

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Informational Forum held at
1122 Lady Street, Suite 300
Columbia, S.C. 29201
4:30 p.m.

Minutes
May 15, 2019

Commissioners Attending

Mr. Wes Hayes, Chair	Mr. Charles Dalton	Ms. Terrye Seckinger
Mr. Chuck Munns, Vice Chair	Ms. Linda Dolny	Dr. Cleveland Sellers
Mr. Paul Batson	Mr. Edgar Dyer	Dr. Mark Smith
Mr. Jim Battle*	Dr. Bettie Rose Horne	Mr. Patrick White*
Ms. Julie Godshall Brown	Mr. Ben Satcher	

Commissioners Absent

Mr. Devron Edwards (excused)

Guests Attending

Ms. Beth Bell, Clemson University President Fred Carter, Francis Marion University President James Clark, SC State University Dr. James Colbert, representing President Cosentino, Lander University Dean Walter Collins, USC Lancaster* Dr. Tena Crews, USC Columbia* Chancellor Susan Elkins, USC Palmetto College Dr. John Dozier, representing President Pastides, USC Columbia Dr. Clif Flynn, representing Chancellor Kelly, USC Upstate Mr. David Frost, representing President DeCenzo, Coastal Carolina University Ms. Katherine Haltiwanger, MUSC Ms. Lisa Hammond, USC Lancaster Ms. Lil Hayes, House Education and Public Works Committee President Patricia Lee, Williamsburg Technical College	Ms. Angie Leidinger, representing President Clements, Clemson University President Dan Mahony, Winthrop University President Michael Mikota, Central Carolina Technical College Dean Chris Nesmith, USC Salkehatchie* Dr. Jeff Perez, SC Independent Colleges & Universities Chairman Gary Powers, Midlands Technical College Commission Dr. Kim Purdy, USC Upstate President Greg Rutherford, York Technical College Mr. Andy Shain, Post and Courier Dr. Eric Skipper, representing Chancellor Panu, USC Beaufort Mr. Adam Taylor, representing President Cosentino, Lander University Dr. Suzanne Thomas, representing President Cole, MUSC Dr. Hennie van Bulck, representing Dean Sonntag, USC Sumter
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**Attended by phone*

Commission Staff Present

Mr. Mike LeFever**	Dr. John Lane
Ms. Anika Ali	Ms. Tanya Rogers
Dr. Argentini Anderson	Mr. Georges Tippens
Ms. Laura Belcher	Mr. Bryce Wilson
Ms. Lane Goodwin	Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Mr. LeFever was not present during the presentations by candidates.

1. Welcome

Chair Hayes convened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. It was confirmed that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. Ms. Belcher introduced the guests in attendance.

2. Informational Forum with the finalists for the S.C. CHE President and Executive Director position

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes called on Search Committee Chairman Dalton to introduce the agenda item. Commissioner Dalton introduced the informational forum for the three finalists for the President and Executive Director position. He presented a brief overview of the work of the Search Committee and announced the three finalists: Dr. Oran Smith, Dr. Rusty Monhollon, and Ms. Mary Broadwater. Then, he explained the format of the forum as each candidate having approximately 10 minutes to make an introduction and then Commissioners and college and university presidents or their representatives having approximately 20 minutes to ask questions of the candidate. Dalton explained that the order of presentations was determined by an electronic random generator software feature so as to be fair and impartial.

Commissioner Dalton introduced and thanked each candidate when they joined the meeting. Each candidate gave a 10-minute introductory statement as to their experience, qualifications and interest in the position. Commissioners and institutional presidents or their representatives then presented questions to each candidate. Questions and discussions touched on topics such as past work experience, resume content, leadership strengths, vision for higher education in South Carolina, types of higher education systems, experience working with institutions and legislators, recent accomplishments, translation of skills in current positions to potential work at CHE, access and equity, fairness in approaches to many different types of institutions in South Carolina, and CHE's regulatory and advocacy roles.

3. Other Business

Wes Hayes

After the last candidate was excused, Chair Hayes explained the next steps of the search process, including gathering feedback from staff and informational forum attendees, reference checks, and the Search Committee bringing forward to the Commission one or more candidates for consideration. Commissioner Dalton invited informational forum attendees to contact him to provide feedback on the candidates.

With no other business, Chair Hayes adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.