



Minutes of the SC Commission on Higher Education
Executive Committee Meeting
August 22, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Executive Committee Members Present

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

Other Attendees Present

Dr. Gwynth Nelson, SC Institute of Innovation & Information (SCIII)

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 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 July 25, 2023

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2023, Executive Committee meeting. Commissioner Horne motioned and Commissioner Batson seconded to approve the minutes. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Consideration of FY 2023-24 SC Institute of Innovation & Information (SCIII) Budget **Wes Hayes**

Chair Hayes called on President Monhollon to summarize the SCIII item. President Monhollon explained that the CHE is responsible for providing oversight to the SCIII, to include consideration of its annual budget. He reported that the General Assembly appropriated \$700,000 to SCIII for administering the program. Commissioner Dyer asked Dr. Nelson to elaborate on what was included in Clinton College's \$334,000 administrative cost, to which Dr. Nelson explained that some of the cost was associated with new staff hires. She said that she would reach out to the college directly for further explanation. Commissioner Dyer informed Dr. Nelson that the subtotal listed under Clinton College is incorrect, to which Dr. Nelson agreed to correct the figure.



Chair Hayes suggested that the budget be conditionally approved contingent upon the two issues being addressed, to which Commissioner Dyer motioned and Commissioner Batson seconded. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the budget conditionally passed. Commissioner Horne asked that the answers be provided to the Executive Committee.

3. Review of the September 7, 2023 CHE Draft Meeting Agenda

Chair Hayes called on President Monhollon 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 (IG) reviews. He said that he will also share two articles regarding the cost of higher education and affordability.

Chair Hayes called on Ms. Ward to summarize the legislative report. Ms. Ward said that Ms. Steedly will provide the legislative report and it will include an overview of the agency's budget request for fiscal year 2025.

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

Chair Hayes reported that the Executive Committee report will include the election of the vice chair and consideration of the SCIII Budget. President Monhollon requested that during the Chair's report, Chair Hayes appoints someone or a group to review the CHE Bylaws. Commissioner Mobley asked President Monhollon and Mr. Tippens to clarify whether the chair of a committee can serve as vice chair of another committee, to which Mr. Tippens confirmed that it is allowable because it is not addressed in the Bylaws. President Monhollon requested that Bylaw reviewers consider removing the prohibition against teaching at an institution.

Commissioner Horne asked whether a non-voting member of the Commission can vote at the committee level and can the non-voting member serve as chair or vice chair on a committee. Mr. Tippens responded that the Robert's Rules does not address this situation specifically but recommended that the committees be treated the same as a regular meeting. Mr. Tippens said that the non-voting member could serve as chair or vice chair and can make motions and second a motion but could not cast a vote. He recommended adding a clause to this effect in the CHE Bylaws. Commissioners questioned whether a motion and second is considered a vote, which will be examined when the Bylaws are studied.

Commissioner Horne reported that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL) would have two items for consideration on the consent agenda and three additional items for information only. Commissioner Horne briefly summarized the items.

CONSENT AGENDA A. Centers of Excellence Budget and Request for Proposals B. CERRA Annual Report and Budget
FOR INFORMATION C. Annual Report on Academic Common Market, 2022-2023 D. Annual Report on Regional Contract Program, 2022-2023 E. Report on Terminated and Approved Programs, FY2021-2023

Commissioner Mobley reported that the Committee on Access and Equity and Student Services has two items for consideration and one item for information only. Commissioner Mobley summarized the consent agenda and informational items.

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

Report
B. College Transition Program (CTP) Scholarship Report
FOR INFORMATION
C. Tucker Higgs Transparency Act (For information, no action)

Commissioner Batson reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities will consider 10 permanent improvement projects from five institutions and have one item for information only. He requested to change his committee meeting time to 10:00 a.m. rather than 10:30 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA
A. Permanent Improvement Project Approvals
1. Clemson University
a. Littlejohn Coliseum and Swann Pavilion
– Establish Project (Phase I)
b. Jervy Athletic Center Renovations and Performance & Wellness Center Addition
– Increase Budget (Phase II)
c. Bryan Mall High Rise Renovations
– Phase II Budget Increase
2. College of Charleston
a. 176 Lockwood Exterior Repairs
– Phase II Budget Increase
b. Central Energy Facility and Piping Infrastructure Upgrades
– Phase I Scope Revision
c. Simons Center for the Arts Renovation/Expansion
– Phase II Budget Increase
3. Piedmont Technical College
a. Family Life and Conference Center
– Establish Project (Phase I)
b. Land Acquisition – Edgefield Center for Manufacturing Excellence
– Establish Project (Phase I)
4. Spartanburg Community College
a. P. Dan Hull Building Reroof Project
– Establish Project (Phase I)
5. Winthrop University
a. Land Acquisition – Courtyard Apartments
– Establish Project (Phase I)
FOR INFORMATION
B. Permanent Improvement Project Staff Approvals during August (For information, no action)

Commissioner Snyder reported that the Committee on Strategic Initiatives and Engagement will have six items for information only. He summarized the six items. Commissioner Snyder recommended that Committees add review of statutes on their committee agenda as well as consideration of a committee charter. Commissioner Snyder requested that items A-C be removed from the meeting agenda.

FOR INFORMATION
A. Statute Review Status
B. CHE Strategy: Mission, Vision, Values
C. Committee on Strategic Initiatives and Engagement Charter
D. Transfer Update
E. Workforce Development Update: Nursing
F. Engagement Activities

4. Other Business

Commissioner Dyer said that he and Commissioner Snyder will give an update on progress related to the Governor's recent request. This update will be shared during other business at the full Commission meeting.

Chair Hayes asked whether an update on the IG's recent request should be included during the Executive Committee or President's report, to which it was decided to be included in the President's report. Chair Hayes asked whether the IG's report would be available by next week, to which President Monhollon answered that he was unsure of the timeline.

Commissioner Horne requested that the 2023-24 standing committees list be resent to Commissioners.

Chair Hayes asked President Monhollon to elaborate on what will be covered during Commissioner training, to which President Monhollon explained that it is an annual training by the Agency Head Salary Commission, which will be offered yearly in May moving forward.

President Monhollon reported that the agency received additional correspondence from the House Legislative Oversight Committee today. Commissioner Snyder asked whether management review is typical with these reviews, to which President Monhollon answered that he did not know. President Monhollon and Chair Hayes recognized staff for their continued hard work and dedication.

Chair Hayes requested that President Monhollon send the HLOC correspondence out to all Commissioners, to which President Monhollon agreed.

5. Adjourn

The Executive Committee adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.