



Meeting of the South Carolina Commission
on Higher Education
12:15 p.m., November 3, 2022
71 George Street, Charleston, SC 29401
& Via Zoom Webinar

Members

Commissioner Wes Hayes, Chair
Commissioner Ben Satcher, Vice Chair
Commissioner Jenni Bryson
Commissioner Linda Dolny
Commissioner Edgar Dyer
Commissioner Bettie Rose Horne

Commissioner Hugh Mobley
Commissioner Terrye Seckinger
Commissioner Cleveland Sellers
Commissioner Doug Snyder
Commissioner Dino Teppara
Commissioner Patrick White

Members Excused

Commissioner Paul Batson
Commissioner Charles Dalton
Commissioner Mark Smith

Commission Staff Present

Rusty Monhollon
Argentini Anderson
Laura Belcher
Richard Davis
Mariam Dittmann
Shardai Figgures
Corey Gheesling
Kathryn Harris
Daniel Jeng
Alfie Mincy
Frank Myers
Yolanda Myers

Katie Nilges
Kenita Pitts-Howard
Stacey Price
Kara Smith
Mark Swart
Georges Tippens
Bunnie Ward
Tanya Weigold
Leslie Williams
Bryce Wilson
Karen Woodfaulk
Lishu Yin

Guests

Tiffany Blackwell, Trident Technical College
Darryl Bridges, Francis Marion University
Christine Brown, Medical University of South
Carolina
Teresa Burns, Coastal Carolina University
Bonnie Carson Durham, University of South
Carolina Upstate
John Catalano, University of South Carolina-
Palmetto College
James Colbert, Lander University
Mark Del Mastro, College of Charleston
Timothy Druke, Winthrop University
Frederick Evans, SC State University
Manicia Finch, South Carolina State University
Jermaine Ford, Florence-Darlington Technical
College

Bennie Harris, University of South Carolina,
Upstate
Katie Harrison, SC Tuition Grants Commission
Sarah Hearn, Medical University of South
Carolina
Trena Houp, University of South Carolina
Columbia
Andrew Hsu, College of Charleston
Phoenix Jones, Citizen
Amanda Karls, University of South Carolina
Upstate
Martha Moriarty, University of South Carolina
Beaufort



Paul Patrick, College of Charleston
Erin Paysinger, Lander University
Jeff Perez, SC Independent Colleges and
Universities
Karin Roof, The Citadel
Carol Routh, Clemson University

Pam Steinke, University of South Carolina,
Upstate
Rosline Sumpter, SC Technical College System
Jennifer Willbanks, Horry-Georgetown Technical
College

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

Chair Hayes convened the meeting at 12:15 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

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. Welcome

College of Charleston's President Andrew Hsu welcomed the Commission to the campus and expressed appreciation of the visit.

3. Approval of Minutes

Chair Hayes introduced the draft minutes of the September 1 and October 10 CHE Business meetings 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.

4. Chair's Report

Chair Hayes thanked the leadership teams of College of Charleston and Trident Technical College for hosting the Commission. He introduced and welcomed a new CHE Commissioner, Ms. Jenni Bryson, and announced that the CHE has implemented a new standing committee, the Committee on Strategic Initiatives and Engagement.

Chair Hayes called on Vice Chair Horne to make an announcement. Commissioner Horne and the audience wished Commissioner Sellers a happy birthday.



5. President and Executive Director's Report

Chair Hayes called on President Monhollon to give his report. President Monhollon thanked the College of Charleston and Trident Technical College for hosting the Commission. President Monhollon made several announcements. He said that on October 18 the CHE signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Taiwan to aid in strengthening educational ties between South Carolina and Taiwan. The CHE co-hosted an event with Oracle, at which the Alabama Commission on Higher Education shared its strategy on increasing FAFSA completion among students. President Monhollon announced that the Council of Presidents met on October 5, at which they discussed the capital improvement process; heard a presentation from the SC Research Authority (SCRA) highlighting projects and opportunities available through their agency; and received an update on the CHE's *Ascend 60x30* initiative.

President Monhollon reported several agency-related staffing updates: Dr. Michael Igbonagwam accepted a new position of College Completion Manager for Transfer and Articulation; Ms. Katie Nilges accepted the position of Legislative and External Affairs Manager in the Office of Strategic Initiatives and Engagement; Mr. Corey Gheesling accepted the position of Academic Program Manager in the Office of Academic Affairs and Licensing; and ReZhane Alston began an internship in the Office of Student Affairs. President Monhollon also explained that several additional positions throughout the agency are posted and will be filled soon. President Monhollon congratulated Ms. Alexis Bouleware and family on the birth of their son.

President Monhollon announced reorganization within the agency stating that the State Approving Agency is now housed in the Office of Internal Operations and Administration (OIOA) and that within the Office a research unit is under development. He explained that given the additional positions the agency is currently exploring expanding the current office space.

President Monhollon stated the objective of *Ascend 60x30*. ***By 2030, 60 percent of South Carolinians will hold a high-quality postsecondary credential, and achievement gaps, especially along racial and ethnic lines, will be reduced by at least 75 percent.***



He highlighted the top priorities: to enhance access and affordability, ensure student success, and strengthen the workforce.

President Monhollon introduced Ms. Shannon Brey, a College of Charleston graduate student, who presented a Three-Minute Thesis on Tire Wear Particles: *From the Streets to the Creeks*.

6. Legislative Report

Chair Hayes called on Ms. Ward to provide the legislative report. Ms. Ward reported that the General Assembly will address road safety and crime as top priorities. Regarding higher education, Ms. Ward reported that the CHE presented its budget request to the Governor's Office and that tuition mitigation, funding increases, and institutions' financial stability were key topics for discussions.

Ms. Ward reported that some institutions have requested to increase need-based aid. She said that workforce development and the Educator Preparation Report Card will continue to be topics of discussion. Ms. Ward announced that, per Act 186, a separate commission is being established, which will implement the annual publishing of the Educator Preparation Report Card.

Ms. Ward provided a summary of the CHE's budget request.

7. Committee Reports

7.01 Report of the Executive Committee

FOR ACTION A. Proposed 2023 CHE Business & Executive Committee Schedule
FOR INFORMATION B. Proposed CHE Bylaws Revisions

Chair Hayes asked whether there were any questions or comments regarding the Proposed 2023 CHE Business & Executive Committee Schedule. With there being no comment, Chair Hayes motioned for approval and the schedule was passed unanimously.

Chair Hayes called on Commissioner Satcher to provide an update on the CHE Bylaws. Commissioner Satcher said that a report will be provided to Commissioners within the next week to be voted on during the December CHE Meeting. He explained that changes will reflect edits to align current practices with Bylaws' language.



7.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

Bettie Rose Horne

Chair Hayes called on Commissioner Horne to provide a report on the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL). Commissioner Horne reported that the Committee did not have any items for consideration.

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

Bettie Rose Horne

Chair Hayes called on Commissioner Horne to provide a report on the Committee on Access and Equity & Student Services. Commissioner Horne reported that the Committee did not have any items for consideration. She called on Dr. Woodfaulk to make a comment. Dr. Woodfaulk announced that the Committee will meet on November 9 to consider one item for action, SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers report and one item for information, SC National Guard College Assistance Program.

7.04 Report of the Committee on Finance and Facilities

Linda Dolny

Commissioner Dolny reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities reviewed three permanent improvement proposals from two institutions and had two items for information.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Permanent Improvement Project Approvals
 - 1. College of Charleston
 - a. 58 George Street Renovation
 - Establish Project (Phase I)
 - b. Craig Residence Hall 2022 Renovation
 - Increase Budget (Phase II)
 - 2. Francis Marion University
 - a. Environmental Sciences/Forestry Building-Land XFR
 - Establish Project (Phase I)

FOR INFORMATION

- A. Permanent Improvement Project Staff Approvals during September and October
- B. CHE Quarter 1 Budget Report

Commissioner Dolny summarized the consent agenda and motioned for its approval. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the consent agenda was approved unanimously. Commissioner Dolny called on Mr. Tippens to provide a brief overview of the Permanent Improvement Projects staff approved in September



and October. Mr. Tippens reported that CHE staff approved 26 permanent improvement projects and one lease. He stated apart from project closures and the lease, all were funded by legislative appropriations. He also added he forwarded two projects without recommendation, instead deferring to the determination made by the Department of Administration. Commissioner Dolny then called on Mr. Wilson to provide the CHE Quarter 1 Budget report. Mr. Bryce summarized the CHE Budget Report.

7.05 Report of the Committee on Strategic Initiatives & Engagement

Doug Snyder

Chair Hayes called on Commissioner Snyder to provide a report on the Committee on Strategic Initiatives & Engagement. Commissioner Snyder reported that the Committee did not have any items for consideration. He provided an overview of the new Committee and its plans moving forward.

8. Other Business Announcements

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

9. Public Comment

Chair Hayes asked whether there was any public comment. There was no public comment.

10. End of Business Meeting

Chair Hayes and President Monhollon thanked hosting institutions and welcomed other institutions to host the CHE for a future meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.