



Minutes of the SC Commission on Higher Education
Executive Committee Meeting
August 24, 2021
Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Executive Committee Members Present

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

Executive Committee Members Excused

Mr. R. Wes Hayes, Chair

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
Ms. Bunnie Ward, Director of Governmental Affairs & Communications
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk, Director of Student Affairs

Vice Chair Horne 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 July 27, 2021

Bettie Rose Horne

Vice Chair Horne called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 27 Executive Committee meeting. Commissioner Batson motioned and Commissioner Munns seconded to approve the minutes. Vice Chair Horne called for the vote and the minutes were approved unanimously.

2. REACH Act Compliance

Vice Chair Horne called on President Monhollon to provide an update regarding REACH Act compliance. President Monhollon reported that the CHE's plan to ensure compliance was shared with institutions and legislators for their feedback in which only minor editorial changes were made. He stated that the proposal would be presented to the full Commission for consideration at the September business meeting. Commissioner Munns motioned for the adoption of CHE's strategy and forwarding it to the full Commission for approval and Commissioner Dalton seconded. Vice Chair Horne called for the vote and the motion was approved unanimously.



3. Review of the September 2, 2021 CHE Draft Meeting Agenda

Bettie Rose Horne

Vice Chair Horne called on President Monhollon to share an update regarding Chair Hayes' report. President Monhollon said that Chair Hayes will task someone or a committee to lead the annual review of the CHE bylaws.

Vice Chair Horne next asked President Monhollon to summarize his upcoming President's report. President Monhollon stated that his report would include updates regarding how fall semester is going for institutions; preliminary enrollment numbers; institutions' plans for handling the COVID-19 virus; and CHE agency and President and Executive Director activities.

Vice Chair Horne called on Ms. Ward to summarize her report. Ms. Ward stated that her report will include an update on federal relief and how those funds would be allocated. Commissioner Munns asked if there were a possibility that the General Assembly would overturn Clemson's and UofSC's mask mandate when they reconvene in September, to which President Monhollon responded that that leadership in the General Assembly will not raise the issue and will likely accept the Attorney General's decision.

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

Vice Chair Horne stated that the REACH Act Compliance item will come from the Executive Committee.

Commissioner Munns said that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL) considered two reports on the consent agenda, CERRA 2020-21 Annual Report and the Continuing and New Awards for Centers of Excellence (Teacher Education) Competitive Grants Program, FY 2022. He reported that his committee would also hold annual elections for the chair and vice chair of its committee.

Commissioner Batson stated that the Committee on Access and Equity would have two reports regarding the SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers, Quarterly Report (Quarter 3) and the FY 2020-21 Annual Report and FY 2022-23 EIA Allocation Request. Commissioner Batson also reported that there would be three proposed statutory/regulatory changes, Determination of Rates of Tuition and Fees (SC Residency); Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program; and LIFE Scholarship Program. The SC State Approving Agency update will be presented for information only, reported Commissioner Batson.

Commissioner Dalton shared that the Committee on Finance and Facilities has thirteen proposals on the consent agenda. He requested that the agenda be reorganized in alphabetical order. Commissioner Dalton reported that work of the tuition taskforce will begin, and an update will be provided to the full Commission at the November business meeting. He said that the Committee will also hold its annual elections. The Permanent Improvement Project Staff Approvals during August will be provided for information, reported Commissioner Dalton.

4. Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

5. Executive Session

Commissioner Munns motioned, and Commissioner Dalton seconded that the Committee go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. After returning to the regular meeting, Vice Chair Horne confirmed that no action was taken in executive session.

6. Adjourn

The Executive Committee adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

