



Minutes of the SC Commission on Higher Education
Executive Committee Meeting
October 25, 2022
Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Executive Committee Members Present

Mr. R. Wes Hayes, Chair
Mr. Ben Satcher, Vice Chair
Mr. Charles Dalton
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne

Executive Committee Members Excused

Mr. Paul Batson

CHE Staff Present

Dr. Rusty Monhollon, President & Executive Director
Ms. Laura Belcher, Operations Manager
Dr. Mariam Dittmann, Director of Academic Affairs
and Licensing
Ms. Monica Goodwin, Director of Data-Research &
IT
Ms. Shakara Smith, Executive Assistant
Mr. Georges Tippens, Deputy Director & General
Counsel
Ms. Bunnie Ward, Director of Strategic Initiatives
and Engagement
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 August 23, 2022

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes called for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2022, Executive Committee meeting. Commissioner Horne motioned and Commissioner Satcher seconded to approve the minutes. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Review of the November 3, 2022, CHE Draft Meeting Agenda

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes called on President Monhollon to summarize his upcoming President's report. President Monhollon said that his report would include a summary of the October 5 Council of Presidents Meeting; a description of benefits available as part of the CHE's membership with the Association of Governing Boards (AGB); an update on new CHE staff members and agency related updates. President Monhollon will discuss one additional item during Other Business.

Chair Hayes asked President Monhollon to explain the Three-Minute Thesis item listed under his report, to which President Monhollon deferred to Dr. Dittmann. She explained that it is an international competition in which a graduate student describes their thesis in three minutes using only one PowerPoint slide.



Dr. Dittmann said that the Commission will hear a presentation from last year's winner, who is a graduate student from the College of Charleston.

Chair Hayes called on Ms. Ward to summarize her legislative update. Ms. Ward stated that her report will focus on high priority legislative agenda items related to higher education; an update on the CHE's budget meeting with the Governor's Office last week; and leadership changes at the State House.

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

Chair Hayes reported that there could possibly be one item for action during the report from the Executive Committee, which is contingent upon the discussion during Other Business in today's meeting.

Commissioner Horne reported that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL) could possibly have one item for action during the Committee's report. She explained that her committee will have a special-called meeting on Thursday, October 27 to discuss the REACH Act, at which it will be determined whether this item will go to the full CHE meeting. She stated that the Committee is meeting to determine whether suggested changes posed by a commissioner are substantive.

Commissioner Horne reported that the Committee on Access and Equity and Student Services would not have any items for consideration. She said that the Committee will convene on November 9 to consider the Quarterly Report for the South Carolina Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers (SC-PRRMT) for approval and to receive the South Carolina National Guard College Assistance Program presentation for information only.

Commissioner Dalton reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities will meet prior to the CHE Business meeting to consider three permanent improvement projects for action and two items for information.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Permanent Improvement Project Approvals
 - 1. College of Charleston
 - a. 58 George Street Renovations
 - 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 Snyder reported that the Committee on Strategic Initiatives and Engagement will meet prior to the CHE Business meeting to discuss and define the role of the new standing committee. There will be no items for action during the CHE Meeting from the Committee.

3. Other Business

Chair Hayes called on President Monhollon to discuss the Proposed 2023 CHE Meeting Schedule. President Monhollon explained that the proposed meeting schedule distributed to the Executive Committee follows the same meeting frequency and structure as the previous year. Chair Hayes asked whether there were any questions or comments, to which Commissioner Horne commented that the CHE

called three additional meetings this year. Chair Hayes opened the floor for discussion and Commissioner Dalton motioned and Commissioner Horne seconded to approve the proposed schedule. Chair Hayes called for the vote, and the proposed meeting schedule was approved unanimously.

President Monhollon asked the Executive Committee to consider adjusting the current meeting structure to six two-day meetings annually, with Committees meeting on the first day followed by the CHE Business Meeting on the second day. He explained that the change would not happen immediately but is an idea for consideration.

Chair Hayes commented that current two-day meetings, to include the CHE Retreat and offsite meetings, would then become three-day meetings if we shifted to the new structure. Commissioner Dalton agreed with Chair Hayes' comments and asked that Commission staff continue to think about alternatives. President Monhollon said that staff will continue to discuss this topic and will provide a more thorough report when available.

President Monhollon announced that the AGB would host an annual meeting in April and asked whether any Executive Committee members were interested in attending the meeting. Chair Hayes and Commissioners Satcher and Dalton expressed interest in attending.

President Monhollon said that the AGB will also assist with coordinating a Board of Trustees Conference in conjunction with the Council of Board Chairs sometime in June.

Commissioner Satcher reported that there will be a proposal of minor changes to the CHE Bylaws brought before the Commission during the November CHE Meeting for information and for action at the December CHE Meeting.

4. Adjourn

The Executive Committee adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.