



Minutes of the SC Commission on Higher Education  
Executive Committee Meeting  
July 27, 2021  
Via Zoom

In Attendance:

**Executive Committee Members Present**

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

**CHE Staff Present**

Dr. Rusty Monhollon, President & Executive Director  
Dr. Argentini Anderson, Director of Academic Affairs  
Ms. Laura Belcher, Operations Manager  
Ms. Monica Goodwin, Chief Information Officer  
Ms. Shakara Smith, Executive Assistant  
Mr. Georges Tippens, Facilities Program Manager  
Mr. Bryce Wilson, Director of Fiscal Affairs  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk, Director of Student Affairs

Chair Hayes called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. It was confirmed that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

**1. Approval of Minutes May 25, 2021**

**Wes Hayes**

Chair Hayes called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 25 Executive Committee meeting. Commissioner Horne motioned and Commissioner Munns seconded to approve the minutes. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**2. Review of the August 12, 2021 CHE Draft Meeting Agenda**

**Wes Hayes**

Chair Hayes stated that he would poll Commissioners to determine their preferences for serving on the CHE standing committees for the 2021-22 term. He also stated that the vice chair will also be selected during the business meeting.

Chair Hayes called on President Monhollon to summarize his upcoming President's report. President Monhollon stated that his report would include updates regarding new CHE staff hires and fall enrollment if data is available. He next summarized the legislative report on behalf of Ms. Ward stating that she will report on the wrap up of the past session; bills remaining on the docket pertaining to higher education, allocation of the American Rescue Funds, redistricting and an update on CHE communications and website.

The Committee Chairs reviewed their committee reports for the CHE meeting.

Chair Hayes stated that the Executive Committee would not have a report.



Commissioner Munns said that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL) considered program proposals from four institutions, had one licensure request, and two reports listed on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Batson stated that the Committee on Access and Equity would have one item on the consent agenda related to the administering of Need-based grants. Chair Hayes asked if there will be enough demand for the additional funds allocated to the Need-based grants program, to which Dr. Woodfaulk confirmed that all funds will be utilized.

Commissioner Dalton shared that the Committee on Finance and Facilities would meet on August 5 at 11:00 a.m. to consider five projects, as the South Carolina State University project was removed from consideration. He said that Mr. Tippens will discuss staff approvals and the year-end budget report would be provided by financial staff.

Commissioner Dalton announced that the Committee will begin a new taskforce, led by Commissioner Dyer, to analyze how institutions allocate tuition funds. Commissioner Dalton requested that he be informed of any recommendations for who should serve on the taskforce. He stated that the Committee would also bring forward the recommendations of the Deferred Maintenance taskforce for formal adoption at the August 12 Commission meeting. Commissioner Munns asked for the goal for conducting the tuition analysis, to which Commissioner Dalton explained that the study would be conducted for transparency purposes and that there will be a report brought to the Commission following the study. Commissioner Munns suggested establishing clear parameters in which the taskforce would conduct the analysis, to which President Monhollon agreed and suggested establishing a charge that establishes the scope of the taskforce.

### **3. Other Business**

Chair Hayes said there will be an executive session to discuss the annual evaluation for President Monhollon.

Mr. Tippens requested the removal of meetings listed under other meetings on the business meeting agenda. Commissioner Munns proposed that CHE at its Retreat considers whether teacher recruitment and retainment should be added as a focus of its Public Agenda implementation. He also provided an update on the Executive Committee's request for the Committee on Academic Affairs to review the process for which licensure of nonpublic institutions are considered. He explained that with there being a shortage in CHE personnel to conduct the review, the request has been postponed until after the August meeting.

President Monhollon provided a summary of the August Retreat agenda. Commissioner Horne asked about safety precautions relating to COVID-19, to which President Monhollon stated that necessary precautions will be taken should there be any change in conditions.

### **4. Executive Session**

Commissioner Horne motioned and Commissioner Munns seconded that the Committee go into executive session to discuss the annual review of President Monhollon. After returning to the regular meeting, Chair Hayes confirmed that no action was taken in executive session.

### **5. Adjourn**

The Executive Committee adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.