



Minutes of the SC Commission on Higher Education  
Executive Committee Meeting  
July 25, 2023  
10:00 a.m.  
Via Zoom

In Attendance:

**Executive Committee Members Present**

Mr. R. Wes Hayes, Chair  
Mr. Paul Batson  
Mr. Eddie Dyer  
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne  
Mr. Doug Snyder

**Executive Committee Members Excused**

Mr. Hugh Mobley

**CHE Staff Present**

Dr. Rusty Monhollon, President & Executive Director  
Ms. Laura Belcher, Senior Advisor  
Dr. Mariam Dittmann, Director of Academic Affairs  
and Licensing  
Ms. Monica Goodwin, Director of Data-Research &  
IT  
Ms. Shakara Smith, Executive Assistant  
Mr. Georges Tippens, Deputy Director & General  
Counsel  
Ms. Bunnie Ward, Director 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 May 18, 2023**

**Wes Hayes**

Chair Hayes called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2023, Executive Committee meeting. 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 August 4, 2023, CHE Draft Meeting Agenda**

**Wes Hayes**

Chair Hayes called on President Monhollon's to summarize his forthcoming report to the Commission. President Monhollon reported that his report will provide an update on the House Legislative Oversight Committee (HLOC) and Inspector General reviews. President Monhollon said his report will include an overview of the Governor's Office information request to the CHE related to his recent veto message.

Chair Hayes called on Ms. Ward to summarize the legislative report. Ms. Ward said that the report will provide a general wrap-up from this year's legislative session and an update on current legislation that has been filed.



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

Chair Hayes reported that the Consideration of SCIII Budget item will be removed from the August CHE meeting agenda and placed on the September CHE meeting agenda for consideration as there were some issues to resolve with the budget.

Commissioner Horne reported that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL) would have eight program proposals and two items related to the REACH Act for consideration on the consent agenda. She reported that there will be three additional items for consideration.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Program Proposals**

1. Clemson University, M.M.E., Music Education Program
2. Clemson University, B.S., Data Science
3. Clemson University, College of Veterinary Medicine
4. College of Charleston, B.S./A.B. Health Services Administration and Management
5. Lander University, B.S., Education and Child Development
6. University of South Carolina-Upstate, B.A., Organizational Leadership
7. University of South Carolina-Upstate, B.A.S., Business Administration
8. University of South Carolina-Upstate, M.S., Criminal Justice

**B. REACH Act**

1. Coastal Carolina University Modules
2. College of Charleston Modules

**C. College of Charleston, B.A./A.B. and B.S./A.B., Environmental and Sustainability Studies**

**D. College of Charleston, M.A.T., Teaching Multilingual Learners**

**E. University of South Carolina-Beaufort, A.A./A.S. Degree Programs**

Commissioner Horne summarized the consent agenda and stated that one Commissioner opposed all program proposals as she believes that consideration of the items would conflict with the Governor's veto message. Commissioner Horne explained that item 3, Clemson University's College of Veterinary Medicine, is not a program proposal, rather it is a notification from the institution. She further elaborated that during the CAAL Meeting, there was an approved motion to have the item considered under that heading.

Commissioner Dyer suggested forming an ad hoc committee to review the Governor's Office request to the CHE, to which Chair Hayes agreed with his suggestion. Commissioner Horne requested that the communication sent to the CHE from the Governor's Office is shared with the Executive Committee. Commissioner Snyder said that the Committee on Strategic Initiatives and Engagement can assist with reviewing issues and developing a communication plan in addressing requests.

Commissioner Dyer motioned and Commissioner Horne seconded to remove item 3 from the consent agenda, acknowledge that Clemson University has provided notification to CHE, and list the item for information only. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

On behalf of Commissioner Mobley, Dr. Karen Woodfaulk reported that the Committee on Access and Equity and Student Services has two items for consideration and one item for information only. Dr. Woodfaulk summarized the consent agenda and informational items.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers (SC-PRRMT)**

1. Quarterly Report (Quarter 3)
2. FY2024-25 Allocation Request

**FOR INFORMATION**

**B. College Goal South Carolina 2022-23 Overview (For information, no action)**

Commissioner Batson reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities will consider eight permanent improvement projects and one lease. He asked to removed item A.2a, Wentworth Garage Demolition and Replacement, from the consent agenda. Commissioner Batson said that there will be one item for information only. Mr. Tippens said that one additional item will be added from the University of South Carolina Columbia for consideration and one item for information, CHE's year-end fiscal report by Mr. Bryce Wilson. Commissioner Batson announced that the Committee on Finance and Facilities will meet at 10:30 a.m. rather than 11:00 a.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Permanent Improvement Project Approvals
  - 1. Clemson University
    - a. Charleston Property Acquisition
      - Establish Project (Phase I)
  - 2. College of Charleston
    - a. Wentworth Garage Demolition and Replacement
      - Establish Project (Phase I)
    - b. McAlister Residence Hall 2021 Renovation
      - Increase Budget (Phase II)
    - c. Stern Student Center Renovation
      - Increase Budget (Phase II)
  - 3. Francis Marion University
    - a. Smith University Center Renovations/Improvements
      - Increase Budget (Phase II)
  - 4. Horry-Georgetown Technical College
    - a. Renovation/Expansion of Grand Strand Building 100
      - Increase Budget (Phase II)
  - 5. South Carolina State University
    - a. Reserve Officers Training Corp. Center (ROTC)
      - Establish Project (Phase I)
  - 6. The Citadel
    - a. Engineering Replacement Building
      - Establish Project (Phase I)
  - 7. Tri-County Technical College
    - a. Pendleton Campus Pickens Hall Renovation
      - Establish Project (Phase I)
- B. Lease
  - 1. Medical University of South Carolina
    - a. Fishburne Ballpark Parking Lot
      - Lease Renewal (Two-year Term)

**FOR INFORMATION**

- C. Permanent Improvement Project Staff Approvals during June and July (For information, no action)

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

**FOR INFORMATION**

- A. Proposed Assignment of Statute Review to other CHE Committees (For information, no action)
- B. Proposal for Policy Process (For information, no action)
- C. CHE Annual Engagement Metrics for FY 2024 (For information, no action)

### **3. Other Business**

President Monhollon provided an overview of the annual retreat agenda. Commissioner Horne motioned and Commissioner Dyer seconded to go into executive session to discuss President Monhollon's annual review. Chair Hayes called for the vote and Commissioners went into executive session.

### **4. Adjourn**

Commissioners returned from executive session with no action being taken. The Executive Committee adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

