



Minutes of the SC Commission on Higher Education (CHE)
Executive Committee Meeting
November 22, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Executive Committee Members Present

Mr. R. Wes Hayes, Chair
Mr. Paul Batson
Mr. Eddie Dyer
Mr. Hugh Mobley
Mr. Doug Snyder

Other Commissioners Present

Mr. Mick Zais

CHE Staff Present

Dr. Jeff Perez, President and Executive Director
Ms. Laura Belcher, Senior Advisor
Dr. Jessica Berry, Interim Director of Academic
Affairs and Licensing
Ms. Monica Goodwin, Director of Information
Technology and Data Analysis
Ms. Kara Smith, Executive Assistant
Ms. Yarley Steedly, Legislative & External Manager
Mr. Bryce Wilson, Director of Finance and
Operations
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk, Director of Student Affairs

Chair Hayes called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Smith 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 August 27, 2024 and October 22, 2024 Executive Committee meetings. Commissioner Mobley motioned and Commissioner Dyer seconded to approve the minutes. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Chair Hayes reported that he may not be able to attend the meeting, therefore Commissioner Dyer will chair the meeting. Chair Hayes said that during his report the Board will consider its next Commission vice chair and he said that Commissioner Smith has expressed interest in serving. He reported that Chair Dyer will conduct a public hearing regarding State Scholarship Regulations.

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 scholarship projections. He reported that there will be a brief demonstration on the Educator Preparation Report Card. President Perez will announce that the first quarter budget was submitted to the General Assembly and the agency is working to finalize a telecommuting policy. He said that Ms. Steedly will give a legislative report and the public engagements update will be provided by the Communications team.



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

Chair Hayes asked the Executive Committee to consider the 2025 proposed CHE Business and Executive Committee meeting schedule. Commissioner Dyer motioned and Commissioner Batson seconded to approve the 2025 proposed CHE Business and Executive Committee meeting schedule. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the schedule was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Dyer reported that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL) would have four new programs and one new center proposal for consideration. He explained that there may be questions asked regarding agenda item A.1., Winthrop University, Doctor of Education in Leadership and Innovation. Commissioner Dyer reported that there are two additional reports for information. He summarized the items. Commissioner Zais asked whether there is a need for agenda item A.1. program as there are similar degrees offered at comparable four-year universities, to which Commissioner Dyer expressed that Winthrop staff explained the importance of offering the program.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. New Program Proposals

1. Winthrop University, Doctor of Education in Leadership and Innovation
2. Winthrop University, Mission Statement Change
3. Winthrop University, Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence
4. Medical University of South Carolina, Master of Science in Pathologists' Assistant Studies

B. New Center Proposal

1. University of South Carolina, Columbia, Carolina Institute for Battery Innovation

C. Academic Affairs and Licensing Reports (For information, no action)

1. AY 2023-2024 Academic Common Market Program Annual Report
2. AY 2023-2024 Regional Contract Program Annual Report

Commissioner Mobley reported that the Committee on Student Services would have one item for consideration and four items for information only. He announced that his committee re-elected him as chair of the committee and Commissioner Bryson as vice chair. He summarized the items.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers Quarter 4 and Annual Report

- B. SC Institutes of Innovation & Information (SCIII) Quarter 1 Report (For information, no action)
- C. SC National Guard College Assistance Program Annual Review (For information, no action)
- D. FAFSA Updates (For information, no action)
- E. Scholarship Award Amounts (For information, no action)

Commissioner Batson reported that the Committee on Finance and Administration would have four items for information only. President Perez said that the CHE staff will draft a quarterly budget report and share it with legislators.

FOR INFORMATION

- A. Quarter 1 CHE Budget Report (For information, no action)
- B. Audit Compliance Update (For information, no action)
- C. Battelle Alliance Update (For information, no action)
- D. Agreed Upon Procedure Report Review (For information, no action)

Commissioner Snyder reported that the Committee on Strategic Planning and Accountability (CSPA) will only have items for information, which he summarized. He said that potentially committees will make changes to their standing committee charters. Commissioner Snyder reported that the committees will continue working on the charters and he would like to have them completed for consideration during the February CHE business meeting.

Commissioner Snyder said that he will further explain the accountability aspect of the CSPA, as well as provide updates regarding external reviews to include the House Legislative Oversight Committee and Inspector General reviews. Commissioner Snyder asked for clarification on the agency's public comment policy, to which Ms. Belcher explained.

FOR INFORMATION

A. Chair's Report (For information, no action)

B. Committee Charter Template Review (For information, no action)

President Perez announced that the Agency Head Salary Commission's planning process for agency heads will not be implemented until the spring being that the process and template is currently under review. President Perez said that he will prepare a report outlining his progress at the agency. Chair Hayes asked whether this will be an item for discussion during the December business meeting, to which President Perez said that it likely will not be a topic for the next meeting but he will be working on his report.

4. Executive Session (If needed)

Commissioners did not have an executive session.

5. Other Business

There was no other business to consider.

6. Adjourn

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