

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1122 Lady Street, Suite 300
Columbia, SC 29201
10:30 a.m.

Minutes of the Meeting
January 8, 2015

Commission Members Attending

General John Finan, Chair
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice-Chair
Ms. Natasha Hanna
Ms. Dianne Kuhl (phone)
Ms. Leah Moody (phone)
Admiral Charles Munns
Mr. Kim Phillips
Ms. Terrye Seckinger
Dr. Jennifer Settlemeyer (phone)
Mr. Hood Temple

Commission Members Absent

None

Staff Attending

Dr. Richard Sutton, Executive Director
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Mr. Clay Barton
Ms. Courtney Blake
Ms. Camille Brown
Ms. Julie Carullo
Ms. Saundra Carr
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Gary Glenn
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Ms. Trena Houpp
Dr. Paula Gregg
Dr. MaryAnn Janosik
Dr. John Lane
Ms. Yolanda Myers
Ms. Beth Rogers
Ms. Tanya Rogers
Ms. Catherine Sturm
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Ms. Beth Bell, Clemson University
Dr. George Benson, College of Charleston
Dr. Fred Carter, Francis Marion University
Mr. Tim Drueke, Winthrop University
Dr. Kris Finnigan, University of SC Columbia
Ms. Stephanie Frazier, SC Technical College
System
Chief Warrant Officer Deborah Glenn,
SC National Guard
Mr. Jae Hong, SC State University
Dr. Terra Horner, The Citadel
Dr. Debra Jackson, Clemson University (phone)
Mr. Ken Kopera, Tri-County Technical College
Ms. Angie Leidinger, Clemson University
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges
& Universities
Dr. Derral Linder, SC State University
Dr. Craig Littlejohn, SC State University
Mr. Todd Mathis, Womble Carlyle
Mr. Rick Moul, PASCAL
Mr. Steve Osborne, College of Charleston
Dr. Jeff Priest, University of SC Aiken
Mr. Adam Taylor, Lander University
Mr. Ed. Walton, University of SC Columbia
The Honorable David Wilkins, Clemson
University
Mr. Dale Wilson, Piedmont Technical College

Chairman Finan opened the meeting by calling to order the public hearing as referenced in **Agenda Item 2**, details about which may be found in **Attachment I**. He stated that no requests to make public comment at this hearing had been received to date, nor had there been any written requests to be included in the public record. He then invited comments from those in attendance. Hearing no comments, Chairman Finan requested a **motion** to close the public hearing which was made by Commissioner Temple, **seconded** by Commissioner Munns, and **carried**.

1. Introductions

- Tanya Rogers

Ms. Rogers recorded and announced the names of all those in attendance as listed above. She also stated that the meeting was held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

2. Public Hearing Regarding the Proposed Regulations for the SC National Guard Loan Repayment Program and the SC National Guard College Assistance Program Regulations

- John Finan

See above. The meeting was opened with the public hearing.

3. Approval of Minutes

- John Finan

A **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded** (Horne), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2014, CHE meeting.

4. Chairman's Report

- John Finan

Chairman Finan reported on the status of the appointment of new CHE Commissioners, stating that work on that process was in progress.

**5. Recognition of P. George Benson
Immediate Past President, College of Charleston**

- John Finan

Chairman Finan recognized and thanked Dr. Benson for his service as President of the College of Charleston. He then presented Dr. Benson with a framed resolution, highlighting his many accomplishments. Dr. Benson then provided remarks about his College of Charleston experience and expressed also his appreciation to the Commission.

6. State of the System Address

- Richard Sutton

Dr. Sutton delivered his 2015 State of the System Address, commenting on both the strengths of and challenges presented to higher education in South Carolina. The details of Dr. Sutton's address may be found in **Attachment II**.

7. Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo reported that the General Assembly would return to Columbia on Tuesday, January 13, to start the first year of a two-year continuing Session. She also stated that the Governor would be sworn in for her second term on Wednesday, January 14. Ms. Carullo presented information on prefiled bills in the House and Senate, providing details about those relating specifically to higher education. She also reported on changes in the organizational structure and leadership of the some of the House Committees as well as about the creation of two new House standing committees, the Legislative Oversight Committee and the Regulations and Administrative Committee. She commented that the Senate Legislative Oversight Office would work in conjunction with the standing committees to conduct oversight studies of state agencies which would be scheduled to occur on a seven-year cycle and that

state agencies were required to submit a report to that office on the first day of the legislative session. After providing an update on staff changes in the Governor's office, Ms. Carullo stated that the Governor's Executive Budget recommendations would soon be released. She also provided a brief review of the progression and timeline of the budget process. Ms. Carullo reported on the restructuring and leadership of some of the House Ways and Means Committee subcommittees. She stated that the Ways and Means Higher Education and Technical Colleges subcommittee would begin its budget hearings at the start of the session and that the Commission's hearing was scheduled for Wednesday, January 28. Ms. Carullo then provided information on the FY 2015-16 projections of the Board of Economic Advisors. The details of Ms. Carullo's report may be found in **Attachment III**.

Chairman Finan noted that a recent recommendation was made by the Legislative Audit Council to reinstate a CHE auditing position for the purpose of monitoring the distribution of scholarship money. He also stated that CHE would be communicating with the college and university presidents requesting that their auditors also be attentive to this process at the institutional level.

8. Panel Discussion on the Higher Education Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Accountability Review Study Committee by CHE Appointees to the Committee:

Ambassador David Wilkins, President Fred Carter, and Mr. Ed Walton - John Finan

Following his preliminary remarks about the establishment and purpose of the Higher Education Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Accountability Review (HEEAR) Study Committee, Chairman Finan introduced and welcomed each of the CHE's three appointees.

President Carter provided information about the composition of the committee as well as an overview about its establishment and what it has accomplished to date. He stated that, though the committee was initially directed to provide a report to the General Assembly in January 2015, a request had been made to allow for a longer period of time in order to best accomplish its work.

President Carter stated that the three major efforts undertaken by the committee thus far were: 1) a comprehensive survey of the higher education institutions to determine what efficiency and effectiveness studies each of them had conducted in recent years; 2) consideration of the engagement of a third party to assist with the work of this committee; and 3) a proposed higher education summit which focuses on efficiency and effectiveness issues and engages the business community as well as the higher education institutions.

Ambassador Wilkins reported that discussion had taken place about holding the proposed higher education summit on the campus of Clemson University. He stated that the committee's work should focus on a system-wide approach and the planning and execution of a higher education summit with a desired goal being a re-investment in higher education. He noted the importance of CHE's involvement in this effort. He also commented on the importance of including regulatory relief as a part of this efficiency and effectiveness review.

In response to Chairman Finan's question about the higher education experience of HEEAR Study Committee members, President Carter commented very positively on the higher education expertise of the committee members as did Ambassador Wilkins.

Mr. Walton's remarks also emphasized the importance of maintaining a statewide system focus. He reported that the staff of the HEEAR Study Committee is presently working on building a set of objectives to be used in the development of a request for proposal for the selection of an appropriate consultant to assist with the committee's work.

Discussion followed about public perception of higher education and the relationship between higher education and future workforce needs. Information was shared about the current status of the

Competing Through Knowledge (CTK) initiative and a recommendation was made that efforts of CTK be integrated with those of the HEEAR Study Committee in the development of a higher education summit. The importance of engaging the business community and the coordination of these efforts with the SC Chamber of Commerce as the SC Workforce Investment Board was also emphasized. Also discussed was the development of a plan for organizing and managing the proposed statewide summit for which Chairman Finan offered CHE's support and assistance. Additional conversation took place about the effect of the economy on institutional enrollment in both the research and comprehensive sectors.

9. Committee Reports

9.01 Report of the Executive Committee - John Finan

Chairman Finan reported that the Executive Committee had met on Wednesday, December 17, for the purpose of reviewing the agenda for this meeting.

9.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing - Bettie Rose Horne
(no report)

9.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services - Hood Temple
(no report)

9.04 Report of Committee on Governmental and Administrative Affairs - C. L. Munns

A. For Information: Resource Presentation for Commissioners

Commissioner Munns made reference to a copy of a recent presentation (**Attachment IV**) he had made about higher education in South Carolina, inviting fellow Commissioners to use this as a resource when making similar presentations in their communities. Commissioner Temple stated that this information should also be shared at a CHE orientation session with recently elected members of the General Assembly. Commissioner Munns also reported that an updated version of CHE's legislative agenda would soon be distributed to Commissioners and that a summary update of this CHE meeting would be e-mailed to each Commissioner so that they might share this information within their respective constituencies.

9.05 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities - Hood Temple

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Interim Capital Projects

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| 1. College of Charleston | - | Glebe Street Renovation
2014-15 Maintenance Needs |
| 2. Horry Georgetown Technical College | - | Construction of Advanced Manufacturing Center
Conway Fire Station Acquisition |
| 3. Piedmont Technical College | - | "B" Building Renovation |
| 4. Tri-County Technical College | - | Veterinary Technology Animal Care Facility |

B. Quarterly Budget Report (For Information, No Action Required)

C. FY 2013-14 Maintenance & Repair Appropriation Report

(For Information, No Action Required)

D. HR Audit of Hire Above Minimum Delegation Authority for Period July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2014 (For Information, No Action Required)

E. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for November and December 2014 (For Information, No Action Required)

Commissioner Temple reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities had met earlier in the morning and presented as a **motion** to the full Commission by consent agenda, **Agenda Item 9.05 A & B**, details about which may be found **in Attachment V**. He noted that during that meeting the Conway Fire Station Acquisition project listed under **Agenda Item 9.05.2** had been withdrawn and would be resubmitted at a later date. Commissioner Temple provided a brief description of the projects listed in **Agenda Item 9.05 A**.

The **motion** was then brought to the table and **carried**.

Commissioner Temple then reported that **Agenda Items 9.05 B, C, D, and E**, details about which may also be found in **Attachment V**, were presented for information only. Brief discussion took place about the expenditures to date as recorded in **Agenda Item 9.05 B**. Mr. Glenn also provided an overview of **Agenda Item 9.05 C**.

10. Other Business

Commissioner Munns advocated for: 1) the tracking of and CHE involvement in the proposed higher education summit as referenced earlier in the meeting; 2) an update for Commissioners on the current status of the CTK initiative at the February CHE meeting; and 3) the initiation of scheduling and planning a CHE orientation for new members of the General Assembly.

11. Adjournment of Business Meeting

A **motion** was made (Seckinger), **seconded** (Munns), and **carried** to adjourn the meeting at approximately 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth B. Rogers
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Recording Secretary

Attachments (I -V)

*Attachments are not included in this mailing, but will be filed with the permanent record of these minutes and are available for review upon request.