



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

In Attendance:

**Executive Committee Members Present**

Mr. R. Wes Hayes, Chair  
Mr. Ben Satcher, Vice Chair  
Mr. Paul Batson  
Mr. Charles Dalton  
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne  
Mr. Doug Snyder

**Executive Committee Members Excused**

**CHE Staff Present**

Dr. Rusty Monhollon, President & Executive Director  
Ms. Laura Belcher, Operations Manager  
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 February 21, 2023**

**Wes Hayes**

Chair Hayes called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023, Executive Committee meeting. Commissioner Satcher motioned and Commissioner Batson seconded to approve the minutes. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**2. Review of the May 4, 2023, CHE Draft Meeting Agenda**

**Wes Hayes**

Chair Hayes reported that he and Commissioner Satcher will provide an overview of their recent attendance at the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) National Conference on Trusteeship.

Chair Hayes called on President Monhollon to summarize his forthcoming report to the Commission. President Monhollon reported that he will introduce new staff; provide an update on the House and Senate Legislative Oversight Committee reviews and Inspector General audit; and provide highlights on the transfer initiative, Higher Education Day, and College and Career Decision Day. As part of the HLOC review, President Monhollon explained that the Committee requested that the CHE identify any laws,



statutes, and regulations that should be revised, and also identify any new legislation to propose. President Monhollon said that CHE staff has worked to create a list of recommended laws to either modify or delete and asked that Commissioners review the list for awareness.

Chair Hayes called on Ms. Ward to summarize the legislative report. Ms. Ward reported that Ms. Steedly will provide an update on current bills related to higher education to include the Doctoral Professional classification and Workforce Development bills. She said that an update will also be provided on the House and Senate budgets.

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

Chair Hayes reported that the Executive Committee would not have any items for discussion. Commissioner Horne requested that highlights of Higher Education Day be provided during the meeting, to which President Monhollon agreed.

Commissioner Horne reported that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL) did not have any items for consideration and would remove the one item currently listed for information.

Commissioner Batson reported that the Committee on Access and Equity and Student Services did not have any items for consideration. He announced that the Committee would meet immediately following the adjournment of the CHE business meeting.

Commissioner Dalton reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities will consider five permanent improvement projects and one lease proposal. He said that there will be two items for information. He reported that the Committee conditionally approved a proposal from Clemson University during the last Committee meeting and confirmed that Clemson staff satisfactorily addressed the concern. Hence, the project was fully approved.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **A. Permanent Improvement Project Approvals**

1. Clemson University
  - a. Jervy Athletic Center Renovations and Performance & Wellness Center Addition
    - Establish Project (Phase I)
  - b. Chiller Plants Expansion and Upgrades
    - Increase Budget (Phase II)
2. Coastal Carolina University
  - a. PGA Golf Management Program Academic Learning Lab Construction
    - Increase Budget (Phase II)
  - b. Shift Western End of University Boulevard
    - Increase Budget (Phase II)
3. Horry-Georgetown Technical College
  - a. Construction of GT Workforce Training Center
    - Establish Project (Phase I)

##### **B. Lease Approvals**

1. Clemson University
  - a. One Research Drive
    - New Five-Year Lease w/ five-year extended term

#### **FOR INFORMATION**

- C. Permanent Improvement Project Staff Approvals during March and April (For information, no action)
- D. CHE Quarter 3 Budget Report (For information, no action)

Commissioner Snyder reported that the Committee on Strategic Initiatives and Engagement would not have any items for consideration but will present general office engagement updates. He announced that the Committee will meet prior to the CHE Business meeting. Commissioner Snyder said the Committee will provide an update on current legislation, credit transfers, and workforce development for information.

### **3. Other Business**

Commissioner Satcher reported that the Higher Education Foundation elected four new board members. President Monhollon announced that Commissioners Dalton and Satcher will retire from the CHE Board and thanked them for their service to CHE and to the State.

### **4. Adjourn**

The Executive Committee adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

