

**Minutes of the SC Commission on Higher Education  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Meeting  
March 27, 2019**

In attendance:

**Executive Committee Members Present**

Mr. R. Wes Hayes, Chair (phone)  
Mr. Charles Munns, Vice Chair (phone)  
Mr. Paul Batson (phone)

**CHE Staff Present**

Ms. Laura Belcher, Operations Director  
Dr. John Lane, Director of Academic Affairs  
Mr. Andrew Roof, Administrative Coordinator  
Mr. Georges Tippens, Program Manager  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk, Director of Student Affairs

**Executive Committee Members Absent**

Mr. Charles Dalton  
Ms. Terry Seckinger

Chair Hayes convened the meeting at 10:33 a.m. It was confirmed that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

**1. Approval of Minutes (February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019)**

**Wes Hayes**

Vice Chair Munns moved, and Commissioner Batson seconded, to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2019 meeting as presented. The motion was unanimously carried, and the minutes were approved.

**2. Review of the April 04, 2019, CHE Draft Meeting Agenda**

**Wes Hayes**

Recounting a discussion with Aiken Technical College's President Dr. Forest Mahan, Vice Chair Munns asked Mr. Tippens, facilities program manager, about a project for upgrades to a welding facility supposedly submitted by the school for the Commission's approval at the upcoming meeting. Vice Chair Munns noted the project was not enumerated on the draft meeting agenda and wanted the discrepancy between Aiken Technical College's expectations and the proposed projects clarified. Mr. Tippens explained that Aiken Technical College originally submitted the project for the Commission's review and potential approval at its June meeting. He further explained that he had been working with the State Technical College System to advance the project proposal to the Commission's May meeting to better fit the Joint Bond Review Committee's (JBRC) schedule. Mr. Tippens concluded that the project will not be on the agenda until the May 2nd meeting, and he offered to contact Aiken Technical College to clarify any of their misunderstandings.

Vice Chair Munns then asked if there was any way possible for the project to be brought before the Commission at its April 5th meeting. Mr. Tippens explained the unfeasibility of this suggestion, and Commissioner Batson apprised Vice Chair Munns of a policy instituted by the Committee on Finance and Facilities which requires project proposals and their documentation be submitted the committee two weeks prior to its meeting.

Commissioner Batson asked that "Technical Schools" as written in item 6.04.B on the draft agenda be changed to "Technical Colleges."

Dr. Lane, director of the Division of Academic Affairs and Licensing, spoke on behalf of Commissioner Seckinger, who had notified the Executive Committee in advance that she would be unable to attend. He said the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing would have no items to bring forward until the June meeting but that the monthly summary of efforts undertaken to advocate for teachers would be provided.

Commissioner Batson announced that the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services would not have any report to Commission, as the Committee is scheduled to meet after the April 4<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.

Mr. Tippens said there could potentially be ten projects recommended for approval by the Committee on Finance and Facilities, with some being more financially substantial and thus necessitating greater discussion. He also announced that he would give a presentation on S.283, the Higher Education Enterprise Act, during the Committee on Finance and Facilities' meeting, and Commissioner Dalton would determine if a summary of his presentation would be provided to the full commission.

Chair Hayes noted the activity of the Search Committee. Ms. Belcher said the third batch of applicants would be sent to the Committee the following day, March 28th, and the final batch on Monday, April 1st. Furthermore, she announced the Search Committee would meet on Wednesday, April 3rd at 4:30 p.m., and should the meeting extend inordinately long, some time would be set aside the next morning before the Commission's meeting for the Committee to conclude its business. Ms. Belcher stated that it is the Search Committee's goal at the April 3rd meeting to determine if there are any candidates they would like to interview.

Chair Hayes asked if the South Carolina Higher Education Foundation had met. Mr. Tippens confirmed they had met twice, with the most recent meeting being Monday, March 25, and had authorized payment of some outstanding bills. Chair Hayes asked about S.283 and whether Mr. Tippens would give a synopsis. Mr. Tippens expressed that he had discussed the matter with Interim President and Executive Director LeFever but would need to seek input from Commissioner Dalton. Vice Chair Munns thought the Commission would be eager to receive such information and suggested the legislation be discussed under the legislative report.

### **3. Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **4. Adjournment**

A **motion (Munns)** was made and **seconded (Batson)** for the Executive Committee to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m.