



Minutes of the SC Commission on Higher Education
Executive Committee Meeting
April 24, 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. Eddie Dyer
Mr. Paul Batson
Mr. Hugh Mobley
Mr. Doug Snyder

Other Commissioners Present

Dr. Mick Zais

Other Attendees Present

Ms. Karen Wingo, SC Department of Admin Human Resources
Ms. Heather Keever, SC Department of Admin Human Resources

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. Monica Goodwin, Director of Data-Research & IT
Kara Smith, Executive Assistant
Mr. Georges Tippens, Deputy Director & General Counsel
Ms. Bunnie Ward, Director of Strategic Initiatives & 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 February 27, 2024 and April 9, 2024 Executive Committee meetings. Commissioner Batson motioned and Commissioner Horne seconded to approve the minutes. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Chair Hayes asked that Ms. Wingo provide an update on the President and Executive Director (PED) search. Ms. Wingo reported that a Spark Hire interview request will be sent to the nine candidates, rather than ten as Dr. Little withdrew his application from consideration. She explained that once all interviews have been submitted her team will then compile those interviews and make them available to the Executive Committee by April 26 or April 28. Chair Hayes said that he would like to have another Special-called Executive Committee Meeting so that the Executive Committee and other interested Commissioners may discuss the candidates. Chair Dyer asked Dr. Little to confirm his last day with the agency, to which Dr. Little confirmed that the goal is for him to start his new role July 1, 2024, and he would take leave



beginning June 21, 2024. Chair Hayes expressed that it would be ideal for there to be some transition time together with the new PED.

2. Consideration of Public Comment Policy

Chair Hayes called on Commissioner Dyer to lead the discussion. Commissioner Dyer described the background and purpose of drafting the public comment policy. Commissioners made comments favoring development of the policy. Commissioner Snyder motioned to approve the policy as presented, Commissioner Horne seconded. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the policy was approved unanimously.

3. Review of the May 2, 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.

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

Chair Hayes said that the Executive Committee will have one item for consideration, Public Comment Policy.

Commissioner Dyer reported that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL) would not have any items for consideration but may discuss one informational item related to sharing of students' information.

Commissioner Mobley reported that the Committee on Access and Equity and Student Services would not have any items for consideration. He said that the Committee would have multiple items for information and announced that College and Career Decision Day will take place on May 7, 2024.

Commissioner Batson reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities will consider 15 permanent improvement projects and three additional items for information adding on the agency's quarterly report. 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 discussions. Chair Hayes asked that the full Commission be provided an update on the bill.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Permanent Improvement Project Approvals
 - 1. Coastal Carolina University
 - a. Land Acquisition for Future Health and Human Performance Building
 - Increase Budget (Phase II)
 - 2. College of Charleston
 - a. St. Philip Housing Innovation Project
 - Establish Project
 - b. Grice Marine Lab Annex Renovation
 - Increase Budget (Phase II)
 - c. 176 Lockwood Exterior Repairs
 - Increase Budget (Phase II)
 - 3. Greenville Technical College
 - a. Center for Workforce Development
 - Establish Project (Phase I)
 - 4. South Carolina State University
 - a. Supplemental Modular Housing
 - Establish Project (Phase I)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Northeastern Technical College <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. NETC – NETC – Cheraw Campus Schaeffer Manufacturing Technology Academy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Increase Budget (Phase II) 6. Tri-County Technical College <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Anderson Campus Transportation, Logistics and Utility Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Establish Project (Phase I) b. Pendleton Land Acquisition – Final Land Acquisition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Increase Budget (Phase II) 7. University of South Carolina – Aiken <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Soccer Field and Infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Establish Project (Phase I) 8. University of South Carolina – Columbia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Campus Residential Development – Sumter Street Sites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Establish Project (Phase I) b. Thomas Cooper Library Renovation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Establish Project (Phase I) 9. University of South Carolina – Upstate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rampey Building Expansion and Renovation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Increase Budget (Phase II) 10. Winthrop University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Winthrop Lake Dam Renovation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Increase Budget (Phase II) <p>B. Lease</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Winthrop University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Walk2Campus Housing Lease
<p>FOR INFORMATION</p> <p>B. Permanent Improvement Project Staff Approvals during December 2023 and January 2024 (For information, no action)</p>

Commissioner Snyder reported that the Committee on Strategic Initiatives and Engagement will have five items for information only, adding Educator Preparation Program Report Card. He summarized the items.

<p>FOR INFORMATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Legislative and Budget Update (For information, no action) B. Transfer and Articulation Update (For information, no action) C. Workforce Development Update (For information, no action) D. CHE Engagements Activities (For information, no action) E. Ed Prep Program Report Card (For information, no action)
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4. Executive Session (If needed)

Commissioners did not go into executive session.

5. Other Business

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

6. Adjourn

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

