



Minutes of the SC Commission on Higher Education (CHE)
Executive Committee Meeting
August 27, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Executive Committee Members Present

Mr. R. Wes Hayes, Chair
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice Chair
Mr. Paul Batson
Mr. Eddie Dyer
Mr. Hugh Mobley
Mr. Doug Snyder

CHE Staff Present

Dr. Jeff Perez, President and Executive Director
Dr. Jessica Berry, Interim Director of Academic
Affairs and Licensing
Ms. Laura Belcher, Senior Advisor
Dr. Kristin Brooks, Interim Director of Strategic
Initiatives and Engagement
Ms. Monica Goodwin, Director of Data-Research &
IT
Ms. Yarley Steedly, Legislative & External Affairs
Manager
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

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2024 Executive Committee meeting. Commissioner Horne motioned and Commissioner Batson seconded to approve the minutes. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Review of the September 5, 2024 CHE Draft Meeting Agenda

Chair Hayes called on President Perez to summarize his forthcoming report to the Commission. President Perez said that his report will include an update on agency activities. He said that he would like to have a conversation with commissioners regarding expectations for the upcoming CHE Planning Retreat.

Chair Hayes requested that President Perez provide an outline of the Retreat. President Perez explained that the two-day Retreat will include a morning discussion regarding the outlook of higher education, followed by an afternoon joint meeting of the Council of Presidents and the Commission on day one. President Perez further explained that day two will include a continuation of the Retreat at which there will be a discussion on how CHE operates and its organization. Chair Hayes suggested that President Perez include his vision for the agency and allow time for Commissioners to provide input.



Commissioner Snyder suggested that the formation of a strategic plan for the agency be discussed, and Commissioner Horne recommended that priority topics like dual enrollment, transfer, and DEI be included as topics, as well. Commissioner Dyer suggested that viewpoint/ intellectual diversity on campus settings be included in the discussion. Commissioner Mobley said that freedom of speech should be considered when considering the topic Commissioner Dyer recommended. President Perez expressed that all are good topics for the joint meeting.

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

Chair Hayes said that the Executive Committee would not have any items to report during the meeting. He said that committee assignments would be made after the CHE Planning Retreat.

Commissioner Dyer reported that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL) would have six new programs for consideration. He summarized the items.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. New Program Proposal

1. University of South Carolina Upstate, Bachelor of Science in Sport Management
2. University of South Carolina Upstate, Bachelor of Science in Data Science
3. University of South Carolina Upstate, Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering
4. University of South Carolina Upstate, Ed.S. Applied Teacher Leadership
5. Coastal Carolina University, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Online Degree completion program in General Business
6. College of Charleston, Ed.D. Learning and Inquiry in Practice

Commissioner Mobley reported that the Committee on Access and Equity and Student Services would have four items for consideration and one item for information. He summarized the items.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. College Transition Program FY2023-24 Scholarship Report

B. SC Institute of Innovation & Information (SCIII)

1. Quarter 4 Report
2. FY2024-25 Budget Request

C. Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement (CERRA) FY2024-25 Budget Request

D. Education Improvement Act (EIA) Centers of Excellence

1. FY2023-24 Annual Report
2. FY2024-25 Budget Request

E. Tucker Hips Transparency Act FY 2023-24 (For information, no action) C. Scholarship Appeals Cycle 2023-24 Overview (For information, no action)

Commissioner Batson reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities will have one item for consideration and one item for information. He summarized the items.

FOR APPROVAL

A. FY 2025-26 CHE Budget Request (For action)

B. FY 24 Operating Expenditures Review (For information, no action)

Commissioner Snyder reported that the Committee on Strategic Initiatives and Engagement (CSIE) will have five items for information only. He briefly summarized the items. Commissioner Snyder recommended that there be an update on both the House and Senate Legislative Oversight Committee reviews. Chair Hayes asked for an update on the Inspector General's review. President Perez said that an update will be provided under the CSIE's report. Chair Hayes also requested an update on FAFSA.

FOR INFORMATION

- A. Chair's Report (For information, no action)
- B. Ed Prep Report Card (For information, no action)
- C. Credit Mobility (For information, no action)
- D. Workforce Development (For information, no action)
- E. Communications & Engagement Report (For information, no action)

3. Executive Session (If needed)

Commissioners did not have an executive session.

4. Other Business

There was no other business to consider.

5. Adjourn

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