

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Meeting held at
Room 1285, Dr. Robert E. Speir, Jr. Bldg., HGTC – Grand Strand
Campus 3501 Pampas Drive, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
12:45 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting
November 7, 2019

Commissioners Attending

Mr. Wes Hayes, Chair
Mr. Paul Batson
Ms. Julie Godshall Brown
Ms. Linda Dolny

Mr. Edgar Dyer
Mr. Devron Edwards*
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne
Mr. Chuck Munns

Mr. Ben Satcher
Ms. Terrye Seckinger
Dr. Cleveland Sellers
Mr. Patrick White*

Commissioners Absent

Mr. Jim Battle (excused)
Mr. Charles Dalton (excused)
Mr. Mark Smith (excused)

Guests Attending

Ms. Beth Bell, Clemson University
Dr. James Colbert, Lander University
Dr. Tena Crews, University of South Carolina
Columbia*
Dr. Mark Del Mastro, College of Charleston
Mr. Tim Druke, Winthrop University*
Dr. Marilyn Murphy Fore, Horry-Georgetown
Technical College
LTC Allen Gleaton, National Guard*

MSG Paul Mead, National Guard*
Ms. Reinell Thomas-Myers, South Carolina State
University*
Mr. Craig Parks, University of South Carolina
Columbia*
Dr. Karen Roof, The Citadel
Dr. Sally Selden, The Citadel
Dr. Charlie Spell, South Carolina State University*

*Attended by phone.

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Rusty Monhollon
Ms. Laura Belcher
Ms. Monica Goodwin
Dr. John Lane
Mr. Andrew Roof

Mr. Georges Tippens
Ms. Bunnie Ward
Mr. Bryce Wilson
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Chair Hayes convened the meeting at 12:53 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 quorum was confirmed.

2. Welcome & Presentation

Dr. Marilyn Murphy Fore

Chair Hayes introduced Dr. Fore. Dr. Fore welcomed the Commission to Horry-Georgetown Technical College and gave a brief presentation of additional and planned program facilities the Commission had not seen earlier

that morning on its campus tours. Commissioner Munns commended Dr. Fore for her superb administration of three separate campuses.

3. Approval of Minutes of October 3rd Meeting

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Commission's October 3, 2019 meeting. Vice Chair Horne motioned and Commissioner Satcher seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Chairman's Report

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes expressed his pleasure with the execution of the Commission's meeting and tours at Coastal Carolina University and Horry-Georgetown Technical College. He thanked Dr. Fore specifically for her efforts in coordinating these activities.

Chair Hayes further commended the efforts of the recently-formed South Carolina Higher Education Advisory Committee (SCHEAC), which he noted was assembled with the assistance of The Hunt Institute, and the Commission's collaboration with legislators and institutions regarding S.298 [Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA)].

5. President and Executive Director's Report

Rusty Monhollon

Dr. Monhollon presented an analytics report for the CHE website, which had been prepared by Ms. Monica Goodwin and the agency's Information Technology (IT) team.

Dr. Monhollon reported that the first SCHEAC meeting was a success, spurring collaboration from various stakeholders in South Carolina's system of higher education. He emphasized that the Committee's purpose is to make recommendations for the operationalization of the Commission's *2017 Public Agenda*. Lastly, he relayed to the Commissioners the positive feedback he had received from participants, and he announced the SCHEAC's next meeting would be held in Columbia, South Carolina, on December 17.

Dr. Monhollon announced a Council of Presidents meeting was being planned for early January. He stated potential meeting topics included: the establishment of bylaws for the body, the FY 2020-21 funding for higher education, the 2020 legislative session, and post-secondary enrollment trends. He announced an agenda for the prospective meeting would be created and distributed in advance of the meeting.

Dr. Monhollon recounted that, in October, it was requested that Academic Affairs staff examine teacher education and recruitment more closely. In fulfillment of this request, Dr. Monhollon stated that at the Commission's June 2020 meeting, staff would report on the state of educator preparation, identifying best practices and recommending appropriate responses available to the Commission. He added that Academic Affairs staff were in discussions with EIA Centers of Excellence to host a statewide conference on the same subject. He expressed his intention to link the presentation at the June meeting with the conference.

Dr. Monhollon discussed the agency's search for leasable office space. He stated that a revised Request For Proposals (RFP) was posted in October to adjust space needs, accounting for the agency's authorized number of full-time employees (FTE) instead of the number presently leveraged; this, he noted, increased the space permitted for the agency. Commission Seckinger asked if a contract needed to be signed by June. Dr. Monhollon answered that a contract would need to be signed even sooner, as the agency's lease of its current offices would expire at the end of June. Ms. Belcher added that the lease would need to be approved both by the the Joint Bond Review Committee (JBRC) and State Fiscal Accountability Authority (SFAA), and then a substantial buffer time would need to be allotted for space renovation.

Dr. Monhollon announced that Dr. Karen Woodfaulk would hold a training session at the agency's office on Friday, November 8, for volunteers helping students complete their FAFSA forms.

Lastly, Dr. Monhollon stated he would present at the 2019 South Carolina ACT Conference on Wednesday, November 13, and at the Joint Board Summit for the South Carolina Technical College System the following day.

6. Legislative Report

Bunnie Ward

Ms. Bunnie Ward discussed the agency's budget presentation to the Executive Budget Office (EBO) on October 31. She relayed that EBO's staff seemed receptive to the agency's requests. She stated the agency is preparing for its budget presentation to the House Ways & Means Committee, which she noted is due by 5:00 pm on January 3, 2020.

Ms. Ward informed the Commission that she and Dr. Monhollon had been meeting extensively during the previous month with legislators to voice the Commission's budget requests and concerns. She stated legislators' interest in the Commission's appropriations requests was strong and well-received.

Ms. Ward, reiterating Chair Hayes' earlier estimation, expressed satisfaction with the activities of the HEOA working group.

Lastly, Ms. Ward informed the Commission of the agency's communications endeavors. She stated that a social media strategy for the agency and one-page briefs to address specific policy issues were in development. Commissioner Dolny asked how briefs will be accessed. Ms. Ward stated that all policy briefs would be provided to Commissioners, staff, and interested legislators; ideally, she added, they would also be made available on the website and broadcast via social media. Commissioner Munns asked that each Commissioner be sent an updated list of their respective legislative delegation.

7. Committee Reports

7.01 Report of the Executive Committee

Wes Hayes

The Committee had no report.

7.02 Report of Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

Charles Munns

Commissioner Munns reported that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL) approved 17 program proposals at its meeting the day prior and which would be considered by the full Commission at the December 5 meeting. He stated the Committee also received a presentation from Teaching Fellows at Coastal Carolina University. Lastly, he stated the Committee had a brief discussion about the need to consider approving more Ph.D. programs at Comprehensive Four-Year Institutions. He added that the important difference between research and professional doctorates was raised during the discussion.

7.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

Paul Batson

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers (SC-PRRMT) FY 2018-2019 Fourth Quarter Report**
- B. SC National Guard College Assistance Program Regulations, Chapter 62 Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 59-114-75 Change Language – Full ROTC Scholarships**
- C. Residency Regulations: Determination of Rates of Tuition and Fees Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 59-112-100 Add Language to Include Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation**

Commissioner Batson asked Dr. Woodfaulk to summarize the three items on the Committee’s consent agenda. Dr. Woodfaulk drew special attention to item 7.03.A, the SC-PRRMT program, relaying that, over the previous year, the number of program applicants increased, the PRAXIS pass rate for program participants increased 5 percent, and the number of regional sites increased. The consent agenda, which was brought forward as a motion from the committee and therefore did not require a second, passed unanimously.

7.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

Linda Dolny

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Permanent Improvement Project Approvals**
 - 1. Clemson University
 - A. Core Campus Safety and Revitalization
 - Establish Phase I
 - B. Memorial Stadium Renovations
 - Establish Phase I
 - C. Roadway Pedestrian Safety Improvements
 - Establish Phase I
 - 2. Greenville Technical College
 - A. Greenville – Benson Campus Amphitheater and Student Plaza
 - Phase II Budget Increase
 - 3. Medical University of South Carolina
 - A. Basic Science Building Air Handler Unit #1 (West Side) Replacement
 - Establish Phase I
 - B. CSB Primary to Secondary Transformer Replacement
 - Establish Phase I
 - C. HCC Automatic Transfer Switches Replacement
 - Establish Phase I
 - D. Psych Institute Chiller #1 Replacement
 - Establish Phase II Construction Budget
 - 4. University of South Carolina
 - A. Honors College Expansion
 - Establish Phase II Construction Budget

Commissioner Dolny discussed the purposes, costs, and funding sources of the nine proposed capital projects and the one lease request. She announced that the Medical University of South Carolina withdrew item 7.04.A.3.C. *HCC Automatic Transfer Switches Replacement*.

Chair Hayes asked for discussion. There was none. 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 Permanent Improvement Projects Processed by Staff during October 2019
(For Information, No Action Required)

C. Report on FY 2019-20 First Quarter Financial Statements

(For Information, No Action Required)

Commissioner Dolny invited Mr. Tippens to briefly review for the Commission the capital projects processed by staff in the month of October. Then, Mr. Bryce Wilson gave an overview the agency's financial statements for the first quarter of FY 2019-20.

8. Other Business

A. Consideration of Proposed 2020 CHE and Executive Committee Meeting Calendars

(For Approval)

Commissioner Seckinger motioned and Commissioner Munns seconded to approve the proposed 2020 meeting calendars for the Commission and Executive Committee.

9. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

10. End of Business Meeting

With a motion (Seckinger), second (Satcher), and unanimous vote, Chair Hayes adjourned the meeting at 1:42 p.m.