



Meeting of the South Carolina Commission
on Higher Education
1:00 p.m., June 1, 2023
Spartanburg Community College
1875 E Main St., Duncan, SC 29334
& Via Zoom Webinar

Members

Commissioner Wes Hayes, Chair
Commissioner Paul Batson
Commissioner Jenni Bryson
Commissioner Edgar Dyer
Commissioner Bettie Rose Horne
Commissioner Hugh Mobley

Commissioner Terrye Seckinger
Commissioner Cleveland Sellers
Commissioner Doug Snyder
Commissioner Dino Teppara

Members Excused

Commissioner Patrick White

Commission Staff Present

Rusty Monhollon
Laura Belcher
Jessica Berry
Kristin Brooks
Kerrigan Clark
Monica Goodwin
Gerrick Hampton
Kathryn Harris
Andrea Latouche
Mariana Manic
Maggie May
Kenita Pitts-Howard

Christopher Robinson
Christina Seale
Kara Smith
Mark Swart
Georges Tippens
Bunnie Ward
Tanya Weigold
Bryce Wilson
Karen Woodfaulk
Lishu Yin

Guests

Suzanne Austin, College of Charleston
Yvonne Barnes, Trident Technical College
Emily Beck, College of Charleston
Michael Benson, Coastal Carolina University
Bridget Blackwell, University of South Carolina-
Palmetto College
Jen Boyle, Coastal Carolina University
Amanda Brian, Coastal Carolina University
Christine Brown, Medical University of South
Carolina
Lee Brown, Coastal Carolina University
Brian Bunton, Coastal Carolina University
Teresa Burns, Coastal Carolina University
Scott Carr, Coastal Carolina University
Bonnie Carson, University of South Carolina
Upstate
Will Carswell, Francis Marion University
Bonnie Carson Durham, University of South
Carolina Upstate

Aimee Carter, SC Technical College System
Jessica Carter, Lowcountry Graduate Center
John Catalano, University of South Carolina-
Palmetto College
Shima Clarke, Clemson University
Rebecca Coffey-Moses, Clemson University
James Colbert, Lander University
Dan Cooper, Tri-County Technical College
Maureen Corcoran, Pearson Education
Mark Del Mastro, College of Charleston
Wanda Dooley, Coastal Carolina University
Kevin Eakes, College of Charleston
Lauren Ellis, Pearson Education
Gene Fant, North Greenville University
Marcello Forconi, College of Charleston
Douglas Gantt, South Carolina State University
Katie Harrison, SC Tuition Grants Commission
Sarah Hearn, Medical University of South
Carolina



Cynthia Hemphill-Reehling, Pearson Education
Crystal Hill-Chapman, Francis Marion University
George Hitt, Coastal Carolina University
Kyle Holody, Coastal Carolina University
Trena Houpp, University of South Carolina
Columbia
Tracey Hunter-Doniger, College of Charleston
John Hutchens, Coastal Carolina University
Christina James, Central Carolina Technical
College
Keshav Jagannathan, Coastal Carolina University
Pamela Jones, SC Department of Employment
and Workforce
Ray Jones, SC Student Loan
Alexa Jurado, The State newspaper
Karen Kemper, Clemson University
Jeremy King, Clemson University
Lori Kinley, Clemson University
Heyward Knotts, College of Charleston
Chad Leverette, Coastal Carolina University
William McCorkle, College of Charleston
Colleen McGlone, Coastal Carolina University
Lucas McMillan, Lander University
Stephanie Milling, University of South Carolina
Sue Montenery, Coastal Carolina University
Kent Murray, The Citadel
Gwynth Nelson, SC Institutes of Innovation and
Information
Joseph Oestreich, Coastal Carolina University
Paul Patrick, College of Charleston
Erin Paysinger, Lander University

Jeff Perez, SC Independent Colleges and
Universities
Paul Richardson, Coastal Carolina University
Jamia Richmond, Coastal Carolina University
Karin Roof, The Citadel
Tyler Saas, Clemson University
Catherine Scott, Coastal Carolina University
Brett Simpson, Coastal Carolina University
Sabrina Sims, Spartanburg Community College
Eric Skipper, University of South Carolina
Beaufort
Kimberly Smalls, SC Institutes of Innovation &
Information
Allison Steadman, Francis Marion University
Pam Steinke, University of South Carolina
Upstate
Rosaline Sumpter, SC Technical College System
Mark Sweatman, Medical University of South
Carolina
Abbie Thielke, McMillan Pazdan Smith
Architecture
Reinell Thomas-Myers, South Carolina State
University
Sebastian van Delden, College of Charleston
Richard Viso, Coastal Carolina University
Allison Welch, College of Charleston
Frances Welch, College of Charleston
Lee Westberry, The Citadel
Leslie Williams, Central Carolina Technical
College
Casey Woodling, Coastal Carolina University

All Attended either In-Person, by Phone, or via Video Conference

Chair Hayes convened the meeting at 1:15 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

I. 1. Introductions and Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Ms. Belcher introduced the Commissioners. She confirmed a quorum of the Commission and announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chair Hayes introduced the draft minutes of the May 4, 2023, CHE Business meeting and asked for any additions or corrections. Commissioner Seckinger motioned to approve minutes as presented, and Commissioner Horne seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.



3. Chair's Report

Chair Hayes thanked the University of South Carolina Upstate and Spartanburg Community College for hosting the CHE. He announced that the CHE has three new Commissioners appointed by the Governor; Dr. Oran Smith, Dr. Gene Fant, and Dr. Mick Zais, and said that they are currently awaiting Senate confirmation.

4. President and Executive Director's Report

Chair Hayes called on President Monhollon to give his report. President Monhollon reiterated thanks to the leadership and staff of the University of South Carolina Upstate and Spartanburg Community College for hosting the CHE. President Monhollon reported new hires: SC Institutes of Innovation and Information welcomed Dr. Gwynth Nelson, Executive Director and Kimberly Smalls, Executive Assistant; Office of Internal Operations and Administration welcomed Operations Analyst Scheri Eichelberger; and the Office of Student Affairs welcomed Kerrigan Clark, Southern Education Leadership Institute Fellow.

President Monhollon made a few agency-related announcements: congratulated Dr. Gerrick Hampton for receiving a Certified Public Manager credential; recognized four CHE staff members for reaching milestones of State service; and provided an update on newly appointed Commissioners awaiting Senate confirmation.

President Monhollon provided an update on the House Legislative Oversight Committee (HLOC) review. He said that the agency had a public comment hearing on March 9. He reported that the initial request for information was submitted to the committee on March 22, which consisted of several documents fully summarizing the agency and its various functions. President Monhollon reported that the first presentation to the House Education and Cultural Affairs Committee took place on May 9 and will continue June 5. He explained that following his presentation overviewing the agency's functions, Office directors will provide more detailed presentations regarding their services and requested information. He reiterated that HLOC staff will draft a report between late summer and early fall for review by the subcommittee, followed by the full committee.



President Monhollon provided an update on the Senate Legislative Oversight Committee (HLOC) review. He reported that the CHE submitted its initial request for information to the Subcommittee on May 19. President Monhollon said that the agency may meet with the Subcommittee sometime during the summer to discuss the information submitted. He also reported that the agency was asked to identify major issues that affect the agency and that could potentially be addressed through changes in State law.

President Monhollon provided an update on the Inspector General's (IG) investigation stating that not much had developed since his last report. He reported that some CHE staff had been interviewed by the IG's Office and that a report may be made available later in June.

President Monhollon reported that the agency staff was given an Employee Climate Survey, which was voluntary and anonymous. He said that responses had been gathered and reviewed and leadership is in the process of identifying recurring themes and relevant solutions for addressing them. President Monhollon confirmed that the survey results will be provided to Commissioners during the August meeting.

President Monhollon announced that the Council of Presidents met on May 24. He reported that during the meeting the agency reported on transfer and articulation plans, the Statewide Education and Workforce Act, and related higher education legislation. He announced that President James Clements, Clemson University, was elected chair of the Council for the 2023-24 term. President Monhollon shared a schedule of upcoming events: Second HLOC presentation, June 5; Council of Board Chairs and Trustee Workshop, June 6-7; Centers of Teaching Excellence Conference, June 7-8; Third HLOC presentation, June 20 (tentative); Fourth HLOC presentation, July 21 (tentative); Fifth HLOC presentation, August 1 (tentative); and CHE Retreat/Business Meeting, August 3-4.

5. Legislative Report

Chair Hayes called on Ms. Ward to provide the legislative report. Ms. Ward provided an update on the FY 23-24 budget. She announced that the conference committee last met on May 18 and will meet again on June 5. Ms. Ward reported that both Chambers agreed on student aid funding and provided an overview of the allocations. She identified the top three CHE Budget requests: recurring scholarship administration,



Educator Preparation Report Card, and Data Migration Project of which none were funded in the House version, while all were funded in the Senate version. Ms. Ward highlighted the following legislation: H.3857 Doctoral Professional University bill was signed by the Governor on May 16; Workforce Development bill (H 3726) was signed by the Governor on May 19; and H.4060 Education & Workforce Development was passed by the House on March 29.

6. Committee Reports

6.01 Report of the Executive Committee

FOR ACTION

A. Law Revision Recommendations

Chair Hayes reported that the Executive Committee has one item for consideration, Law Revision Recommendations. Chair Hayes called on President Monhollon to summarize the item. President Monhollon explained that HLOC asked the CHE to identify statutes that may need to be revised and/or are no longer relevant. As part of that request, he said that the CHE created a list of legislation categorized by substantive recommendation and non-substantive recommendations. He explained that the Executive Committee reviewed and approved the non-substantive recommendations and referred the substantive recommendation list to be reviewed by the Committee on Strategic Initiatives and Engagement to study and make recommendations. He added that the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services would study scholarship related legislation. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the item was passed unanimously.

6.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

Bettie Rose Horne

Chair Hayes called on Commissioner Horne to provide a report on the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL). Commissioner Horne reported that the Committee had 28 items for consideration, which she summarized along with the review process. Commissioner Seckinger asked to remove items 16 and 17 from the consent agenda as it could potentially conflict with the position of the General Assembly. Commissioner Mobley motioned to carryover the discussion regarding items 16 and 17 to the next meeting or a special called meeting, and Commissioner Seckinger seconded. Chair Hayes called for the



vote and the motioned passed. Commissioner Horne motioned to pass the consent agenda minus the two items. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Program Proposals

1. Central Carolina Technical College, A.A.S., Teacher Education
2. Clemson University, Ph.D., Construction Science and Management
3. Clemson University, M.S., Public Health
4. Coastal Carolina University, B.S., Secondary Mathematics Education
5. Coastal Carolina University, B.A., Chemistry, Chemistry Education, Grades 9-12 Track
6. Coastal Carolina University, B.A., Social Studies, Grades 9-12
7. Coastal Carolina University, B.S., Biology Education
8. Coastal Carolina University, B.A., Physics Education
9. Coastal Carolina University, B.A., English Education
10. Coastal Carolina University, B.A., Spanish Education
11. Coastal Carolina University, B.P.S., Bachelor of Professional Studies
12. Coastal Carolina University, B.S., Nursing
13. Coastal Carolina University, B.A., Journalism and Sports Media
14. Coastal Carolina University, B.S., Health Sciences
15. College of Charleston, B.A./A.B., Biochemistry
16. College of Charleston, B.A./A.B. and B.S./A.B., Environmental and Sustainability Studies
17. College of Charleston, M.A.T., Teaching Multilingual Learners
18. Francis Marion University, PsyD, Psychology
19. South Carolina State University, B.S., Civil Engineering
20. University of South Carolina Columbia, M.S., Information Technology
21. University of South Carolina Columbia, M.A., Dance Studies
22. University of South Carolina Columbia, M.S., Information Security and Cyber Leadership
23. University of South Carolina, B.S., Cyber Policy, and Ethics Consideration of Coastal Carolina

B. New Center: The Citadel, Anita Zucker Institute for Entrepreneurial Educational Leadership

C. REACH Act: Lander University (Add HIST 112)

D. REACH Act: University of South Carolina Columbia (Add HIST 470)

E. REACH Act: University of South Carolina Upstate: (Remove HIST 102, Add HIST 106)

F. REACH Act: Clemson University Modules Approval

6.03 Report of the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

Paul Batson

Chair Hayes called on Commissioner Mobley to provide a report on the Committee on Access and Equity & Student Services. Commissioner Mobley reported that the Committee has two items for consideration, and three items for information. He described the items and motioned for the approval of the consent agenda. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the consent agenda passes unanimously.



CONSENT AGENDA

- A. SC Student Loan Corporation Administrative Budget Request FY 2023-24
- B. Scholarship Appeal Guidelines
- C. SC Need-based Grant & College Transition Program FY 2021-22 (For Information, no action)
- D. Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program FY 2021-22 (For Information, no action)
- E. College Application Month 2022 (For Information, no action)

6.04 Report of the Committee on Finance and Facilities

Charles Dalton

Chair Hayes called on Commissioner Batson to provide a report from the Committee on Finance and Facilities.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Permanent Improvement Project Approvals
 - 1. Clemson University
 - a. Computer Court CURF Property Acquisition
 - Establish Project (Phase I)
 - b. Tillman Hall Auditorium Renovation
 - Increase Budget (Phase II)
 - 2. Coastal Carolina University
 - a. Indoor Practice Facility Construction
 - Increase Budget (Phase II)
 - 3. College of Charleston
 - a. Grice Marine Lab Annex Renovation
 - Establish Project (Phase I)
 - b. School of Education Exterior Repairs
 - Establish Project (Phase I)
 - c. Sottile Theater Envelope, Safety, and HVAC Upgrades
 - Establish Project (Phase I)
 - 4. Medical University of South Carolina
 - a. Acquisition of College of Health Professions A,B, Ashley Rutledge Garage and donation of 12 properties
 - Establish Project (Phase I)
 - b. College of Medicine Office and Academic Building
 - Increase Budget (Phase II)
 - c. College of Health Professions President Street Academic Building
 - Phase II Budget Increase
 - 5. Tri-County Technical College
 - a. Pendleton Campus Pickens Hall Renovation
 - Establish Project (Phase I)



CONSENT CONTINUED AGENDA

6. University of South Carolina – Aiken
 - a. Softball Facility Construction
 - Increase Budget (Phase II)
7. University of South Carolina – Columbia
 - a. Health Sciences Campus Land Acquisition
 - Establish Project (Phase I)
 - b. Norfolk Southern Railway Parcels Land Acquisition
 - Establish Project (Phase I)
 - c. River Property Land Acquisition
 - Establish Project (Phase I)
- d. 1114 Pickens St Land & Building Acquisition
 - Phase II Land Acquisition
- e. Thornwell College Maintenance Renovation
 - Phase II Budget Increase, Scope Revision
8. University of South Carolina – Upstate
 - a. Rampey Building Expansion and Renovation
 - Establish Project (Phase I)
 - b. 151 Smith Circle Property Acquisition
 - Phase II Land Acquisition
 - c. 8000 Valley Falls Road Property Acquisition
 - Phase II Land Acquisition

B. Permanent Improvement Project Staff Approvals during May (For information, no action)

Commissioner Batson reported that the Committee has 19 items for consideration and one item for information. Commissioner Batson summarized the items and motioned for the approval of the consent agenda. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the consent agenda was approved unanimously. Commissioner Batson called on Mr. Tippens to provide a brief overview of the Permanent Improvement Projects staff approvals in May. Mr. Tippens reported that CHE staff approved 33 permanent improvement projects, with the majority, or 17, funded by legislative appropriations. The remaining consisted of budget decreases, closures, and cancellations.

6.05 Report of the Committee on Strategic Initiatives & Engagement

Doug Snyder

Chair Hayes called on Commissioner Snyder to provide a report on the Committee on Strategic Initiatives & Engagement. Commissioner Snyder asked Mr. Swart to provide an overview of engagement activities for the month. Mr. Swart described all CHE engagements for the month as well as announced upcoming events through August. He also shared agency social media activity. Commissioner Snyder reported that an update on the HLOC and SLOC reviews as well as current initiatives will be provided during the August CHE Retreat.



7. Other Business Announcements

Chair Hayes announced that the vice chair position is currently vacant with former Vice Chair Satcher's departure. He opened the floor for nominations and Commissioner Batson nominated Commissioner Dyer as vice chair, which was seconded by Commissioner Horne. Commissioner Mobley motioned to close elections and Commissioner Seckinger seconded. Chair Hayes called for the vote and Commissioner Dyer was elected vice chair.

8. Public Comment

Chair Hayes asked whether there was any public comment. There was no public comment.

9. End of Business Meeting

Chair Hayes and President Monhollon thanked everyone for their work. They also thanked the University of South Carolina Upstate and Spartanburg Community College for hosting the agency. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.