



Minutes of the SC Commission on Higher Education (CHE)
Executive Committee Meeting
January 26, 2026
10:30 a.m.
Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Executive Committee Members Present

Mr. R. Wes Hayes, Chair
Mr. Oran Smith, Vice Chair
Mr. Paul Batson
Ms. Jenni Bryson
Mr. Eddie Dyer
Mr. Doug Snyder

CHE Staff Present

Dr. Jeff Perez, President and Executive Director
Ms. Laura Belcher, Senior Advisor
Ms. Monica Goodwin, Director of Information
Technology and Data Analysis
Ms. Ellan Jenkinson, Interim Director PASCAL
Dr. Angela Peters, Director of Academic Affairs and
Licensing
Ms. Shakara Smith, Executive Assistant
Mr. Bryce Wilson, Director of Fiscal Affairs
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk, Director of Student Affairs

Chair Hayes called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Ms. Smith confirmed a quorum and announced 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 November 20, 2025, Executive Committee meeting. Commissioner Batson motioned and Commissioner Dyer seconded to approve the minutes. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Review of February 5, 2026, CHE Draft Meeting Agenda

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes reported that the Executive Committee would not have any items for consideration.

Chair Hayes called on President Perez to summarize his forthcoming report to the Commission.

President Perez shared that his update would include an overview of CHE's recent budget presentation to the House Ways and Means Committee (HWM). He reported that Chairman Ballentine of the HWM Higher Education Budget Subcommittee has asked campuses about their program compliance rates during presentations, which President Perez views as a positive development. President Perez also said that his report will include an overview of pertinent legislation.

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

Commissioner Dyer reported that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL) will have one item for action. He stated that the Committee would focus on non-compliant programs and noted that the Committee is working on revising its charter based on recommendations from institutions, which will be considered during the next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Committee on Academic Affairs & Licensing Charter Revision

Commissioner Bryson reported that the Committee on Student Services would have one item for action. She explained that a public hearing on residency regulations would be held, with Dr. Woodfaulk providing a script for Chair Hayes to preside over the hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Public Hearing Residency Regulations

Commissioner Batson reported that the Committee on Finance and Administration would have one item for action and two items for information only, which he summarized. Commissioner Batson noted that there currently is no institution scheduled for financial review related to item D, but Commissioners will work on developing questions to better engage institutions in the future. Therefore, Commissioner Batson requested that item D. be removed from the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Committee on Finance and Administration Charter Revision**
- B. Quarter 2 CHE Budget Report (For information, no action)**
- C. Proviso 3.6 Technology Funds Report (For information, no action)**
- D. Financial Update – Institution to be determined (For information, no action)**

Commissioner Snyder reported that the Committee on Strategic Planning and Accountability (CSPA) would have three items for information and summarized the items.

FOR INFORMATION

- A. Strategic Plan Update (For information, no action)**
- B. Accountability (For information, no action)**
- C. External Studies Update (For information, no action)**

3. Executive Session (If needed)

Wes Hayes

There was no executive session.

4. Other Business

Wes Hayes

There was no other business to consider.

5. Adjourn

Wes Hayes

The Executive Committee adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.