

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Meeting held at
1122 Lady Street, Suite 300
Columbia, S.C. 29201
12:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting
August 1, 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	Mr. Patrick White
Mr. Jim Battle	Mr. Devron Edwards	
Ms. Julie Godshall Brown	Dr. Bettie Rose Horne	

Commissioners Absent

Mr. Ben Satcher (excused)
Dr. Mark Smith (excused)

Guests Attending

Mr. Benjamin Blanks, Francis Marion University*
Dr. John Catalano, University of South Carolina Union
Mr. Tim Drueke, Winthrop University
Dr. Lynne Ford, College of Charleston
Mr. Clements Gibon, Mayor of Greenville's Office
Ms. Lil Hayes, House Education & Public Works
Ms. Trena Houp, University of South Carolina Columbia*
Mr. Ray Jones, SC Student Loan Corporation
Ms. Suzie McCormack, Winthrop University
Mr. Craig Parks, University of South Carolina
Ms. Rosline Sumpter, SC Technical College System*

*Attended by phone

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Rusty Monhollon	Mr. Frank Myers
Dr. Jennifer Almeda	Ms. Yolanda Myers
Dr. Argentini Anderson	Ms. Julissa Nixon
Ms. Laura Belcher	Ms. Stacey Price
Dr. Saundra Carr	Ms. Tanya Rogers
Ms. Monica Goodwin	Mr. Andrew Roof
Dr. Samuel Grubbs	Ms. Peggy Simons
Dr. Gerrick Hampton	Mr. Georges Tippens
Ms. DaVaris Hatten	Mr. Bryce Wilson
Ms. Whitney Jett	Dr. Karen Woodfaulk
Dr. John Lane	Dr. Lishu Yin

Chair Hayes convened the meeting at 12:43 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. It was confirmed that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Introductions

Ms. Belcher introduced the guests in attendance. A motion was made by Commissioner Horne at 12:44 p.m. to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing legal and personnel matters. The motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Batson, carried unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes

Wes Hayes

At 1:07 p.m., the Commission returned to its public business meeting. Chair Hayes then called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Commission's June 6th, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Dalton motioned and Commissioner Battle seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Chairman's Report

Wes Hayes

First, Chair Hayes welcomed Dr. Monhollon, who had recently assumed his duties as the president and executive director of the agency.

Second, Chair Hayes led the Commission in welcoming and congratulating Mr. Robert Caslen on his recent appointment as president of the University of South Carolina system. Dr. Monhollon added that Dr. Dwaun Warmack recently started his tenure as president of Claflin University, and Dr. Andrew Hsu, president of the College of Charleston, had assumed his position several months prior in May. It was resolved that Dr. Monhollon would extend letters to each of the above.

Lastly, announcing that the Commission's bylaws must be reviewed annually in August, Chair Hayes informed the Commission that Vice Chair Munns would lead the Executive Committee in their review and would report to the full body if revisions were determined necessary.

4. President and Executive Director's Report

Rusty Monhollon

Dr. Monhollon thanked the Commission and staff for their warm welcome and confidence. He espoused his philosophy that relationship building will be principal to his leadership and stated that, to date, he had met with all staff, several Commissioners, and a number of institutions' presidents and chancellors.

Continuing, he announced that he would attend SHEEO's annual policy conference in Boston, Massachusetts, the following week and would give a presentation on higher education issues in rural areas. Dr. John Lane, he added, would also attend the conference and would give a presentation on Project Pipeline Repair, a program focused on recruiting more black men to teaching professions. Dr. Monhollon stated that the agency is preparing press releases to promote upcoming media events related to the program.

5. Legislative Report

Rusty Monhollon

Chair Hayes inquired if Dr. Monhollon had any noteworthy information regarding legislative matters. Dr. Monhollon informed the Commission that the Senate Education K-12 Subcommittee would meet on August 14th to further discuss S.419, the South Carolina Career Opportunity and Access for All Act.

6. Committee Reports

6.01 Report of the Executive Committee

Wes Hayes

The Committee had no report.

6.02 Report of Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

Terrye Seckinger

While the Committee had no report, Commissioner Seckinger invited Dr. Lane to review for the Commission the list of activities engaged during the preceding month to advance teacher preparation, recruitment and advocacy. Please refer to Attachment I for details regarding these activities.

6.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

Paul Batson

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **Consideration of SC Student Loan Corporation FY 2019-20 Administrative Budget Request SC Teachers Loan Program**
- B. **SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers Quarterly Report (Quarter 3)**

Commissioner Batson, who was unable to attend the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Service's last meeting, asked Vice Chair Munns to give the Committee's report.

Vice Chair Munns first discussed the two items put forth by the Committee as a consent agenda: the administrative budget request for the SC Student Loan Corporation's Teachers Loan Program and the third quarter report of the SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers (SC-PRRMT). Regarding the former, Vice Chair Munns reminded the Commission that the program, which offers forgivable loans for teachers, provides \$2,500 per year to freshman and sophomore teaching students and \$5,000 per year to juniors and seniors. Both of these limits, he relayed, were perceived by the Committee to be too low. The latter item, he conveyed, reported increases in the number of SC-PRRMT Program participants, sites, and graduates in critical subject and geographic areas, and was received favorably by the Committee.

Chair Hayes called for questions or debate. Hearing none, the consent agenda, which was brought forward as a motion from the committee and therefore did not require a second, passed unanimously.

- C. **Palmetto Fellows Year-Round Application Process**
(For Information, No Action Required)
- D. **College Application Month Report, 2018**
(For Information, No Action Required)
- E. **SC State Approving Agency Update (SAA)**
(For Information, No Action Required)

Vice Chair Munns then presented the information items. He stated the legislature's recent approval of a year-round application process for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship would facilitate processing for staff. He recounted that the College Application Month program began in 2009 with twelve high schools participating and, by the most recent report, had grown to 237 schools and aided 47,000 senior high school students in completing college applications.

6.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

Charles Dalton

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **Permanent Improvement Project Approvals**
 - 1. The Citadel
 - A. Daniel Library HVAC Replacement
 - Establish Phase II Construction Budget
 - 2. Coastal Carolina University

- A. Smith Science Building Renovation
 - Change Source of Funds
- 3. Francis Marion University
 - A. FMU Honors Learning Center Construction
 - Increase Phase II Budget
- 4. Horry-Georgetown Technical College
 - A. Renovation of Grand Strand Buildings 100, 200, & 300 and Campus Infrastructure
 - Establish Phase II Construction Budget
- 5. Medical University of South Carolina
 - A. Basic Science Building Air Handler Units 4 and 4A
 - Establish Phase II Construction Budget
- 6. Tri-County Technical College
 - A. Pendleton Campus Miller Hall Renovation
 - Establish Phase I
 - B. Pendleton Campus Fulp Hall Renovation
 - Establish Phase II Construction Budget
- 7. USC Columbia
 - A. Campus Village Residential Development
 - Establish Phase I

Commissioner Dalton reviewed for the Commission institutions' project proposals. He stated Francis Marion University requested a \$200,000 increase to its budget for its Honors Learning Center, to which the Committee approved but voiced some reservations, as institutional representatives were unavailable to address its questions. Continuing, he stated the University of South Carolina advocated strongly for its \$210 million Campus Village Phase I proposal, demonstrating their need for more on-campus beds and correlating on-campus housing with stronger academic performance. He stated the Committee did communicate to the University of South Carolina that it had further questions regarding the project, which it would provide to the university before it seeks a Phase II recommendation. After reviewing the projects, Commissioner Dalton expressed his Committee's favorable recommendation of all eight projects put forth on the consent agenda.

As an aside, he announced that the Committee on Finance & Facilities agreed at its earlier meeting to conduct and present to the Commission quarterly reports on the agency's finances.

The consent agenda, which was brought forward as a motion from the committee and therefore did not require a second, passed unanimously.

B. List of Capital Projects and Leases Processed by Staff for April 2019

(For Information, No Action Required)

Commissioner Dalton invited Mr. Tippens to briefly review for the Commission the capital projects processed by staff in the months of June and July.

Vice Chair Munns and Commissioner Dalton briefly discussed the prospect of more closely monitoring institutions' use of new state monies and determining whether these are being applied to existing facilities' improvement or new construction.

7. Other Business

There was no other business

8. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

9. End of Business Meeting

With a motion (Battle), second (Batson), and unanimous vote, Chair Hayes adjourned the meeting at 1:41 p.m.