



South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

HIGHLIGHTS OF CHE MEETING

MARCH 3, 2016

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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Special Presentation: Commissioners welcomed College of Charleston President Glenn McConnell to address the Commission. A copy of his prepared remarks, *CHE: A Catalyst for Change in South Carolina Higher Education*, is available [HERE](#).

Chairman's Report:

Chair Hofferth recognized Commissioner Bettie Rose Horne to deliver remarks, which will be published in the minutes, in tribute to Dr. Joann R.G. Boyd-Scotland, President Emeritus of Denmark Technical College, who passed away on February 10, 2016.

Chair Hofferth discussed activities related to meetings of the House Education and Public Works [ad hoc committee on Higher Education Governance](#) that has been meeting and recently advanced for consideration of the Committee's Higher Education Subcommittee recommendations for legislation ([H.4833](#)) relating to clarification of CHE's authority. He commented on CHE's work to vet, analyze and clarify its statutes over the past six months, noting funding limitations on the agency in carrying out its core mission and that CHE's FY 2016-17 budget request is intended to address the need for adequate tools and resources necessary in order to make decisions as the coordinating body for South Carolina higher education which will best benefit institutions, both individually and collectively, and most importantly, our students.

An op-ed by Chair Hofferth, "SC Agency Committed to Making College Accessible, Affordable, and Excellent," was published in The State on March 10. [Click Here](#) to access.

CHE approved the following items:

- Interim capital project request for Northeastern Technical College to increase the budget for its Industrial Training Center Renovation & Expansion in Bennettsville and Pageland. [Click Here](#) for more information.
- Policies relating to the activities of the Commission and Commissioners to be added to the CHE Policies and Procedures Manual. [Click Here](#) to access copies.

CHE received the following information reports

- [List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for February, 2016](#)
- [Commissioner Pre-Orientation Process](#)

CHE Executive Director Search: Commissioner Allison Dean Love, chair of CHE's [special committee for the purposes of the Executive Director Search](#), updated members on the search, which is still in process. The search had been placed on temporary hold just prior to January as work through the State Division of Human Resources related to an RFP for the engagement of a search firm continues. It is anticipated that the committee will meet in the next 45 days to continue with the process.

Upcoming Commission Meeting:

- CHE's next regularly scheduled business meeting is on **April 7 at 10:30 a.m. in CHE's main conference room.** For meeting information and details to be posted, [Click Here](#). Following the CHE meeting, the **Committee on Academic Programs and Licensing** is scheduled to meet at 1:00 p.m. [Click Here](#) for details to be posted.

ABOUT CHE: CHE serves as the coordinating board for the state's thirty-three public institutions of higher education and is committed to promoting quality, efficiency, and affordability in the state system of higher education through coordination, regulation, advocacy, and oversight, as directed by the General Assembly. 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](#).