

**SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER
EDUCATION** Meeting held at
Hendrick Room, The Cottage at Francis Marion University
Florence, South Carolina 29506
February 6, 2020
1:15 p.m.
Minutes of the Meeting
February 6, 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. Devron Edwards (excused)

Guests Attending

Ms. Beth Bell, Clemson University*	Ms. Trena Houpp, University of South Carolina Columbia*
Dr. Edward Bethea, Florence-Darlington Technical College	Dr. Derek Jokisch, Florence-Darlington Technical College
Mr. Benjamin Blanks, Francis Marion University	Dr. Peter King, Francis Marion University
Mr. Darryl Bridges, Francis Marion University	Dr. Jennifer Kunka, Francis Marion University
Mr. Eric Brown, SC Technical College System	Dr. Meredith Love, Francis Marion University
Ms. Christina Brown*	Dr. Matthew Nelson, Francis Marion University
Dr. Fred Carter, Francis Marion University	Dr. Tammy Pawloski, College of Charleston
Mr. Tim Drueke, Winthrop University*	Dr. Karen Roof, The Citadel
Dr. Daniel Ennis, Coastal Carolina University	Dr. Sally Selden, The Citadel
Ms. Karen Gettings, Francis Marion University	Mr. Thomas Welch, Francis Marion University
Ms. Tracy Holcombe, College of Charleston	

*Attended by phone.

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Rusty Monhollon	Mr. Andrew Roof
Dr. Jennifer Almeda	Ms. Laverne Sanders
Ms. Laura Belcher	Mr. Georges Tippens
Dr. John Lane	Ms. Bunnie Ward
Ms. Yolanda Myers	Mr. Bryce Wilson
Ms. Julissa Nixon	Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

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 January 9, 2020 Meeting

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes called for approval of the minutes of the Commission's meeting on January 9, 2020. Vice Chair Horne motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Seckinger and carried unanimously, the minutes were approved as presented.

3. Welcome & Presentations

Dr. Fred Carter, President of Francis Marion University

Dr. Carter and Dr. Bethea, president of Florence-Darlington Technical College, welcomed the Commission and thanked them for their support. Chair Hayes thanked them both for their tremendous hospitality. Commissioner Battle thanked both presidents for their work in the Pee Dee community and around the state.

Dr. Carter introduced each presenter.

- A. Presentation by Dr. Karen Gittings, Dean of Francis Marion University's School of Health Sciences**
- B. Presentation by Dr. Derek Jokisch, Chair of Francis Marion University's Dept. of Physics & Engineering**
- C. Presentation by Dr. Tammy Pawloski, Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty**
- D. Presentation by Dr. Meredith Love, Center of Excellence for College & Career Readiness**

The Commission received presentations from each of the above. Presenters were thanked by the Commission for their work.

4. Chair's Report

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes had no report.

5. President and Executive Director's Report

Rusty Monhollon

Dr. Monhollon discussed the upcoming meeting of the South Carolina Higher Education Advisory Committee (SCHEAC), planned for Tuesday, February 25, 2020. Commission Munns highlighted the importance of optimizing the Commission's committees to execute the *Public Agenda* operation plan derived from SCHEAC's recommendations. Dr. Monhollon stated CHE staff and representatives of The Hunt Institute, the agency's partner in convening the SCHEAC, would present that operation plan to the Commission, with Commissioners receiving recommendations prior to the presentation.

Dr. Monhollon provided Commissioners copies of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CHE and Fort Gordon he signed on January 16, 2020. He also provided each Commissioner a list of all MOUs in which the agency is currently engaged.

The Commission discussed the extent of the president and executive director's authority in entering CHE into MOUs and whether prior approval from the Commission should be required. The Commission agreed that the president and executive director could enter at his discretion MOUs but should inform the Commission that such an agreement had been entered.

6. Legislative Report

Bunnie Ward

Ms. Bunnie Ward provided her legislative report. She especially noted amendments to S.419, the SC Career Opportunity and Access for All Act. She noted recent amendments made LIFE and Palmetto Fellow scholarship

recipients majoring in education eligible for stipends comparable to those given to STEM majors, with the Commission responsible for determining the qualifying criteria for what constitutes eligible education programs. She also noted amendments made to Palmetto Fellows and LIFE scholarship eligibility criteria.

Ms. Ward also apprised Commissioners of the status of H.3757, Workforce and Education Data Oversight Committee.

Ms. Ward noted the Commission recently completed its budget hearings with the House Ways and Means Committee. She relayed requests from the Committee for a definition for deferred maintenance and institutional data dashboards.

Ms. Ward concluded her report by describing the remaining stages in the budget development process.

7. Committee Reports

7.01 Report of the Executive Committee

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes asked Dr. Monhollon to introduce the revised Council of Presidents guidelines to the Commission. Dr. Monhollon explained the original guidelines were shared with presidents of public 4- and 2-year institutions at the inaugural Council of Presidents meeting on January 7, 2020. Furthermore, he explained that after initial review, presidents made suggested revisions to the guidelines, which he said had been incorporated into those being presently discussed.

The guidelines, Dr. Monhollon expressed, should eventually be incorporated into the Commission's bylaws. He asked that the Commission provide its endorsement of the guidelines, so the process of adding them to the bylaws could begin.

Chair Hayes stated the guidelines came before the Executive Committee at its meeting on January 27, 2020. He announced the Executive Committee's recommendation that the Commission endorse the Council of Presidents guidelines.

A motion from the Executive Committee, and therefore not requiring a second, the Commission endorsed the Council of Presidents guidelines as presented, with the understanding they would be circulated to members of the Council for feedback and eventually incorporated into the Commission's bylaws.

7.02 Report of Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

Charles Munns

Commissioner Munns announced the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL) would meet next week, and ten academic program proposals would be on the agenda.

Commissioner Munns recounted that in June, the College of Charleston's proposed B.S. degree in electrical engineering was not approved by the Commission. Commissioner Munns continued to describe the process by which program decision appeals could be made. He stated the College of Charleston had officially invoked an appeal of the Commission's June decision. There was discussion about the Commission's standing procedures concerning academic program decision appeals. Commissioner Seckinger recommended the Commission review its policies and bylaws to reduce what she described as open-endedness in the process. Further, she requested that Dr. Monhollon and staff research other states' appeals processes.

7.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

Paul Batson

The Committee had no report.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Permanent Improvement Project Approvals

1. Francis Marion University

- A. Athletics Renovations/Improvements – GAC Fieldhouse & Smith University Center
- Establish Phase II Construction Budget

Commissioner Dalton discussed the purposes, costs, and funding sources of the one proposed capital project. The consent agenda, which was brought forward as a motion from the Committee and therefore did not require a second, passed unanimously.

B. Report of FY 2019-20 Second Quarter Financial Statements

(For Information, No Action Required)

C. List of Permanent Improvement Projects Processed by Staff during December 2019

(For Information, No Action Required)

D. Financial Matrices

(For Information, No Action Required)

Commissioner Dalton presented the items for information purposes. Regarding item 7.04.B, Commissioner Dalton noted the agency was well within its projected budget for the quarter.

As a separate issue, Commissioner Dalton stated institutions' CFOs and facilities officers will convene to discuss the matter of deferred maintenance.

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

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 2:54 p.m.