

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1122 Lady Street, Suite 300
Columbia, SC 29201
8:00 a.m.

Minutes of the Meeting
October 1, 2015

Commission Members Attending

Mr. Tim Hofferth, Chair
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice Chair
Mr. Paul Batson
Ms. Dianne Kuhl
Ms. Allison Dean Love
Dr. Louis Lynn
Mr. Clark Parker
Mr. Kim Phillips (by phone)
Ms. Terrye Seckinger
Dr. Jennifer Settlemyer
Mr. Hood Temple
Dr. Evans Whitaker

Commission Members Absent

Mr. Charles Munns

Staff Attending

Ms. Julie Carullo
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Mr. Clay Barton
Ms. Laura Belcher
Ms. Camille Brown
Ms. Saundra Carr
Ms. Elizabeth Caulder
Ms. Lorinda Copeland
Ms. Renea Eshleman
Mr. Kevin Glears
Ms. Lane Goodwin
Ms. Monica Goodwin
Dr. Paula Gregg
Ms. Marian Jones
Dr. John Lane
Ms. Yolanda Myers

Ms. Vickie Pratt
Ms. Beth Rogers
Ms. Tanya Rogers
Ms. Laverne Sanders
Ms. Peggy Simons
Ms. Edna Strange
Dr. Erica Von Nessen
Ms. Leslie Williams
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Mr. Donald Bailey, College Transition
Connection
Ms. Chris Brown, Apollidon Learning
Mr. Tim Drueke, Winthrop University
Ms. Jenna Hallman, Center for Educator
Recruitment, Retention & Advancement
(CERRA)
Dr. Kris Finnigan, University of SC Columbia
Ms. Alycia Guevara, SC Appleseed Legal
Justice Center
Ms. Amy Hill, Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLC
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges &
Universities
Dr. Brian McGee, College of Charleston (phone)
Mr. Rick Moul, PASCAL
Dr. Jeff Priest, University of SC Aiken
Ms. Reinell Thomas Myers, SC State University
Dr. Charles Spell, SC State University
Ms. Rosline Sumpter, SC Technical College
System

1. Introductions

- Beth Rogers

Ms. Beth Rogers stated that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. She asked those CHE staff members in attendance to introduce themselves. Ms. Amy Hill of Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte, LLC was also introduced.

2. A. Executive Session to Discuss Appointment of Executive Director - Allison Dean Love

B. Consideration of Appointment of Executive Director

Chairman Hofferth stated that the meeting would shortly be going into Executive Session and that it would return to public session at 1:00 p.m. A **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded** (Seckinger), and **carried** for the meeting to go into Executive Session at 11:07 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters related to the hiring of the CHE Executive Director.

The meeting returned to regular session at 1:00 p.m. Chairman Hofferth stated that no action had been taken during Executive Session.

3. Regular Business Meeting Introductions

- Lane Goodwin

Ms. Goodwin announced the names of those in attendance as listed above. She confirmed that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

4. Approval of Minutes

- Tim Hofferth

A **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded** (Seckinger), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2015 CHE meeting.

Commissioner Temple requested that he be permitted to make a **motion** related to the document regarding the establishment of a Special Committee of the Commission, the CHE Executive Director Search Committee, which had been considered at the June 18, 2015 CHE meeting. His motion requested that the language in the original document, a copy of which is provided in **Attachment I**, be modified to remove the words "at least three" when referring to the number of qualified candidates to be considered for the Executive Director position in both the background and motion portion of the document. He also requested that the first sentence of the motion end after the words "for the position of executive director" and that the second and third sentence of the motion also be removed. He stated that the purpose of his motion was to allow the search committee to bring back candidates as they see fit to truncate the process. The **motion** was **seconded** by Commissioner Horne, after which a vote was taken and the motion **carried**.

Commissioner Love provided a brief report from the CHE Executive Director Search Committee, stating that the Committee was confident in how their process has been working and that they will continue to endeavor to secure the best leadership for the agency.

5. Chairman's Report

- Tim Hofferth

Chairman Hofferth welcomed all guests in attendance. He then commended Commissioner Love for her outstanding efforts in leading the work of the CHE Executive Director Search Committee. He recognized Interim Executive Director, Gary Glenn, who was unable to present due to serious health issues, expressing on behalf of the Commission best wishes for Mr. Glenn's speedy recovery.

Chairman Hofferth stated he was honored to serve with his fellow Commissioners whose collective purpose is dedication of their time and efforts to make a difference in the state for all individuals who want to use education as a tool to improve their lives. He provided information about CHE's presentation to the House Higher Education Governance Ad Hoc Committee on September 24 and commended CHE staff for their dedicated work on behalf of higher education. Chairman Hofferth commented on the work currently in process to determine the role of CHE moving forward with clarity of its mission, after which Commissioner Love applauded the Chairman for his excellent representation of the CHE at the September 24 presentation.

Chairman Hofferth reported that results of the vetting of CHE statutes, currently in process by Attorney Amy Hill, would soon be available. He also stated that the Committee on Governmental and Administrative Affairs was in the process of assembling a CHE policies and procedures manual. Chairman Hofferth reported that he was working on restructuring the CHE committee assignments and that new Chairs of the committees would be determined after the October 7 Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing meeting. He also stated that a new Vice Chair of the Commission would soon be elected and he thanked Commissioner Horne for her many years of service in that capacity. In conclusion of his report, Chairman Hofferth expressed confidence that a new Executive Director would soon be in place and he encouraged all to fully support that individual once he or she has been selected.

6. Interim Executive Director's Report

There was no report from the Interim Executive Director in light of Mr. Glenn's absence.

7. Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo reported that copies of the annual Accountability Report, submitted on September 15, had been distributed at each of the Commissioner's places at the table. She stated that the Higher Education Capital Bonds Study Committee had been seated and would soon begin meeting with the objective of bringing forth its recommendations by the end of the calendar year. She also stated that the House Higher Education Governance Ad Hoc Committee would meet again on October 6 at which time there would be a panel hearing with the Presidents of the research and comprehensive universities. Commissioner Batson commended Ms. Carullo for her contribution to the September 24 Higher Education Governance Ad Hoc Committee presentation, commenting specifically on the depth of her historical knowledge about CHE as well as on her comprehensive delivery of facts and information.

8. Committee Reports

8.01 Report of the Executive Committee

- Tim Hofferth

Chairman Hofferth reported that the Executive Committee met on September 23, 2015, for the purpose of reviewing the agenda for this meeting.

8.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

- Bettie Rose Horne

CONSENT AGENDA

A. CERRA FY 2016-17 Appropriations Request and FY 2014-15 Annual Report

Commissioner Horne reported that **Agenda Item 8.02 A** was presented to the full Commission for approval by consent agenda. Details about this agenda item may be found in **Attachment II**.

Commissioner Horne thanked Dr. John Lane for his conscientious leadership in matters related to the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing. She also provided an update on the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA), reporting that a request for an opinion from the Attorney General's

office had been made to determine whether or not current statutory authority permits the Commission to enter into a reciprocity agreement to participate in this distance learning initiative.

Commissioner Horne then provided a brief summary of the purpose and function of CERRA, the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement. She pointed out that the \$1.5 million increase in CERRA's FY 2015-16 budget resulted from funds awarded to them by the legislature to oversee the implementation of the Rural Teacher Recruiting Initiatives Proviso 1.A73.

Agenda Item 8.02A was then voted on and the vote **carried**.

8.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

Hood Temple

CONSENT AGENDA

A. FY 2016-17 Appropriations Request for the SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers (SC-PRRMT) at SC State University

B. Guidance on Residency for Tuition/Fee and State Scholarship/Grant Purposes of US Citizen Students with Undocumented Parents

C. College Transition Need-based Grant Program Policy Guidelines for the 2015-16 Academic Year and Budget Request for FY 2016-17

D. College Application Month (CAM), College Goal SC (CGSC) and Budget Request for FY 2016-17

E. FY 2015-16 SC National Guard College Assistance Program
(For Information, No Action Required)

F. SAT Redesign (For Information, No Action Required)

Commissioner Temple reported that Agenda **Items 8.03 A, B, C, and D** were presented to the full Commission for approval by consent agenda. He welcomed and presented Dr. Charles Spell and Ms. Reinell Thomas Myers from South Carolina State University as well as Mr. Donald Bailey from College Transition Connection. **Agenda Items 8.03 A, B, C, and D** were then voted on and the vote **carried**.

At Mr. Temple's invitation, Mr. Donald Bailey provided a brief overview on the history and function of the College Transition Connection program, stating that this initiative, which enables students with intellectual disabilities to participate in the college experience, is in operation at the University of South Carolina, Clemson University, Coastal Carolina University, Winthrop University, and the College of Charleston.

Commissioner Temple commented briefly about **Agenda Item 8.03E**, provided for information only, stating that there were 1,012 students eligible to apply for the scholarship money from the SC National Guard Assistance Program. At the request of Commissioner Temple, Dr. Karen Woodfaulk provided a briefing on the SAT Redesign, **Agenda Item 8.03F** also provided for information only, stating that South Carolina's practice of super scoring would continue. Discussion followed about how the institutions will manage the transition from the old version of the SAT to the redesigned version. Also discussed was the affect this transition may have on college admissions.

Additional details about **Agenda Items 8.03 A – F** may be found in **Attachment III**.

8.04 Report of Committee on Governmental and Administrative Affairs - Terrye Seckinger

There was no report from the Committee on Governmental and Administrative Affairs. Commissioner Seckinger stated that the committee would be meeting upon adjournment of the CHE meeting.

8.05 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Interim Capital Projects

1. Coastal Carolina University - Brooks Stadium Additions
- Soccer Complex

B. Consideration of CHE's FY 2016-2017 Budget Request

C. CHE Budget Information Reports

1. Final FY 2014-15 Budget Report
2. Beginning FY 2015-16 Budget Report

D. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for September 2015 (For Information, No Action Required)

Commissioner Temple stated that **Agenda Item 8.05 A** was presented to the full Commission for approval by consent agenda. He asked that **Agenda Item 8.05B** be withdrawn from the consent agenda as development of CHE's FY 2016-17 Budget Request was still in progress.

After providing a brief description of the two capital projects listed in **Agenda Item 8.05A**, the **motion** to approve them was brought to the table and **carried**.

Commissioner Temple stated that **Agenda Items 8.05 C and D** were provided for information only. Details about **Agenda Items 8.05 A – D** may be found in **Attachment IV**.

In follow up to Commissioner Temple's request, a **motion** was made (Seckinger), **seconded** (Parker), and **carried** to delete **Agenda 8.05 B** from the CHE meeting's agenda.

Commissioner Temple stated he anticipated the additional work on CHE's FY 2016-17 Budget Request should be concluded by October 6 or 7 at which time the the Committee on Finance and Facilities will hold a meeting to review it. The committee will then bring it the full Commission for consideration in a special meeting held by teleconference.

9. Other Business

A. Election of CHE Vice Chair

B. If needed, Executive Session to receive legal advice on active litigation or to discuss personnel matters.

After Chairman Hofferth stated that the CHE by-laws require the election of a Vice Chair every year in August or as soon as possible thereafter, a **motion** was made (Parker), **seconded** (Seckinger), and **carried** to elect Commissioner Allison Dean Love as the CHE Vice Chair.

Commissioner Love expressed her thanks for having been elected, stating it was an honor to follow Commissioner Bettie Rose Horne who had served as the CHE Vice Chair for a number of years. Following Commissioner Kuhl's remarks of appreciation for Commissioner Horne's dedicated service, Commissioner Horne was applauded by all. Commissioner Temple then also expressed his appreciation for the service of both Commissioners Horne and Love.

It was not necessary to go into Executive Session (as indicated in **Agenda Item 9 B**).

Chairman Hofferth initiated discussion about holding CHE meeting on the campuses of the state's institutions as well as about making attendance at CHE's meetings more accessible by improving the agency's technology.

Commissioner Parker then provided information about the trip he had made earlier in the day to USC Sumter and also spoke about several other institutional campuses he has visited. He encouraged all the Commissioners to also visit as many of the state's institutions as possible in order to become more familiar and develop closer relationships with their students, faculty and staff. Information about good things happening at Clemson and The Citadel was also shared by Commissioners Lynn and Love, respectively.

Chairman Hofferth reported that a newly created line item had been included in the proposed CHE FY 2016-17 budget request in order to better support having Commission meetings on the institutions' campuses.

Commissioner Parker stated that the Commission had been invited to hold a CHE meeting on the campus of Coastal Carolina University. He shared details about a possible itinerary for that visit which will be scheduled on a date to be determined.

Commissioner Settlemyer recommended that the Commission meet with the institutional Presidents in the near future, possibly scheduling that meeting to take place during the first quarter of 2016. Commissioner Parker suggested that such a meeting might also include members of the legislature. Commissioner Kuhl also suggested that the Commission coordinate with the State Technical College System at a time when all the technical college Presidents are meeting at the System offices. Concluding this discussion, Chairman Hofferth stated that the format and length of future CHE meetings may be extended in order to allow sufficient time for the Commission to accomplish all of its objectives.

Commissioner Parker proposed that the Commission officially recognize at the next Commission meeting CHE staff member, Ms. Edna Strange, who retired on September 30, 2015, after 40 years of service to the agency. His proposal was enthusiastically received and affirmed. In light of the fact that the CHE meeting in November is scheduled to be on the campus of South Carolina State University, it was decided that this recognition will take place at the Commission meeting in December.

10. Adjournment of Business Meeting

There was no other business to consider. A **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded** (Batson), and **carried** to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth B. Rogers
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Recording Secretary

Attachments (I - IV)

*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.