

**SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

Meeting held at  
1122 Lady Street, Suite 300  
Columbia, S.C. 29201  
1:00 p.m.

***Minutes of the Meeting***  
**January 9, 2020**

**Commissioners Attending**

Mr. Wes Hayes, Chair	Ms. Linda Dolny	Ms. Terrye Seckinger
Mr. Paul Batson	Mr. Edgar Dyer	Dr. Cleveland Sellers
Mr. Jim Battle*	Mr. Devron Edwards	Mr. Mark Smith
Ms. Julie Godshall Brown	Dr. Bettie Rose Horne	Mr. Patrick White
Mr. Charles Dalton	Mr. Ben Satcher	

**Commissioners Absent**

Mr. Chuck Munns (excused)

**Guests Attending**

Ms. Kim Agotti-Smith, National Guard	Mr. Tim Druke, Winthrop University
Ms. Beth Bell, Clemson University	LTC Allen Gleaton, National Guard
Dr. John Catalano, University of South Carolina Union	Ms. Trena Houp, University of South Carolina Columbia*
Dr. Tena Crews, University of South Carolina Columbia*	MSG Paul Mead, National Guard
Dr. Mark Del Mastro, College of Charleston*	Dr. Hope Rivers, SC Technical College System*
	Dr. Karen Roof, The Citadel

\*Attended by phone.

**Commission Staff Present**

Dr. Rusty Monhollon	Ms. Julissa Nixon
Ms. Laura Belcher	Dr. Christopher Robinson
Dr. Saundra Car	Mr. Andrew Roof
Ms. Monica Goodwin	Mr. Georges Tippens
Mr. Samuel Grubbs	Ms. Bunnie Ward
Ms. DaVaris Hatten	Mr. Bryce Wilson
Dr. John Lane	Dr. Karen Woodfaulk
Ms. Yolanda Myers	Dr. Lishu Yin

Chair Hayes convened the meeting at 1:16 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 & Roll Call to Establish Quorum**

Ms. Belcher introduced the guests in attendance. A quorum was confirmed.

**2. Approval of Minutes of December 5, 2019 Meeting**

**Wes Hayes**

Chair Hayes called for approval of the minutes of the Commission’s meeting on December 5, 2019. Commissioner Brown motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Seckinger and

carried unanimously, the minutes were approved as presented. Commissioner Seckinger referred to a discussion recounted in the minutes and requested further information on the difference between loan types and Commissioner Dyer's question pertaining to financial bonds.

### **3. Chairman's Report**

**Wes Hayes**

Chair Hayes stated that meetings of the Higher Education Advisory Committee (SCHEAC), the Higher Education Opportunity Act (S.298) work group, and the Council of Presidents had been positive. He believed CHE is in a strong position moving into the legislative session. He announced the Commission's February meeting will be held off-site, as it will tour Francis Marion University and Florence-Darlington Technical College in Florence. Chair Hayes requested Dr. Monhollon's report.

### **4. President and Executive Director's Report**

**Rusty Monhollon**

Dr. Monhollon requested Ms. Monica Goodwin and her staff distribute copies of the 2019 Statistical Abstract to Commissioners. Dr. Monhollon explained the document's purpose, highlighting its usefulness, and thanked Ms. Goodwin and her team, especially Dr. Robinson, for their work in creating the document.

Dr. Monhollon recounted the meeting of the Council of Presidents, which CHE hosted on Tuesday, January 7, 2020. He stated that 28 of the 33 presidents of the state's public institutions, 10 commissioners, and the president of the South Carolina Technical College System were in attendance. Their discussion, he described, centered on how to better realize the Council, what form it should assume, and how it should operate. Other conversations, he noted, related to the upcoming legislative session. Dr. Monhollon believed the meeting was successful. He noted presidents' expressed sentiments that the Council is needed and would enhance the state's system of higher education.

Dr. Monhollon recalled that presidents had concerns with the suggested four meetings per year, citing busy schedules and the undertaking it would be to coordinate all members that many times per year. Dr. Monhollon relayed a suggestion that a group of presidents serve on the Commission's committees in an advisory capacity. Lastly, he relayed a suggestion that Council meetings be aligned with legislative and budgetary sessions.

Chair Hayes assigned the Executive Committee to explore the possibility of having presidents serve the Commission in an advisory capacity.

Dr. Monhollon recalled the SCHEAC's second meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. He stated the meeting was productive, with discussion focused on a statewide completion agenda and a comprehensive system of credit transfer agreements. He stated that preparations were underway for the group's third and final meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2020.

Dr. Monhollon announced he will travel to Augusta next week to attend the Cyber Education Research and Training Symposium and sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Commission on Higher Education and Fort Gordon. He explained the MOU would open a pathway for South Carolina's colleges and universities to partner with Fort Gordon in extending cybersecurity education and workforce opportunities to their enrolled service members. Commissioner Seckinger initiated a discussion of whether the Commission needed to approve the MOU.

Dr. Monhollon recounted that CHE hosted representatives of SHEEO's Project Pipeline Repair in December. He explained the program's purpose and stated that South Carolina was one of four states chosen to participate.

Dr. Monhollon noted that CHE had received an AmeriCorps grant.

## 5. Legislative Report

Bunnie Ward

Ms. Bunnie Ward provided her legislative report. She highlighted the twelve higher education-related pre-filed bills. She announced the *legislative tracking report* would be updated and provided to Commissioners weekly. She provided the Commissioners communications statistics and definitions for metrics used.

## 6. Public Hearings on Regulatory Amendments for the 2020-21 Academic Year

Wes Hayes

1. Regulation for Public Hearing: Licensing Criteria
2. Regulation for South Carolina National Guard CAP Program

Chair Hayes opened public hearings on the proposed regulation changes. Chair Hayes confirmed the hearing was in compliance with all pertinent laws. Calling for and hearing no requests for comment, either written or verbal, he closed the public hearings.

## 7. Committee Reports

### 7.01 Report of the Executive Committee

Wes Hayes

The Executive Committee had no report.

### 7.02 Report of Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

Charles Munns

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **A. Licensing Criteria Regulation Changes: Chapter 62 Section 62-6 (D)**

In Commissioner Munns' absence, Commissioner Seckinger delivered the report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing. She relayed the Committee's favorable recommendation of the proposed licensing change. The consent agenda, which was brought forward as a motion from the Committee and therefore did not require a second, passed unanimously.

### 7.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

Paul Batson

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. South Carolina National Guard CAP Regulation Changes: Chapter 62 Section 62-253 (F)**
- B. Determination of Tuition and Fee Rates (SC Residency) Chapter 62 Changes: Section 62-600-612**
- C. South Carolina Teachers Loan Program Regulation Changes: Article II Subarticle B of General Regulations Relating to Borrowers Section 62-120 (6) (7)**
- D. Guidance: Residency for Tuition/Fees and State Scholarship/Grant Purposes of U.S. Citizen Students with Undocumented Parents**

Commissioner Batson delivered the report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing. The consent agenda, which was brought forward as a motion from the Committee and therefore did not require a second, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Batson noted recent federal revisions to 529 College Savings Plans, which would for the first time permit students and families to draw \$10,000 to pay on their student loan debt.

### 7.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

Charles Dalton

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A. Permanent Improvement Project Approvals**

1. The Citadel
  - A. Johnson Hagood Stadium CRC Exterior Repairs  
- Establish Phase II Construction Budget
2. Greenville Technical College
  - A. Greenville – Parking Lot R Construction – Barton Campus  
- Establish Phase I
3. University of South Carolina Columbia
  - A. West Campus Parking Development  
- Establish Phase I
  - B. Strom Thurmond Wellness Center Intramural Recreation Fields Synthetic Turf Installation  
- Establish Phase II Construction Budget
4. University of South Carolina Upstate
  - A. Hall Parcel Land Acquisition  
- Establish Phase II Land Purchase Budget

Commissioner Dalton discussed the purposes, costs, and funding sources of the five 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.

### **B. List of Permanent Improvement Projects Processed by Staff during December 2019**

*(For Information, No Action Required)*

Commissioner Dalton presented the item for information purposes.

## **8. Other Business**

Commissioner Seckinger initiated a brief discussion of the Commission's SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) report published in 2017 and asked that it be revisited.

## **9. Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

## **10. End of Business Meeting**

With a motion, second, and unanimous vote, Chair Hayes adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m.