

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Meeting held at
1122 Lady Street, Suite 300
Columbia, S.C. 29201
12:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting
March 5, 2020

Commissioners Attending

Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice Chair
Mr. Paul Batson
Mr. Jim Battle*
Ms. Julie Godshall Brown*

Mr. Charles Dalton
Ms. Linda Dolny
Mr. Charles Munns
Mr. Ben Satcher

Ms. Terrye Seckinger
Dr. Cleveland Sellers
Mr. Patrick White

Commissioners Absent

Mr. Wes Hayes, Chair (excused)
Mr. Edgar Dyer (excused)
Mr. Devron Edwards (excused)
Mr. Mark Smith (excused)

Guests Attending

CPT Kimrey Angotti-Smith, SC National Guard
Ms. Beth Bell, Clemson University*
Dr. John Catalano, University of South Carolina
Union
Dr. James Colbert, Lander University
Mr. Bob Crenshaw, SC Technical College System
Dr. Mark Del Mastro, College of Charleston*
Mr. Tim Druke, Winthrop University
Dr. Daniel Ennis, Coastal Carolina University
Ms. Trena Houpp, University of South Carolina
Columbia

Dr. Scott Jones, Lander University
Mr. Ray Jones, SC Student Loan Corporation
Mr. Paul Mead, SC National Guard
Mr. Rick Moul, PASCAL
Ms. Eboni Nelson, University of South Carolina
Columbia
Ms. Liz Niehaus, University of South Carolina
Columbia
Dr. Hope Rivers, SC Technical College System
Dr. Karen Roof, The Citadel
Ms. Reinell Thomas Myers, SC State University*

*Attended by phone.

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Rusty Monhollon
Dr. Jennifer Almeda
Ms. Laura Belcher
Dr. Saundra Carr
Ms. Katie Harris
Dr. John Lane
Ms. Yolanda Myers

Ms. Julissa Nixon
Mr. Andrew Roof
Mr. Georges Tippens
Ms. Bunnie Ward
Mr. Bryce Wilson
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk
Dr. Lishu Yin

Vice Chair Horne chaired the meeting on Chair Hayes' behalf, as he was ill and unable to attend. She called the meeting to order at 12:08 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 February 6, 2020 Meeting

Wes Hayes

Vice Chair Horne called for approval of the minutes of the Commission's meeting on February 6, 2020. Commissioner Satcher motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Batson and carried unanimously, the minutes were approved as presented.

3. Chairman's Report

Wes Hayes

There was no report.

4. President and Executive Director's Report

Rusty Monhollon

Dr. Monhollon invited Dr. Karen Woodfaulk to introduce Ms. Kathryn Harris, the Student Services Division's new Palmetto Fellows Scholarship program manager.

Dr. Monhollon reported to the Commission the discussions and activities of the South Carolina Higher Education Advisory Committee (SCHEAC) at its February 25, 2020 convening. Dr. Monhollon informed the Commission that the February 25 SCHEAC meeting was the last, and The Hunt Institute, the agency's partner in coordinating the group, was beginning to collate key takeaways. The resultant recommendations, Dr. Monhollon stated, will be presented to the Commission at a later meeting and should aid in the development of an operationalization plan for the 2017 Public Agenda.

Dr. Monhollon informed the Commission that he and staff will present the agency's budget requests to the Senate Finance Budget Committee on March 12, 2020.

Dr. Monhollon stated the Council of Presidents Guidelines had received their last revisions and will be submitted for the Commission's approval at the April meeting. He noted a key guideline which leaves to the Council of Presidents the authority to develop its own governing structure and procedures. As to the structure of the Council, Dr. Monhollon stated he had been working to identify and convene a small group of members to begin work towards its development.

Dr. Monhollon described the actions taken by the agency to address COVID-19.

Dr. Monhollon briefly highlighted SHEEO's \$10,000 grant to the agency for the Project Pipeline Repair program.

Dr. Monhollon announced that planning continues for a statewide conference in June on teacher education. Commissioner Munns asked if CHE was leading plans. Dr. Monhollon confirmed and stated that Dr. Lane and his staff were heading up the planning process.

Dr. Monhollon provided an update to the Commission on the lease process for the agency's new office. He provided the address of the prospective space.

5. Legislative Report

Bunnie Ward

Ms. Bunnie Ward provided her legislative report. She noted that S.419, the SC Career Opportunity and Access for All Act, received third reading by the Senate and was sent to the House. She specified that the version of the bill passed by the Senate featured an adjustment to lottery scholarship criteria that would allow education majors to receive a stipend equivalent to that received by STEM majors.

Ms. Ward summarized for the Commission the discussion of the House Ways & Means Committee during its budget briefing on March 4, 2020.

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

Wes Hayes

A. South Carolina Student Loan Corporation - SC Teachers Loan Program Section 62-120

Vice Chair Horne opened the public hearing on the proposed regulation change. Vice Chair Horne confirmed the hearing was in compliance with all pertinent laws. Calling for and hearing no requests for comment, either written or verbal, she closed the public hearing.

7. Committee Reports

7.01 Report of the Executive Committee

Wes Hayes

The Executive Committee reported on proviso 11.20, which was included in the House Ways & Means Committee's recommended FY 20-21 appropriations bill. The proviso, they relayed, would direct CHE to study and implement a classification system for South Carolina public institutions of higher learning that includes a classification for a Doctoral/Professional University, which could offer no more than a combined five terminal professional or Ph.D. degrees that lead to continued education or employment.

7.02 Report of Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

Charles Munns

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Program Approvals

1. Clemson University, M.H.R.D., Human Resources Development
2. Francis Marion University, B.A./B.S., Performing Arts
3. Lander University, B.A.S., Business Administration
4. Lander University, B.A., Humanities
5. Lander University, BA, International Studies
6. Lander University, M.A.T., Visual Art
7. University of South Carolina Columbia, M.S.L., Master of Studies in Law, Health Systems Law

Commissioner Munns introduced the seven items on the consent agenda. Having no deliberation, the consent agenda, which was brought forward as a motion from the committee and therefore did not require a second, passed unanimously.

B. Annual Report on Terminated and Approved Programs, FY 2018-19

(For Information, No Action Required)

C. Report on Program Modifications, October 31, 2019 – February 6, 2020

(For Information, No Action Required)

Commissioner Munns presented the above items solely for informational purposes.

7.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

Paul Batson

CONSENT AGENDA

**A. SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers (SC-PRRMT FY 2019-20)
Quarter I and Quarter II Reports**

B. South Carolina National Guard College Assistance Program Regulation

Commissioner Batson introduced and briefly overviewed the two items put forth under consent agenda by the Committee on Access & Equity and Students Service. Having no deliberation, the consent agenda, which was brought forward as a motion from the committee and therefore did not require a second, passed unanimously.

C. Tucker Hipps Transparency Act
(For Information, No Action Required)

Commissioner Batson presented the above item solely for informational purposes.

7.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

Charles Dalton

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Lease Approval

1. Lander University
 - A. Recreation, Wellness and Sports Complex
 - Lease Modification

B. Permanent Improvement Project Approvals

1. Lander University
 - A. Field House II Development
 - Establish Phase II Construction Budget
 - B. Intramural Field Renovation
 - Establish Phase II Construction Budget
2. Clemson University
 - A. CU-ICAR Campbell Graduate Engineering Center Propulsion Lab Upfit
 - Establish Phase I
3. Horry-Georgetown Technical College
 - A. Expansion of Diesel Engine Training Facility
 - Establish Phase I
4. Technical College of the Lowcountry
 - A. Interior Renovations for Advancement of Health Sciences and Students Services
 - Establish Phase I
5. University of South Carolina Columbia
 - A. Colonial Life Arena Roof Replacement and Envelope Maintenance
 - Establish Phase I

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

C. List of Permanent Improvement Projects Processed by Staff during February 2019
(For Information, No Action Required)

D. Staff Authority to Provide Recommendations on Project Requests Funded by Legislative Appropriations
(For Approval)

Commissioner Dalton presented item 7.04.C for information purposes. Commissioner Dalton asked Mr. Georges Tippens to explain item 7.04.D, which was being put forth by the committee for the Commission's approval. Mr. Tippens explained that the proposed policy change, which he noted had been approved by the committee, would permit staff to independently approve project requests, so long as those requests are completely funded

by legislative appropriation. Hearing no questions, the item, which was brought forward as a motion from the committee and therefore did not require a second, passed unanimously.

In closing, Commissioner Dalton briefly reviewed the discussion of the Committee on Finance and Facilities at its meeting earlier that morning.

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 (Dolny), second (Satcher), and unanimous vote, Vice Chair Horne adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.