



Minutes of the SC Commission on Higher Education
Executive Committee Meeting
October 24, 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

CHE Staff Present

Dr. Rusty Monhollon, President & Executive Director
Ms. Laura Belcher, Senior Advisor
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 August 22, 2023 and September 7, 2023

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes called for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2023, Executive Committee and September 7, 2023, special-called Executive Committee meetings. Commissioner Batson 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 November 2, 2023, CHE Draft Meeting Agenda

Chair Hayes called on President Monhollon to summarize his forthcoming report to the Commission. President Monhollon stated that his report will provide an update on the House Legislative Oversight Committee (HLOC) and Inspector General (IG) reviews, and an update on the October 25 Council of Presidents Meeting. He announced that Dr. Evan Ortlieb from The Citadel will give a presentation on its Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) project during his report.

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



Chair Hayes reported that the Executive Committee report will include consideration of the Proposed 2024 CHE Business and Executive Committee Meeting Schedule, which is similar to the current 2023 meeting schedule.

Commissioner Dyer reported that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL) has nine items for consideration on the consent agenda. Commissioner Dyer briefly summarized the items.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. New Program Proposals

1. University of South Carolina-Aiken, BS., Public Health
2. University of South Carolina-Aiken. B.S., Software Engineering
3. University of South Carolina-Aiken, M.S., Computer and Information Science
4. University of South Carolina-Columbia, B.S., Data Analytics
5. University of South Carolina-Columbia, B.S., Data Science
6. University of South Carolina-Columbia, D.N.P., Nurse Midwife
7. University of South Carolina-Columbia, M.S.N., Nurse Midwife

B. Program Modifications

1. University of South Carolina-Aiken, B.S., Applied Computer Science

C. New Centers

1. Clemson University, The Energy Center

Commissioner Mobley reported that the Committee on Access and Equity and Student Services has one item for consideration. Commissioner Mobley summarized the consent agenda item. Commissioner Mobley reported that the committee requested that Mr. Wilson provide a quarterly report on the SCIII budget and that institutions provide a report on program progress.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. SC Institutes of Innovation & Information (SCIII) FY23-24 Headquarters Administrative Budget

Commissioner Batson reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities will consider 14 permanent improvement projects and two leases and has three items for information only. Commissioner Batson summarized the consent agenda items. Commissioner Dyer asked whether the Committee would address the topic of hiring an external firm to give a presentation on how higher institutions are financially structured. Commissioner Batson reported that the Committee will also address creation of its charter after the November meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Permanent Improvement Project Approvals

1. College of Charleston
 - a. 81 Wentworth Street Land Purchase
 - Establish Project
 - b. New LX Residence Hall Construction
 - Establish Project
2. Francis Marion University
 - a. Village Apartments Interior Renovation
 - Establish Project (Phase I)
3. Medical University of South Carolina
 - a. Land Acquisition – 13 Properties
 - i. 4295 Arco Lane, Charleston, SC
 - ii. 30 Bee Street, Charleston, SC
 - iii. 45 Bee Street, Charleston, SC
 - iv. 51 Bee Street, Charleston, SC
 - v. 55 Bee Street, Charleston, SC
 - vi. 57 Bee Street, Charleston, SC
 - vii. 59 Beet Street, Charleston, SC

- viii. 52 Courtenay Drive, Charleston, SC
- ix. 56 Courtenay Drive, Charleston, SC
- x. 17 Ehrhardt Drive, Charleston, SC
- xi. 20 Ehrhardt Drive, Charleston, SC
- xii. 28 Ehrhardt Drive, Charleston, SC
- xiii. 151 Rutledge Avenue, Charleston, SC
 - Increase Budget (Phase II)
- 4. South Carolina State University
 - a. Supplemental Housing – Modular Lease
 - Establish Project
- 5. The Citadel
 - a. 201-203 Richardson Ave Renovation/Addition
 - Establish Project (Phase I)
 - b. Johnson Hagood Stadium East Stands Reconstruction
 - Establish Project (Phase I)
 - c. Stevens Barracks Renovation
 - Increase Budget (Phase II)
- 6. Tri-County Technical College
 - a. Pendleton Land Acquisition
 - Establish Project (Phase I)
 - b. Transportation and Logistics Hub – Building/Land Acquisition
 - Increase Budget (Phase II)
- 7. University of South Carolina – Columbia
 - a. Green and Garnet I – Energy Optimization
 - Increase Budget (Phase II)
 - b. Health Sciences Campus Land Acquisition
 - Increase Budget
 - c. River Property Land Acquisition
 - Increase Budget (Phase II)
- B. Lease
 - 1. College of Charleston
 - a. Student Housing
 - Establish New Lease
 - 2. University of South Carolina – Columbia
 - a. USC Huger – Park Place Housing Lease
 - Establish New Lease

- C. 2023-24 Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Project Plan (For Action)
- D. Permanent Improvement Project Staff Approvals during September and October (For information, no action)
- E. Budget Report (For information, no action)

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

- FOR INFORMATION**
- A. Update: CHE Engagement
 - B. Update: Committee Charters
 - C. Update: CHE’s Mission, Vision & Values
 - D. Discussion: HLOC Request for Board of Commissioners’ Input

Commissioner Horne and Commissioner Snyder will provide an update on the CHE Bylaws review during other business. Commissioner Snyder reported that any recommended changes will be provided to the

Executive Committee ahead of the November meeting, so that the recommendations can be considered by the full Board during the December business meeting.

3. Proposed 2024 CHE Business & Executive Committee Meeting Schedule

Chair Hayes asked if there were any comments regarding the proposed 2024 schedule, to which there was no discussion. Commissioner Batson motioned and Commissioner Horne seconded. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the 2024 schedule was approved.

4. Other Business

Ms. Smith provided an overview of the itinerary for The Citadel site visit, scheduled November 1-2.

5. Adjourn

The Executive Committee adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

