



Minutes of the SC Commission on Higher Education  
Executive Committee Meeting  
April 26, 2022  
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. Ben Satcher

**CHE Staff Present**

Dr. Rusty Monhollon, President & Executive Director  
Ms. Laura Belcher, Operations Manager  
Dr. Mariam Dittmann, Director of Academic Affairs  
and Licensing  
Ms. Shakara Smith, Executive Assistant  
Mr. Georges Tippens, Deputy Director & General  
Counsel  
Ms. Bunnie Ward, Director of Governmental Affairs  
& Communications  
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 February 22, 2022**

**Wes Hayes**

Chair Hayes called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022, Executive Committee meeting. Commissioner Batson motioned and Commissioner Horne seconded to approve the minutes. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**2. SC Needs-based Grants Methodology**

**Paul Batson**

Chair Hayes called on Commissioner Batson to provide an update regarding SC Needs-based Grants Methodology. Commissioner Batson reported that the Committee on Access and Equity and Student Services convened several meetings to consider a request made by the technical colleges to study perceived disparities in needs-based funding allocations among the sectors. He said that the Committee has considered two alternatives: proceeding with the current formula as is or moving forward with a proposed formula made by the technical college sector based on headcount enrollment. Commissioner Batson reported that the Committee received advice from the CHE's general counsel who concluded that the headcount proposal is not in line with statute. Following general counsel's interpretation, Commissioner Batson reported that he and another Committee member created multiple formulas that would be in line with statute and proposed them during the Committee meeting. Commissioner Batson reported that the Committee would like more direct input from each sector and requested that two



representatives from each sector meet with CHE to further the discussion on the formula, methodology, and any possibilities for improving the existing formula. Commissioner Batson reported that the Committee passed a motion for the CHE staff to convene the proposed meeting including representatives from each of the sectors prior to making any changes or recommendations. Commissioner Batson said that following the convening a report would go to the Committee by August 1, and would then be considered by the Commission during the September meeting.

### **3. Review of the May 5, 2022 CHE Draft Meeting Agenda**

**Wes Hayes**

Chair Hayes called on President Monhollon to summarize his upcoming President's report. President Monhollon stated that his report would be relatively brief, highlighting some legislative updates from Ms. Ward's report and provisos from Dr. Dittmann's report.

Chair Hayes called on Ms. Ward to summarize her report. Ms. Ward stated that her report will include an update on the budget, with the Senate meeting this week. She reported that the House will elect a new speaker on April 28.

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

Chair Hayes said that there would not be a report from the Executive Committee.

Commissioner Horne reported that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing would have two items for consideration: Transfer Policy and Doctoral/Professional University Study.

Commissioner Batson reported that the Committee on Access and Equity and Student Services would have one item for information only, Update on Need-based Grant Methodology Discussion.

Commissioner Dalton reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities will meet prior to the CHE Business meeting to consider five permanent improvement proposals from four institutions: Clemson University, Development and Alumni Center Building Construction; Coastal Carolina University, Indoor Practice Facility Construction and Shift Western End of University Boulevard; College of Charleston, Berry Residence Hall and Honors Program Renovation; and Winthrop University, Demolition for Richardson Hall.

Commissioner Dalton said that CHE staff will give the CHE quarterly budget report.

### **4. Other Business**

President Monhollon announced that an update will be provided regarding the June CHE meeting logistics. He also said that a private citizen will request to make a comment during the Public Comment section of the meeting regarding use of Palmetto Fellows funds.

### **5. Adjourn**

The Executive Committee adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.