



Meeting of the South Carolina
Commission on Higher Education
Noon, September 1, 2022
1122 Lady Street, Columbia, SC 29201 &
Via Zoom Webinar

Members

Commissioner Paul Batson
Commissioner Julie Godshall Brown
Commissioner Charles Dalton
Commissioner Linda Dolny
Commissioner Edgar Dyer
Commissioner Bettie Rose Horne
Commissioner Hugh Mobley

Commissioner Ben Satcher
Commissioner Terrye Seckinger
Commissioner Cleveland Sellers
Commissioner Doug Snyder
Commissioner Dino Teppara
Commissioner Patrick White

Members Excused

Commissioner Wes Hayes, Chair
Commissioner Mark Smith

Commission Staff Present

Rusty Monhollon
Argentini Anderson
Laura Belcher
Richard Davis
Mariam Dittmann
Kathryn Harris
Michael Igbonagwam
Alfie Mincy
Kenita Pitts-Howard
Laverne Sanders

Christina Seale
Kara Smith
Mark Swart
Georges Tippens
Bunnie Ward
Tanya Weigold
Leslie Williams
Bryce Wilson
Karen Woodfaulk
Lishu Yin

Guests

Beth Bell, Clemson University
Yvonne Barnes, Trident Technical College
Clay Barton, SC Department of Education
Bridget Blackwell, University of South Carolina
Palmetto College
Christine Brown, Medical University of South
Carolina
Teresa Burns, Coastal Carolina University
John Catalano, University of South Carolina-
Palmetto College
Tammy Clubbs, South Carolina State University
James Colbert, Lander University
Robert Donato, Clemson University
Tim Drueke, Winthrop University
Frederick Evans, SC State University
Manicia Finch, South Carolina State University

Marilyn Fore, Horry-Georgetown Technical
College
David Frost, Coastal Carolina University
Jenna Hallman, CERRA
Tim Hardee, SC Technical College System
Bennie Harris, University of South Carolina,
Upstate
Katie Harrison, SC Tuition Grants Commission
Trena Houpp, University of South Carolina
Columbia
Sarah Hunt-Barron, Lander University
Phoenix Jones, My Path to MBA
Scott Jones, Lander University
Tamara Lewis, SC Department of Employment
and Workforce
Michelle Lodato, Lander University
Graham Neff, Clemson University



Erin Paysinger, Lander University
Jenell Peoples, University of South Carolina
Jeff Perez, SC Independent Colleges and Universities
Rick Petillo, Clemson University
Karin Roof, The Citadel
Lillian Sims, University of South Carolina
Palmetto College
Eric Skipper, University of South Carolina, Beaufort
Leroy Staggers, Morris College

Nina Staggers, SC Department of Employment and Workforce
Allison Steadman, Francis Marion University
Pam Steinke, University of South Carolina, Upstate
Rosline Sumpter, SC Technical College System
Daren Timmons, University of South Carolina, Aiken
Walt Tobin, Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College

All Attended either In-Person, by Phone, or via Video Conference

Vice Chair Satcher convened the meeting at 12:06 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Vice Chair Satcher introduced Ms. Courtney Laster, SC Ethics Commission, who provided annual ethics training to Commissioners. Vice Chair Satcher called the CHE Business Meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

I. 1. Introductions and Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Ms. Belcher introduced the Commissioners. She confirmed a quorum of the Commission and announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

2. Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Satcher introduced the draft minutes of the August 5 CHE meeting and asked whether there were any additions or corrections. Commissioner Horne motioned to approve minutes as presented, and Commissioner Seckinger seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Satcher announced that the 2023 CHE Standing Committee Assignments would be distributed by Chair Hayes later in September.

4. President and Executive Director's Report

Vice Chair Satcher called on President Monhollon to give his report. President Monhollon announced that Commissioners will receive a new iPad and extended an offer for Commissioners to establish a Commission



specific email address for which any CHE related business would be received. President Monhollon shared several updates. The CHE is awaiting feedback from Taiwan on the proposed agreement and will host a signing ceremony once the agreement is finalized. The South Carolina Institutes of Innovation and Information (SCIII) held its first meeting, and CHE staff is working on drafting bylaws. The Council of Presidents will meet on October 5 in Columbia. He also announced: CHE staff participated in HR related training, *Skills for High Performing Teams* in August; the November CHE Business Meeting will be held in Charleston, SC, co-hosted by the College of Charleston and Trident Technical College. The Office of Strategic Initiatives and Engagement is currently recruiting for three positions and the Office of Academic Affairs and Licensing is recruiting for one position.

President Monhollon reported several institutions have announced preliminary fall enrollment numbers. The University of South Carolina has 6,596 new freshmen, a 6.5 percent increase over last year. South Carolina State University reported it will have its largest increase since 2012, over 800 new students. Lander University will have its largest increase in 150 years, with over 4,000 students. Coastal Carolina University and Horry-Georgetown Technical College had significant increases, and Spartanburg Community College increased enrollment last year by 33 percent and is continuing that trend. President Monhollon said that some institutions will experience slight decreases. According to the National Clearinghouse, President Monhollon reported that there was a five percent decline nationally from spring 2021 to 2022 in undergraduate enrollment. He shared additional enrollment and higher education related statistics from *Inside Higher Education* and a survey by New America.

President Monhollon and Commissioners discussed the rising cost of higher education and potential ways to lessen this issue, including competency-based education, reskilling/micro-credentialing, and giving students credit for learning in various forms. Commissioner Dyer suggested pursuing a report that illustrates institutions spending that includes student life, athletics, and academics. Commissioner Batson said that the technical college system is a viable option in cutting cost for students. Commissioner Seckinger suggested that the CHE have a conversation with the Board of Economic Advisors (BEA), members of the General Assembly, and Presidents to discuss the possibilities for making college more affordable and increasing attainment.



5. Legislative Report

Vice Chair Satcher called on Ms. Ward to provide the legislative report. Ms. Ward reported that Revenue and Fiscal Affairs (RFA) announced in August a surplus of \$880.1 million. She said that during the upcoming meeting on September 15 the RFA will discuss how the revenues will impact the FY 23 forecast and during the November 15 meeting the FY 2023-24 forecast will be adopted. Ms. Ward announced that the CHE budget priorities are due on September 23 and will include Need-based Grants and scholarships and Educator Preparation Report Card support. Ms. Ward announced that she will meet with institutional governmental relations staff on September 15.

Ms. Ward reported that \$10 million was allocated for the nursing initiative and that CHE will distribute funds after the appropriate approvals are received. She stated that she is working with the House Education Committee to determine other options to alleviate the nursing shortage, such as establishing an accelerated nursing pathway. Ms. Ward said that her Office will work to ensure that the transfer proviso is addressed. She said that her Office will also focus on creating a statewide common numbering system and review of policies and regulations to ensure that all policies are student focused.

6. Committee Reports

6.01 Report of the Executive Committee

Vice Chair Satcher reported two items for action from the Executive Committee.

FOR ACTION

- A. Vice Chair Election
- B. Formation of Strategic Initiatives and Engagement Committee

Vice Chair Satcher called for nominations for vice chair of the Commission Board, to which Commissioner Horne nominated Commissioner Satcher, and Commissioner Dalton seconded. Commissioner Satcher was unanimously reelected as vice chair after he called for the vote.



Vice Chair Satcher reported that the Executive Committee recommended approval of the CHE implementing a new standing committee, Strategic Initiatives and Engagement. He asked whether there were any questions or comments, with there being none, Commissioner Satcher motioned for approval and the motion passed unanimously.

6.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

Bettie Rose Horne

Vice Chair Satcher called on Commissioner Horne to provide a report on the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL). Commissioner Horne reported that CAAL has four items for action and one item for information.

CONSENT AGENDA
A. Program Proposals
1. Lander University, BS, Middle Level Education, w/English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies Concentrations
B. Program Productivity Policy
C. CERRA Annual Report and Budget
D. EIA Centers of Excellence Budgets
FOR INFORMATION
F. Mission Statement Report (For information, no action)

Commissioner Horne summarized the consent agenda and motioned for its acceptance. Vice Chair Satcher called for the vote and the consent agenda was approved unanimously.

6.03 Report of the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

Paul Batson

Commissioner Batson reported that the Committee on Access and Equity and Student Services had one agenda item for action.

CONSENT AGENDA
A. College Transition Scholarship Annual Report

Commissioner Batson briefly summarized the report and motioned for the approval of the consent agenda. Vice Chair Satcher called for the vote and the consent agenda was approved unanimously. Commissioner Batson announced that his committee would meet immediately following adjournment of the CHE Business Meeting.



6.04 Report of the Committee on Finance and Facilities

Charles Dalton

Commissioner Dalton reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities reviewed six permanent improvement proposals from three institutions.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Permanent Improvement Project Approvals
 - 1. Clemson University
 - a. Bryan Mall High Rise Renovations
 - Increase Budget, Revise Scope (Phase II)
 - b. Lehotsky Hall Replacement
 - Increase Budget (Phase II)
 - c. Women’s Sports Program Expansion (Gymnastics/Lacrosse)
 - Increase Budget (Phase II)
 - 2. Medical University of South Carolina
 - a. MUSC Campus Connector Bridges
 - Establish Project (Phase I)
 - b. College of Health Professions President Street Academic Building
 - Increase Budget (Phase II)
 - 3. Spartanburg Community College
 - a. Spartanburg – Powers Building Renovation
 - Phase II Budget Increase

FOR INFORMATION

- A. Permanent Improvement Project Staff Approvals during August

Commissioner Dalton summarized the consent agenda and motioned for its approval. Vice Chair Satcher called for the vote and the consent agenda was approved unanimously. Commissioner Dalton called on Tippens to provide a brief overview of the Permanent Improvement Projects staff approved in August. Tippens reported that CHE staff approved 17 institutional requests, of which 11 were increased budgets or establishing projects funded by legislative appropriations, four were decreasing and closing out projects previously approved; two were revisions of project scopes funded by legislative appropriations; and the final request was a five-year lease for the University of South Carolina, Columbia.

7. Other Business Announcements

Vice Chair Satcher asked whether there was any other business. There was no other business to discuss.



8. Public Comment

Vice Chair Satcher asked whether there was any public comment. There was no public comment.

9. End of Business Meeting

Vice Chair Satcher and President Monhollon thanked everyone for their work and for attending the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.