

**SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

Meeting held via Zoom conference call

12:00 p.m.

***Minutes of the Meeting***

**April 2, 2020**

**Commissioners Attending**

Mr. Wes Hayes, Chair

Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice Chair

Mr. Paul Batson

Mr. Jim Battle\*

Ms. Julie Godshall Brown\*

Mr. Charles Dalton

Ms. Linda Dolny

Mr. Edgar Dyer

Mr. Devron Edwards

Mr. Charles Munns

Mr. Ben Satcher

Ms. Terrye Seckinger

Dr. Cleveland Sellers

Dr. Mark Smith

Mr. Patrick White

**Commissioners Absent**

**Guests Attending**

Ms. Joren Bartlett, SC Technical College System

Ms. Carol Belcher, Trident Technical College

Ms. Beth Bell, Clemson University

Ms. Christin Bran, Medical University of South Carolina

Dr. James Colbert, Lander University

Mr. Tim Druke, Winthrop University

Ms. Shirley Hinson, College of Charleston

Ms. Trena Houpp, University of South Carolina Columbia

Mr. Michael Hughes, Dept of Administration

Ms. Elizabeth Kassebaum, College of Charleston

Dr. Hope Rivers, SC Technical College System

Mr. Jake Scoggins, Dept of Administration

Dr. Daren Timmons, University of South Carolina Aiken

**Commission Staff Present**

Dr. Rusty Monhollon

Dr. Jennifer Almeda

Ms. Laura Belcher

Dr. Saundra Carr

Mr. Andrew Roof

Chair Hayes called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon 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**

**Laura Belcher**

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

**2. President and Executive Director's Report**

**Rusty Monhollon**

Dr. Monhollon overviewed the actions undertaken thus far by the agency to address the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on South Carolina's system of higher education. During the course of his report, he and attending Commissioners discussed higher education matters related to the pandemic, particularly:

- the implementation of remote instruction and its efficacy;

- the mobilization of state resources, specifically buses owned by the Department of Education, to deliver Wi-Fi to students in under-served areas;
- enrollments for the upcoming Maymester, summer session, and fall semester;
- institutions' financial losses stemming from lost revenue and remittances to students; and
- the federal aid provided to higher education through the CARES Act.

Dr. Monhollon noted that he and Chair Hayes had been meeting with legislators to discuss the financial impact of the outbreak. He relayed their desire to understand what the state's higher education system is facing and enthusiasm to support relief and recovery efforts.

Dr. Monhollon expects the General Assembly to pass a continuing resolution to continue the FY 19-20 budget until it can return—presumably in the fall—to complete and pass a new budget for FY 20-21.

### **3. Other Business**

**Wes Hayes**

There was no other business.

### **4. Public Comment**

**Wes Hayes**

There were no comments from the public.

### **5. End of Business Meeting**

With a motion, second, and unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.