



Meeting of the South Carolina Commission
on Higher Education

Draft Minutes

August 5, 2022, 12:30 p.m.

1122 Lady Street, Columbia, SC 29201

& Via Zoom Webinar

Members

Commissioner Wes Hayes, Chair

Commissioner Paul Batson

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 Mark Smith

Commissioner Doug Snyder

Commissioner Dino Teppara

Commissioner Patrick White

Members Excused

Commissioner Julie Godshall Brown

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Rusty Monhollon

Dr. Argentini Anderson

Ms. Laura Belcher

Dr. Mariam Dittmann

Ms. Monica Goodwin

Ms. Danastalgia McDermott

Ms. Alfie Mincy

Ms. Kenita Pitts-Howard

Ms. Laverne Sanders

Ms. Christina Seale

Ms. Kara Smith

Ms. Crystal Standifer

Mr. Mark Swart

Mr. Georges Tippens

Ms. Bunnie Ward

Mr. Bryce Wilson



Commission Staff Present - Continued

Ms. Leslie Williams

Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Dr. Lishu Yin

Guests

Ms. Beth Bell, Clemson University

Ms. Bridget Blackwell, University of South Carolina Palmetto College

Ms. Christine Brown, Medical University of South Carolina

Dr. John Catalano, University of South Carolina-Palmetto College

Dr. James Colbert, Lander University

Dr. Mark Del Mastro, College of Charleston

Mr. Joey Derrick, University of South Carolina

Dr. Tim Druke, Winthrop University

Mr. Frederick Evans, SC State University

Ms. Manicia Finch, South Carolina State University

Ms. Trena Houpp, University of South Carolina Columbia

Ms. Whitney Jett, SC Department of Education

Mr. Robert Kersey, College of Charleston

Mr. Mike McCarthy, RMF Engineering

Mr. Lucas McMillan, Lander University

Ms. Marth Moriarty, University of South Carolina Beaufort

Ms. Reinell Myers, South Carolina State University

Dr. Jeff Perez, SC Independent Colleges and Universities

Mr. Tony Putnam, Clemson University

Ms. Karin Roof, The Citadel

Ms. Lillian Sims, University of South Carolina Palmetto College

Ms. Reinell Thomas-Myers, SC State University

Dr. Daren Timmons, University of South Carolina Aiken

Dr. Walt Tobin, Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College

Ms. Angela Williams, Midlands Technical College

Mr. Michael Wilson, Johnson Controls



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

Chair Hayes convened the meeting at 1:00 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. Approval of Minutes

Chair Hayes introduced the draft minutes of the June 2 CHE meeting, and asked whether there were any additions or corrections. Commissioner Seckinger motioned to approve minutes as presented, and Commissioner Satcher seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Chair's Report

Chair Hayes welcomed guests in attendance and introduced a new Commissioner, Dino Teppara. Chair Hayes announced that according to CHE Bylaws the following actions are to be taken annually: review of the CHE Bylaws; election of a vice chair of the Commission; and CHE standing committee assignments. Chair Hayes said that CHE staff will distribute a poll via email requesting Commissioners' top committee preferences. He explained that there will potentially be a new standing committee, Committee on Strategic Initiatives & Engagement, and Commissioners would have the option of serving on more than one committee. Chair Hayes appointed Commissioner Batson to oversee the review of the CHE Bylaws.

4. President and Executive Director's Report

Chair Hayes called on President Monhollon to give his report. President Monhollon introduced a new CHE employee, Dani McDermott. He also congratulated PASCAL for its recent partnership with the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AACU) Open Educational Resources Institute.

President Monhollon shared that he, along with Chair Hayes, visited with new presidents of Winthrop University, Dr. Edward Serna, and the University of South Carolina Columbia, Dr. Michael Amiridis.



President Monhollon announced that the September CHE business meeting will be held in Columbia and that there would not be a CHE business meeting in October. He suggested that either the November or December CHE meeting be held offsite, preferably in the Lowcountry. Commissioner Snyder said that The Citadel would be interested in hosting the CHE next year in the fall following the opening of a new facility. President Monhollon extended an invitation to institutions interested in hosting the CHE for future meetings.

5. Legislative Report

Chair Hayes called on Ms. Ward to provide the legislative report. Ms. Ward announced that she will meet with other governmental relations staff in mid-September to identify common top priorities for the 2023 legislative session. She also announced that the Legislative Breakfast at the State House will be held on March 2 and Higher Education Day will be held on April 19.

6. Committee Reports

6.01 Report of the Executive Committee

Chair Hayes reported the Executive Committee had three items for action.

FOR ACTION

- A. Updated REACH Act Compliance Process
- B. SC Institutes of Innovation Articles of Incorporation
- C. Memorandum of Understanding with Taiwan

Chair Hayes called on President Monhollon to provide an update on the REACH Act Compliance Process. President Monhollon asked Dr. Dittmann to summarize the new process. Dr. Dittmann reported that under the new process, institutions have been tasked with developing their own internal procedures by which they will comply with REACH Act requirements, as well as certify that their course syllabi are compliant. She explained that institutions each summer will be required to send a letter to CHE certifying compliance, as well as identifying and addressing any recognized issues. Dr. Dittmann explained that once the CHE receives the certification, CHE staff will randomly select 10 percent of the courses submitted



from each institution for review to determine whether REACH Act requirements had been met. Dr. Dittmann said that if there are any noncompliant courses found, the CHE will work with the institution to identify a plan to address the discrepancy and require the institution to submit all their syllabi for review until compliance has been met. Commissioner Seckinger expressed concern with the proposed process and suggested adding the phrase, “with CHE approval” to the statement regarding institutions developing their own plan of compliance. Commissioner Seckinger questioned whether June 30 would be sufficient time to review syllabi and suggested adjusting the timeline to either April 30 or May 30, to which Dr. Dittmann explained that the review would not be ahead of the academic year but rather for the prior academic year. Commissioner Seckinger suggested changing the term review process to “compliance.” Commissioners engaged in an extended conversation regarding the REACH Act compliance process. Commissioner Horne motioned for the approval of the process as amended by Commissioner Seckinger to include two minor editorial changes, which Commissioner Seckinger will work with CHE staff to implement. Chair Hayes called for the vote, and the process was approved as amended. Dr. Elkins announced that Palmetto College has online courses available that would meet REACH Act requirement.

Chair Hayes called on President Monhollon to provide an update on the SC Institutes of Innovation and Information Articles of Incorporation (SCIII). President Monhollon explained that the SCIII is a consortium of historically black colleges and universities. He reported that each of the seven institutions have established an Institute of Innovation on their campus utilizing some of the \$18 million allocated by the General Assembly in Fiscal Year 2022. President Monhollon said that the CHE has been directed by Proviso 11.21 to provide administrative oversight, consulting, technical assistance, and other services in support of SCIII, and to establish a unique foundation to receive private donations on behalf of the program. He reported that \$700,000 was appropriated to the CHE for the mentioned services. President Monhollon explained that the Institutes would report to the CHE and then the CHE would report to the General Assembly. President Monhollon recommended that the CHE establish a relationship similar to the one it has with PASCAL and described the process; incorporate the SCIII as an entity separate in governance from the CHE; select an advisory committee, which will select an executive director to manage the work of SCIII; and sign a MOU detailing the CHE’s responsibilities, compensation, and other



administrative factors. President Monhollon said that he plans to establish a position within the CHE that will serve as the liaison to SCIII, as well as provide support and services. Chair Hayes motioned from the Executive Committee to allow President Monhollon to execute a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the SCIII that details the CHE's and the Institutes' rights and responsibilities per the requirements of the proviso and to approve the Articles of Incorporation. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the motion was passed unanimously.

Chair Hayes called on President Monhollon to provide an update on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Taiwan. President Monhollon explained that Taiwan would like to establish a MOU with the CHE to collaborate on initiatives related to higher education in South Carolina. He said that both houses of the General Assembly passed resolutions supporting Taiwan and encouraging closer connections between South Carolina and the nation. President Monhollon said that South Carolina has supported Taiwan through a Sister State agreement, and Taiwan has also collaborated similarly with other states. President Monhollon explained that the MOU is mostly a symbolic gesture and does not obligate the CHE to any specific action. Chair Hayes motioned to authorize President Monhollon to enter into an agreement with the Taiwanese government to promote closer ties with South Carolina; also authorizing President Monhollon to approve minor, non-substantive changes to the draft agreement. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

6.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

Bettie Rose Horne

There was no report from the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing.

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. He motioned for the approval of the consent agenda. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the consent agenda was approved unanimously. Commissioner Batson reported that the Committee had two items for information only.



CONSENT AGENDA

- A. SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers
 - a. Quarterly Report
 - b. SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers (SC-PRRMT) FY2022-23 EIA Allocation

FOR INFORMATION

- B. SC State Approving Agency Annual Report
- C. Tucker Hipps Report

6.04 Report of the Committee on Finance and Facilities

Charles Dalton

Commissioner Dalton reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities reviewed seven permanent improvement proposals from six institutions. Commissioner Dalton motioned for the approval of the consent agenda. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the consent agenda was approved unanimously. Commissioner Dalton called on Mr. Tippens to provide a brief overview of the Permanent Improvement Project Staff Approvals for June and July. Mr. Tippens reported that the CHE staff approved 36 institutional requests, of which 25 were funded by state appropriations, 23 were budget increases, and the remaining 11 projects were close-outs. Commissioner Dalton called on Mr. Wilson to provide the CHE budget report for FY 2021-22. Mr. Bryce summarized the fourth quarter CHE Budget Report.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Permanent Improvement Project Approvals

- 1. The Citadel
 - a. Fire Pump and Water Tank Replacement – Establish Project – CPIP (Phase I)
- 2. Clemson University
 - a. Chiller Plants Expansions and Upgrades – Establish Project – CPIP (Phase I)
 - b. Green Tiger I Guaranteed Energy Savings Project – Increase Budget (Phase II)
- 3. College of Charleston
 - a. Silcox PE and Health Center Envelope Repair and First Floor Renovation – Increase Budget (Phase II)
- 4. Horry-Georgetown Technical College
 - a. Renovation/Expansion of Grand Strand Building 100 – Establish Project – CPIP (Phase I)
- 5. Medical University of South Carolina
 - a. Basic Science Building Air Handler Unit #3 Replacement – Revise Scope, Change Project Name (Phase II)
- 6. University of South Carolina - Columbia
 - a. 1114 Pickens Street Land & Building Acquisition – Establish Project (Phase I)



FOR INFORMATION

- B. Permanent Improvement Project Staff Approvals during June and July**
- C. CHE Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Report**

7. Other Business Announcements

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

8. Public Comment

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

9. Executive Session

Commissioner Satcher motioned, and Commissioner Horne seconded, for Commissioners to go in Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the Commissioners went into executive session. Chair Hayes said that no action was taken in executive session once Commissioners returned.

10. End of Business Meeting

Chair Hayes and President Monhollon thanked everyone for their work and for attending the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.