. CPIP Years Two through Five represent long-term plans and are presented for information.

The purpose of CPIP is to provide the approval authorities an opportunity to review and approve at one time each institution's anticipated permanent improvement projects for the coming fiscal year and to be informed of anticipated projects in the pipeline.

CHE annually reviews and considers projects advanced by the public colleges and universities on CPIP Year One in order to facilitate the approval process during the year. The projects, once initiated, are reviewed again by CHE staff and, if no substantive changes from CHE's original approval, are then considered by the Joint Bond Review Committee (JBRC) and Budget and Control Board.

CPIP reaches the full Commission after review and vetting of the institutional projects by CHE staff and following the consideration and recommendation of CHE's Finance and Facilities Standing Committee. Additional details are provided at the links below.

- [**CPIP Year One project approvals**](#) - A total of \$526 million in projects including: \$140 million in new projects (eight new construction projects, 14 renovation projects, and two land acquisition projects). The funding sources vary and include institution bonds, institutional capital project funds, institution funds, private funds, state support, local funds, auxiliary funds, and other funds. The balance of the approvals (\$386 million) represents projects advanced on CPIP and approved in a prior year.

[**CPIP Years Two through Five received for information**](#)

CHE approved interim capital projects for: 1) **Clemson University** to establish the East Campus Water Tower Construction project and proceed with Phase I consideration; 2) **USC Aiken** to increase its budget for its Pedestrian Bridge Construction project; and 3) **York Technical College** to establish a project for land acquisition for property located on Trimmel Lane in order to proceed with environmental site assessment.

CHE approved program administrative budgets for the upcoming year for the following:

- [SC Student Loan Corporation FY16 Administrative Budget for the SC Teacher Loan Program](#)
- [SmartState® FY16 Program Operating Budget](#)

CHE received several other information reports and updates of interest:

- [College Goal Sunday – Overview and Program Report](#) - College Goal Sunday is an annual event hosted during the month of February to provide the opportunity for one-on-one assistance to students and families/guardians who are completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In 2015, 1,045 individuals received assistance at 38 different sessions.
- A [report](#) on the coordination between SC CHE State Approving Agency (Veterans Education and Training Programs) and Apprenticeship Carolina™ for registered apprenticeship establishments.
- [Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for May 2015](#)
- Commissioners were briefed on recent legislative activities relating to higher education. Weekly legislative updates posted by CHE staff are available [here](#).
 - Of note, [Act 11 of 2015 \(S.391\)](#) was recently signed into law. The legislation, effective July 1, enables certain out-of-state veterans on GI Bill education benefits in-state tuition and brings South Carolina into compliance with federal legislation that was enacted in 2014. CHE staff is in follow-up with public colleges and universities to facilitate implementation and has arranged an upcoming meeting with institutional staff.
- CHE will announce a search committee for the CHE executive director and anticipates the job announcement to be posted shortly. Ms. Julie Carullo will continue as the interim director as the search proceeds.
- CHE is also accepting applications for the position of [Director of Academic Affairs](#). Staff member, Dr. John Lane, was announced as the interim director of CHE's Academic Affairs division.

Upcoming Commission Meetings: CHE does not have a scheduled July meeting and will hold its next business meeting on September 3 at 10:30 a.m. CHE will hold its annual planning retreat in Columbia on August 13 and 14.

ABOUT CHE: CHE serves as the coordinating board for the state's thirty-three public institutions of higher education. Our mission is to promote quality and efficiency in the state system of higher education with a goal of fostering economic growth and human development in South Carolina. For more information about CHE, please visit our website: www.che.sc.gov. CHE meets regularly during the year, typically on the first Thursday of the month. For the schedule and additional details, [Click Here](#).