

**Minutes of the SC Commission on Higher Education
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Meeting
August 28, 2019**

In attendance:

Executive Committee Members Present

Mr. R. Wes Hayes, Chair (phone)
Mr. Charles Munns, Vice Chair (phone)
Mr. Paul Batson (phone)
Mr. Charles Dalton (phone)
Ms. Terry Seckinger (phone)

CHE Staff Present

Dr. Rusty Monhollon, President & Executive
Director
Ms. Laura Belcher, Operations Director
Dr. John Lane, Director of Academic Affairs
Mr. Andrew Roof, Administrative Coordinator
Mr. Georges Tippens, Program Manager
Mr. Bryce Wilson, Director of Fiscal Affairs
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk, Director of Student Affairs

Chair Hayes convened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. It was confirmed that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Approval of Minutes (July 23rd, 2019)

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes called for approval of the minutes of the July 23, 2019, Executive Committee meeting. Commissioner Batson moved and Commissioner Seckinger seconded approval of the minutes. Receiving unanimous consent, the minutes were approved as presented.

2. Review of the September 5, 2019, CHE Draft Meeting Agenda

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes introduced discussion of the proposed agenda for the upcoming Commission meeting on September 5th.

Chair Hayes stated he would present during his Chairman's Report former Commissioner Dianne Kuhl a plaque recognizing her dutiful service to the agency since her appointment in 2014. Additionally, seeing as Commissioner Munns had recently been elected chair of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing, Chair Hayes stated he would announce to the Commission the vacancy of the Vice Chair's position and that a vote to fill it would be postponed to the October meeting.

Chair Hayes asked Dr. Monhollon what the Commission should expect from his President & Executive Director's Report. Dr. Monhollon stated he would like to start incorporating into the report topical presentations, with the first to be given by Mr. Rick Moul, Executive Director of PASCAL. For his legislative report, Dr. Monhollon stated he would give a quick summary of several subcommittee meetings, none of which he thought specifically affected higher education.

Chair Hayes asked about the progress made in filling the vacant Government Affairs Manager position. Dr. Monhollon informed him that a handful of candidates had been interviewed and that he was in the process of conducting reference checks.

Chair Hayes asked Commissioner Seckinger to briefly overview CAAL's agenda item. She explained the one item put forward on the consent agenda: the FY 2018-19 Annual Report and FY 2020-21 appropriations request submitted by the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement (CERRA). Commissioner Seckinger advocated greater funding for CERRA, citing its efforts in addressing the state's teacher shortage, and stated the Commission should help bring the organization's

request to the General Assembly. Commissioner Munns supported Commissioner Seckinger but added that more than just CERRA would be needed to advance solutions to the teacher shortage. He suggested the Commission leverage its role as a coordinating body to bring together stakeholders in the issue. It was agreed that a discussion of teacher recruitment and retention activities would be added to the September 5th agenda.

Commissioner Batson recounted the previous meeting of the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services. He stated the Committee would bring one item—the SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers' (SC-PRRMT) FY 2018-10 Annual Report and the FY 2020-21 appropriations request—before the Commission for approval. He also noted that informational items from the SC Student Loan Corporation and Carolina Cluster Career Pathways would be submitted to the Commission. Commissioner Batson expected no controversy to arise from any items put forward by his Committee.

Commissioner Dalton stated the Committee on Finance & Facilities would put forward ten projects for approval by the Commission. He drew special attention to the University of South Carolina's (UofSC) Campus Village Residential Development project, which he stated had elicited a bevy of questions from Committee members. Commissioner Dalton, in trying to aid the Committee in its inspection of the project and its impending determination, suggested the Committee enter an executive session before its upcoming meeting on the morning of September 5th. He asked Mr. Georges Tippens for his opinion on this suggestion. Mr. Tippens expressed concern, citing the Freedom of Information Act's (FOIA) subsection on convening executive sessions, the qualifying criteria for which he did not think Commissioner Dalton's reasons satisfied. It was ultimately decided that no preemptive actions would be applied to the project until after Commissioner Batson had met with and received clarification from UofSC's Craig Parks, Director of Government Relations.

Lastly, it was determined that the Commission had no need to hold an executive session at its upcoming meeting on September 5th. As such, the Committee agreed that the meeting should commence at 12:30 p.m.

3. Other Business

There was no other business.

4. Adjournment

At 10:55 a.m., Commissioner Batson moved and Commissioner Seckinger seconded to adjourn the meeting of the Executive Committee.