

**SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

1122 Lady Street, Suite 300

Columbia, SC 29201

4:40 p.m.

***Minutes of the Meeting***

**February 23, 2016**

**Commission Members Attending**

Mr. Tim Hofferth, Chair

Ms. Allison Dean Love, Vice Chair

Mr. Paul Batson

Dr. Bettie Rose Horne (phone)

Ms. Dianne Kuhl

Dr. Louis Lynn (phone)

Mr. Clark Parker (phone)

Mr. Kim Phillips (phone)

Ms. Terrye Seckinger

Dr. Jennifer Settlemyer

Mr. Hood Temple

Ms. Yolanda Myers

Ms. Vickie Pratt

Ms. Beth Rogers

**Commission Members Absent**

Mr. Charles Munns

Dr. Evans Whitaker

**Staff Attending**

Mr. Gary Glenn, Interim Executive Director

Mr. Clay Barton

Ms. Julie Carullo (phone)

Ms. Carrie Eberly

Ms. Trena Houpp

Dr. John Lane

**Guests**

Ms. Dona Ayers, Capital Information Affiliates

Ms. Beth Bell, Clemson University

Ms. Stacie Bowie, Coastal Carolina University

Dr. Dave DeCenzo, Coastal Carolina University

Dr. Eddie Dyer, Coastal Carolina University

Ms. Joelle Forgeng

Mr. Matt Hogue, Coastal Carolina University

Mr. Tim Meacham, Coastal Carolina University

Mr. Rein Mungo, Coastal Carolina University

Ms. Carol Routh, Clemson University

Mr. Gene Spivey, Coastal Carolina University

(All guests, with the exception, of Ms. Forgeng, participated by phone.)

Chairman Hofferth convened the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

**1. Introductions**

Self-introductions were made by those on the phone and in person. Following the introductions, Chairman Hofferth thanked all for their attendance. He commended the members of the Commission's Finance and Facilities Committee for their dedicated work, and also commended the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Hood Temple, for advancing this important capital project to the full Commission for consideration.

**2. Interim Capital Project - Coastal Carolina University, Brooks Stadium Addition**

Commissioner Temple provided historical background information about this project, details about which may be found in **Attachment I**, as he did about the process of its consideration by CHE to date. He stated that Commissioners' concerns about this project were primarily related to the lack of private monies to assist with its funding; the increase of its projected cost from \$19 million to \$38 million; and the lack of and/or timeliness of adequate supportive information provided to CHE for consideration.

Chairman Hofferth then opened the floor for discussion. A lengthy and comprehensive conversation followed during which many detailed questions were asked by Commissioners and specific financial and project information was provided by Coastal Carolina University officials.

Upon conclusion of the discussion, Commissioner **Temple** made a **motion** that, given the Commission's concerns about the long-term financial implications of this project, **the project be denied based on how it is currently being presented**. The **motion** was **seconded** by Commissioner **Settlemyer**.

Brief discussion followed during which Commissioner Love stated that the difficult process of examining this project had helped to shine the light on needed changes to the Commission's capital project approval process. Commissioner Kuhl also commented that the Commission is and will continue to be a strong supporter of Coastal Carolina University as it is of all the state's institutions of higher education and that this motion, if passed, was not meant as a "no" response but rather one of "you're not ready". Commissioner Temple concluded the discussion, stating it was the collective opinion of the Commission that additional information about this project be provided to the Commission by Coastal Carolina University.

A request for a roll call vote was made by Commissioner Seckinger. A vote was then recorded with **10 Commissioners voting in favor of the motion** (Hofferth, Settlemyer, Seckinger, Horne, Kuhl, Phillips, Temple, Lynn, Love, and Batson; and **1 Commissioner voting against the motion** (Parker). Commissioner Munns, did not vote due to his excused absence. Commissioner Whitaker, a non-voting member representating the Independent Institutions, was absent.

### **3. Adjournment**

As there was no other business to consider, a **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded** (Settlemyer), and **carried** to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Beth B. Rogers*  
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Recording Secretary

### **Attachments (I)**

\*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.