



Minutes of the SC Commission on Higher Education
Special Called Executive Committee Meeting
September 7, 2023
2:45 p.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 Commissioners Present

Dr. Cleveland Sellers

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. Christina Seales, Compliance Audit Manager
Ms. Shakara Smith, Executive Assistant
Ms. Yarley Steedly, Legislative & External Affairs
Manager
Mr. Georges Tippens, Deputy Director & General
Counsel
Ms. Bunnie Ward, Director of Strategic Initiatives &
Engagement
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk, Director of Student Affairs

Chair Hayes called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. It was confirmed that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Ad hoc Committee Formation

Edgar Dyer

Chair Hayes called on Commissioner Dyer to report on the ad hoc committee formation item. Commissioner Dyer suggested working with various stakeholders to draft a list of recommended majors to provide to four-year higher education institutions, which would be based on the workforce needs of the State. He said that if an ad hoc committee is created, he would chair the committee and Commissioner Seckinger will serve as vice chair. Commissioner Dyer explained that the work of the ad hoc committee would coincide with the Governor's goal of better aligning higher education with the needs of the State's workforce.

Commissioner Dyer presented two options; either create the ad hoc committee to develop the list or allow the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL) to develop the list. Commissioner Mobley suggested having the work done in the CAAL and connecting with key stakeholders to get their perspective.



Commissioner Snyder agreed with allowing the CAAL to lead the work as it may be premature to create an ad hoc committee. He said that once committees draft committee charters, the CAAL can revisit whether an ad hoc committee is needed. Chair Hayes recommended allowing Commissioners Dyer and Seckinger to begin preliminary work and be prepared to present in January, which will give standing committees the opportunity to draft committee charters. Chair Hayes said that the decision will then be made in January whether the work will commence under the CAAL or an ad hoc committee. The Executive Committee agreed with Chair Hayes' recommendation.

Chair Hayes reminded Commissioners to let President Monhollon know prior to requesting work of staff members outside of the committee.

President Monhollon asked that Chair Hayes assign someone or a group to study the CHE Bylaws. Chair Hayes asked that the Committee on Strategic Initiatives and Engagement study the Bylaws, to which Commissioner Snyder agreed. Commissioner Snyder asked that Mr. Tippens be a part of the review process. President Monhollon requested that Bylaw reviewers consider removing the prohibition against teaching at an institution. Commissioner Mobley asked whether staff are required to complete conflict of interest forms, to which President Monhollon responded that the agency uses an outside employment acknowledgment form.

President Monhollon said that according to the Higher Education Foundation, two Commission members are to serve on the Board. He said that there is now one vacancy and asked that Chair Hayes ask for a volunteer to serve, to which Chair Hayes agreed.

2. Adjournment

The Executive Committee adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.