



Minutes of the SC Commission on Higher Education
Executive Committee Meeting
May 28, 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. Doug Snyder

Executive Committee Members Excused

Mr. Eddie Dyer
Mr. Hugh Mobley

Other Commissioners Present

Ms. Terry Seckinger

CHE Staff Present

Dr. Gregory Little, Acting President and Executive Director
Ms. Laura Belcher, Senior Advisor
Dr. Jessica Berry, Acting Director of Academic Affairs
Ms. Kara 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

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2024, May 7, 2024, and May 16, 2024 Executive Committee meetings. Commissioner Horne motioned and Commissioner Snyder seconded to approve the minutes. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Review of the June 6, 2024 CHE Draft Meeting Agenda

Chair Hayes said that his report will be brief.

Chair Hayes called on Acting President Little to summarize his forthcoming report to the Commission. He said that his report will provide general updates and include an update on FAFSA and progress on the Inspector General's action tracker. Ms. Belcher provided an update on the status of the House Legislative Oversight Committee (HLOC) review.

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

Chair Hayes said that the Executive Committee will report on the President and Executive Director (PED) search following executive session. He said that he anticipates the full Commission voting on the next



PED. Commissioner Snyder asked whether procedurally the Commission would have provided public notice of the action item, to which Acting President Little confirmed that the action is listed on the agenda.

Chair Hayes asked when the final candidates will be announced publicly, to which Acting President Little confirmed that the press release is scheduled for today pending Chair Hayes' review. Ms. Belcher announced the candidates' itinerary. She explained that the Executive Committee would meet following the interviews for deliberation of the candidates and staff feedback surveys.

Commissioner Seckinger on behalf of Commissioner Dyer reported that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL) would have 11 items for consideration. She reported that she requested course syllabi from the University of South Carolina regarding items 1 and 3 to help inform the Commission's decision on the proposals. Chair Hayes suggested removing those two items from the consent agenda so that they may be considered individually, and that CHE staff send a reminder to the institution regarding the request to avoid any delays in consideration.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. New Program Proposal

1. University of South Carolina Columbia, BA Sports Media
2. University of South Carolina Columbia, BS Industrial Engineering
3. University of South Carolina Columbia, BS Applied Sport Psychology and Counseling
4. University of South Carolina Aiken, MEd Educator Leadership: Concentration in Principalship and Supervision
5. Coastal Carolina University, BA Public Relations
6. Coastal Carolina University, Cyber Threat Intelligence
7. Coastal Carolina University, MEd Stem Education
8. Lander University, MS Criminology and Criminal Justice
9. Clemson University, MEd Learning Sciences
10. Winthrop University, BS in Web Development
11. Winthrop University, BA in Criminal Justice with two concentrations: 1) General and 2) Cyber and Corporate Crime

Dr. Woodfaulk on behalf of Commissioner Mobley reported that the Committee on Access and Equity and Student Services would have two items for consideration and three items for information. She summarized the items.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Student Loan Corporation 2024-25 Budget Request
- B. SC Institutes of Innovation & Information (SCIII) Quarter 3 Report
- C. SC Need-based Grant Annual Review (For information, no action)
- D. Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Annual Review (For information, no action)
- E. Informational items on State

Commissioner Batson reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities will consider one permanent improvement project and one lease and has one additional item for information. Commissioner Batson briefly summarized the items. He said that the House is meeting this morning to discuss Senate Bill 314 related to review of capital improvement projects and will reconvene later in the afternoon to continue the discussion. Chair Hayes asked that the full Commission be provided an update on the Bill.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Permanent Improvement Project Approvals
 1. Florence Darlington Technical College
 - a. FDTC – Construction & Industrial Trades Training Facility
– Establish Project (Phase I)
- B. Lease
 1. Medical University of South Carolina

a. 22 WestEdge Street, 1st and 6th Floors
FOR INFORMATION C. Permanent Improvement Project Staff Approvals during May 2024 (For information, no action)

Commissioner Snyder reported that the Committee on Strategic Initiatives and Engagement will have five items for information only. He briefly summarized the items.

FOR INFORMATION A. Chair's Report (For information, no action) B. Legislative Report (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 go into executive session.

4. Other Business

Chair Hayes asked whether there was any other business to consider. There were no other items to consider.

5. Adjourn

The Executive Committee adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

