

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Meeting held at
1122 Lady Street, Suite 300
Columbia, S.C. 29201
12:30 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting
September 5, 2019

Commissioners Attending

Mr. Wes Hayes, Chair
Mr. Paul Batson
Mr. Charles Dalton

Ms. Linda Dolny
Mr. Edgar Dyer
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne

Mr. Chuck Munns*
Mr. Ben Satcher
Mr. Patrick White

Commissioners Absent

Mr. Jim Battle (excused)
Ms. Julie Godshall Brown (excused)
Mr. Devron Edwards (excused)
Ms. Terrye Seckinger (excused)
Dr. Cleveland Sellers (excused)
Dr. Mark Smith (excused)

Guests Attending

Ms. Beth Bell, Clemson University
Mr. Darryl Bridges, Francis Marion University*
Dr. John Catalano, University of South Carolina
Union
Mr. Jack Claypool, University of South Carolina
Columbia
Dr. James Colbert, Lander University
Dr. Tena Crews, University of South Carolina
Columbia*
Mr. Tim Druke, Winthrop University
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons, University of South Carolina
Columbia
Mr. Derek Gruner, University of South Carolina
Columbia
Ms. Jenna Hallman, CERRA
Ms. Mandy Kibler, University of South Carolina
Columbia

Dr. Kirsten Kennedy, University of South Carolina
Columbia
Mr. Bob Kulkofsky, The Citadel*
Cmdr. Jeffrey Lamberson, The Citadel*
Mr. Craig Parks, University of South Carolina
Columbia
Dr. John Pedersen, University of South Carolina
Columbia
Mr. Gary Pope, Pope Flynn Group
Dr. Hope Rivers, SC Technical College System*
Dr. Karin Roof, The Citadel
Dr. Sally Selden, The Citadel
Ms. Reinell Thomas-Myers, South Carolina State
University
Ms. Jane Turner, Esq., CERRA
Mr. R. Thomas Welch, Francis Marion University*

*Attended by phone.

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Rusty Monhollon
Dr. Jennifer Almeda
Dr. Argentini Anderson
Ms. Laura Belcher
Ms. Monica Goodwin
Dr. Samuel Grubbs
Ms. DaVaris Hatten
Ms. Whitney Jett
Dr. John Lane

Ms. Yolanda Myers
Ms. Stacey Price
Mr. Andrew Roof
Dr. Regine Rucker
Mr. Jeff Thompson
Mr. Georges Tippens
Mr. Bryce Wilson
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk
Dr. Lishu Yin

Chair Hayes convened the meeting at 12:34 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.

2. Approval of Minutes

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Commission's August 1st, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Horne motioned and Commissioner Dolny seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Chairman's Report

Wes Hayes

First, Chair Hayes welcomed Ms. Dianne Kuhl, former Commissioner from the 4th Congressional District. After brief words lauding her character, Chair Hayes presented Ms. Kuhl an honorary plaque in recognition of the service she dedicated to the Commission during her tenure from February 2014 to March 2019. Commissioners and guests gave Ms. Kuhl a standing ovation.

Second, Chair Hayes announced a forthcoming vacancy for the position of Commission Vice Chair, as the present occupant, Commissioner Munns, had recently been elected chair of the Committee on Academic Affairs & Licensing (CAAL). Further, he expressed his wish that a vote to fill the position be postponed until the Commission's October meeting. The Commission consenting, and hearing no further questions, Chair Hayes asked Dr. Monhollon to give his President and Executive Director's Report.

4. President and Executive Director's Report

Rusty Monhollon

Dr. Monhollon announced that the agency's FY 2018-19 Accountability Report is due to the Department of Administration by Friday, September 13, 2019. He noted the report would be available to the public. Commissioner Munns requested the document also be sent to Commissioners for information purposes.

Dr. Monhollon stated that the agency's appropriations request for the upcoming FY 2020-21 State Budget is due to the Governor by September 20, 2019. He emphasized that in its submission the agency would request a substantial increase to need-based financial aid and the elimination of several provisos deemed defunct.

Dr. Monhollon informed the Commission of the progress made in procuring a lease on new facilities for the agency's relocation in July 2020.

Dr. Monhollon shared that [The Hunt Institute](#), an education policy nonprofit partnered with Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy, had contacted him and offered to facilitate on the agency's behalf a convening, which would bring together the state's various higher education stakeholders, with the goal of operationalizing the Public Agenda 2017.

Dr. Monhollon stated that agency staff had been collaborating with representatives from Horry-Georgetown Technical College and Coastal Carolina University to arrange the Commission's November board meeting, which would convene at the former institution on Thursday, November 7th, with the Committees on Academic Affairs & Licensing and Finance & Facilities meeting on the latter's campus the day prior.

Dr. Monhollon invited Ms. Monica Goodwin, the agency's Chief Information Technology Officer, to present an interactive map, developed in response to a request made by Commissioner Dyer at the Commission's retreat, illustrating the entrance of high school completers from the state's I-95 corridor into in-state postsecondary institutions. The Commission was pleased but expressed enthusiasm to see its functionality expanded.

Dr. Monhollon announced that schools, media, and other education-interested parties had been informed of the launch of College Application Month events via press release. He added that staff in the agency's Division of Student Services had been planning events to celebrate the program's growth, and that state and local leaders would attend some of these events to assist students in completing their college applications. Lastly concerning activities within the Division of Student Services, Dr. Monhollon commended the staff of the State Approving Agency (SAA), who, he announced, had attained the highest possible rating in their most recent performance review.

Dr. Monhollon announced that Dr. Rainey Knight had assumed the position of Interim Executive Director at the SC Education Oversight Committee after the departure of Ms. Melanie Barton, who recently moved into a new role as senior education adviser to Governor McMaster.

Dr. Monhollon invited Mr. Rick Moul for a presentation on the PASCAL (Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries).

A. Presentation by Rick Moul, PASCAL

Mr. Moul gave a presentation on PASCAL, an academic library consortium of the state's colleges and universities. In his presentation, he described PASCAL's existing and emerging programs, academic impact, cost efficiencies, and relationship with the CHE. Noting that the CHE is the fiscal agent for the organization, he appealed to the Commission for its support in requesting greater recurring funds during upcoming budget negotiations. Commissioner Horne sympathized with this appeal and voiced her support.

5. Legislative Report

Rusty Monhollon

Having covered information regarding the status of the agency's accountability report and budget request in his President's report, Dr. Monhollon updated the Commissioners on the status of hiring a new Director of Governmental Affairs and Communications. He reported that CHE had conducted final interviews, and he expected to make a decision shortly with hopes that the Director would start by the first of October. had

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

Charles Munns

CONSENT AGENDA

A. CERRA FY 2020-21 Appropriation Request and FY 2018-2019 Annual Report

Commissioner Munns introduced the item on the consent agenda. He explained that the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement (CERRA) was requesting an appropriations increase of approximately \$1 million for its upcoming fiscal year's budget; the money, he noted, would be critical for improving the efficacy of teacher recruitment programs and rural recruitment initiatives. Commissioner Horne, adding that CERRA's work is much needed, requested discussion on the subject.

Chair Hayes invited comment from Ms. Jane Turner, Esq., CERRA’s director. She explained that the upcoming year’s appropriations request substantially exceeded the previous year’s in an effort to supply the organization with greater resources to combat the state’s dire teacher shortage. Ms. Turner stated that, superficially, CERRA appears to have a robust budget, but most of these funds, she stipulated, are designated as pass-through. She entreated the Commission to support CERRA in its endeavor to secure more funding.

Hearing no more discussion, the consent agenda, which was brought forward as a motion from the committee and therefore did not require a second, passed unanimously.

6.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

Paul Batson

CONSENT AGENDA

A. FY 2018-19 Annual Report and Consideration of the FY2020-21 EIA Appropriations Request for the SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers (SC-PRRMT) at SC State University

Commissioner Batson, on behalf of the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services, recommended approval of the FY 2018-19 annual report submitted by the South Carolina Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers (SC-PRRMT). The report, he stated, was authored by South Carolina State University, which administers the program. He then relayed the report’s findings, which showed increased PRAXIS Examination pass rates for program participants and an expansion in the number of operation sites.

The Committee, he added, also recommended approval of the program’s appropriations request of \$339,482 for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

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

B. SC Student Loan Corporation (SCSLC)

1. Delinquent Loans *(For Information, No Action Required)*
2. FY 2019-20 Legislative Proviso, SC Teachers Loan Program *(For Information, No Action Required)*

C. Carolina Cluster Career Pathways

1. Claflin University *(For Information, No Action Required)*
2. Benedict College *(For Information, No Action Required)*
3. Voorhees College *(For Information, No Action Required)*

Before concluding his report, Commissioner Batson presented the above items for information purposes.

6.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

Charles Dalton

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Permanent Improvement Project Approvals

1. The Citadel
 - A. Academic Building Replacement (Capers Hall)
 - Establish Phase II Construction Budget
 - B. Johnson Hagood Stadium Sansom Field Turf Replacement
 - Establish Phase II Construction Budget
2. Clemson University
 - A. Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

- Establish Phase I
- B. Daniel Hall Renovation and Expansion
 - Establish Phase II Construction Budget
- 3. College of Charleston
 - A. McAlister Residence Hall 2021 Renovation
 - Establish Phase I
- 4. Francis Marion University
 - A. Athletics Renovations/Improvements – GAC Fieldhouse & Smith University Center
 - Establish Phase I
- 5. Medical University of South Carolina
 - A. New College of Pharmacy Addition and Innovative Instructional Redesign Renovation
 - Establish Phase II Construction Budget
 - B. Clinical Sciences Building High Risk Infectious Disease (HRID) Unit
 - Phase II Budget Increase
- 6. Northeastern Technical College
 - A. NETC – Cheraw Campus Renovation
 - Establish Phase II Construction Budget
- 7. USC Columbia
 - A. Campus Village Residential Development
 - Establish Phase II Construction Budget

Commissioner Dalton discussed the purposes, costs, and funding sources of the ten proposed capital projects. The consent agenda, which was brought forward as a motion from the committee and therefore did not require a second, passed unanimously.

He also noted that the Committee on Finance & Facilities would present its inaugural quarterly financial report for the agency at the Commission’s meeting in November.

B. List of Capital Projects and Leases Processed by Staff for August 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 month of August. Mr. Tippens described the six projects that were staff-approved.

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 (Satcher), second (Horne), and unanimous vote, Chair Hayes adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.