

**Minutes of the SC Commission on Higher
Education Executive Committee Meeting
December 19, 2019**

In Attendance:

Executive Committee Members Present

Mr. R. Wes Hayes, Chair
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice Chair
Mr. Paul Batson
Mr. Charles Dalton

Executive Committee Members Absent

Mr. Charles Munns

CHE Staff Present

Dr. Rusty Monhollon, President & Executive
Director
Ms. Monica Goodwin, Chief Information Officer
Dr. John Lane, Director of Academic Affairs
Mr. Andrew Roof, Administrative Coordinator
Mr. Georges Tippens, Facilities Program Manager
Ms. Bunnie Ward, Director of Governmental
Affairs & Communications
Mr. Bryce Wilson, Director of Fiscal Affairs
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk, Director of Student Services

Chair Hayes called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. It was confirmed that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Approval of Minutes (November 20, 2019)

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee's meeting on November 20, 2019. Vice Chair Horne motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Batson and carried unanimously, the minutes were approved as presented.

2. Review of the January 9, 2020 CHE Draft Meeting Agenda

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes introduced discussion of the draft agenda for the Commission's upcoming meeting on January 9, 2020.

Dr. Monhollon stated an external presentation would not be given; instead, he stated, representatives of the Attorney General's Office would give the Commission a training session on the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) before its regular business meeting. Dr. Monhollon added that staff would also attend.

For his report, Dr. Monhollon stated he would provide an update on the Higher Education Advisory Committee (SCHEAC) and other matters. Chair Hayes expressed that he was impressed with both meetings, adding that participation from the state's key education leaders had been great.

Ms. Ward stated she would provide Commissioners updates on key legislation. Chair Hayes asked if she would give an update on the activities of the working group for the SC Career Opportunity and Access for All Act (S.419). Ms. Ward stated she would, adding that the group's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 10. Commissioner Batson asked if CHE's opinion had been solicited regarding the financial vetting of capital projects. Dr. Monhollon responded that CHE's general opinion had been sought but that the agency had not provided input about specifics.

Commissioner Batson asked Ms. Ward to get members of the Committee on Finance & Facilities the provisions in S.419 regarding financial vetting of capital projects. Ms. Ward stated that Mr. Tippens was a

participant in working group meetings and could provide better background on that conversation. Dr. Monhollon expressed his understanding that Senator Sheheen preferred to have the specifics of S.419 discussed within the legislature. Chair Hayes believed that the Committee on Finance & Facilities should review the bill's language to provide guidance as the Commission goes about developing a position on the bill's provisions related to the financial vetting of capital projects. Chair Hayes added that he would like institutions to be informed up-front of the Commission's position, which he emphasized should not be adversarial.

Continuing business, Dr. Monhollon stated a public hearing is statutorily required at the upcoming meeting, as revisions are proposed to two Commission regulations.

Commissioner Batson stated the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services would have four items on agenda.

Commissioner Dalton stated his report for the Committee on Finance & Facilities would be brief and straightforward.

3. Other Business

There was no other business.

4. Adjournment

A **motion** was made and **seconded** for the Executive Committee to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 a.m.