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MEETING OF THE SC COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

12:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2026
Midlands Technical College, CET Building, Room 109
151 Powell Rd., Columbia, SC 29203 AND VIA
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1. Introductions & Roll Call to Establish Quorum — Laura Belcher

2. Approval of Minutes — Wes Hayes

- **A. August 6, 2026**

3. Chair's Report — Wes Hayes

- **A. Vice Chair Election**

4. President & Executive Director's Report — Jeff Perez

5. Committee Reports

5.01 Report of the Executive Committee — Wes Hayes

- **A. Proposed 2026 CHE Bylaws Revisions**

5.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs & Licensing — Edgar Dyer

CONSENT AGENDA

- **A. Policies and Procedures**
  1. **Update to South Carolina College Preparatory Course Prerequisite Policy**
  2. **Update to South Carolina Exam-Based Credit Awards Policy**
- **B. Centers of Excellence Grant Program FY2026-27 Budget Allocation Request and Request for Proposals**

- **C. Transfer Excellence Initiatives Update (For information, no action)**

5.03 Report of the Committee on Student Services — Jenni Bryson

CONSENT AGENDA

- **A. College Transition Program Scholarship Report**

- **B. SC Program for the Retention and Recruitment of Minority Teachers (For information, no action)**
- **C. Act 161 Campus Safety Act Timeline (For information, no action)**

5.04 Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration **Paul Batson**

CONSENT AGENDA

A. FY2027-28 Budget Request

B. Scholarships Working Group Update (For information, no action)

C. Scholarships Compliance Audit Update (For information, no action)

D. Agreed Upon Procedure Findings (For information, no action)

5.05 Report of the Committee on Strategic Planning and Accountability **Doug Snyder**

A. Strategic Plan Update (For information, no action)

B. FY 26 Accountability Report (For information, no action)
- Data Sheet

C. External Studies Update (For information, no action)

6. Other Business **Wes Hayes**

7. Executive Session (If needed)

8. End of Business Meeting **Wes Hayes**

Committee & Other Meetings:

Committee on Finance and Administration **Thursday, September 3, 2026**
10:00 a.m.
Midlands Technical College and via Zoom

Committee on Student Services **Thursday, September 3, 2026**
11:00 a.m.
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