



Minutes of the SC Commission on Higher Education
Executive Committee Meeting
May 18, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Executive Committee Members Present

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

CHE Staff Present

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 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. Chair Hayes announced that President Monhollon was excused from today's meeting for a personal matter. Chair Hayes welcomed Commissioner Mobley as a new member of the Executive Committee and thanked him for his service.

1. Approval of Minutes April 25, 2023

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 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. Law Revision Recommendations

**Laura Belcher
Georges Tippens**

Chair Hayes called on Ms. Belcher and Mr. Tippens to describe the Law Revision Recommendations item. Ms. Belcher reported that as part of the House Legislative Oversight Committee (HLOC) review, the Commission on Higher Education (CHE) staff plan to submit potential law revisions or changes to statute related to the agency. She explained that CHE staff revised and categorized the initial exhaustive list provided to Commissioners so that the list is now separated into substantive recommendations and non-substantive recommendations.



Ms. Belcher reported that the CHE would like to move forward with the Executive Committee's consideration of the non-substantive list, then present that list to the full Commission during the June business meeting. Mr. Tippens added that revisions also included removal of statutes that have already been superseded by the General Assembly through budget provisos. Chair Hayes asked how the substantive recommendations would be addressed, to which Ms. Belcher said that it will be up to the Commission to decide if they would like to review them. Chair Hayes recommended that the Committee on Strategic Initiatives & Engagement study the more substantive items and develop recommendations. Commissioner Snyder motioned to approve the non-substantive list of recommendations and to move forward with Chair Hayes' recommendation, to which Commissioner Batson seconded. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Review of the June 1, 2023, CHE Draft Meeting Agenda

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes said that his report will be brief and will include a welcome to any new Commissioners.

Chair Hayes called on Ms. Belcher to summarize President Monhollon's forthcoming report to the Commission. Ms. Belcher reported that President Monhollon's report will summarize his most recent activities.

Chair Hayes called on Ms. Ward to summarize the legislative report. Ms. Ward said that the report will provide an update on the HLOC law revision recommendations; budget status; and priority bills related to higher education.

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

Chair Hayes reported that the Executive Committee report will include the Law Revision Recommendation item to be covered by President Monhollon.

Commissioner Horne reported that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL) would have 23 items for consideration and summarized the consent agenda.

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

CONSENT AGENDA CONTINUED

- 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

Commissioner Mobley reported that the Committee on Access and Equity and Student Services has two items for consideration and three items for information only. Commissioner Mobley summarized the consent agenda and informational items and reported that CHE staff is studying institutions' usage of overage money from need-based grants, as it relates to item C.

Chair Hayes recommended that if there are overages in any scholarships or need-based grants, the Commission needs to determine why funds are not used and determine what happens to the funds.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. SC Student Loan Corporation Administrative Budget Request FY 2023-24
- B. Scholarship Appeal Guidelines

FOR INFORMATION

- 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)

Commissioner Batson reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities will consider 23 permanent improvement projects, with the potential of four items being removed from the consent agenda. Mr. Tippens asked to remove items from South Carolina State University from the consent agenda. Commissioner Batson said that there will be one item for information only.

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 Health Professions President Street Academic Building
 - Increase Budget (Phase II)
 - c. College of Medicine Office and Academic Building
 - Increase Budget (Phase II)
 - 5. South Carolina State University

CONSENT AGENDA CONTINUED

- a. KW Greene Student Center Expansion
 - Establish Project (Phase I)
- b. James E. Clyburn Transportation Research and Conference Center
 - Increase Budget (Phase II)
- 6. Tri-County Technical College
 - a. Pendleton Campus Pickens Hall Renovation
 - Establish Project (Phase I)
- 7. University of South Carolina – Aiken
 - a. Softball Facility Construction
 - Increase Budget (Phase II)
- 8. 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
- 9. University of South Carolina – Upstate
 - a. Rampey Building Expansion and Renovation
 - Establish Project (Phase I)
 - b. 8000 Valley Falls Road Property Acquisition
 - Establish Project (Phase I)
 - c. 151 Smith Circle Property Acquisition
 - Phase II Land Acquisition

FOR INFORMATION

- B. Permanent Improvement Project Staff Approvals during May (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 updates to include budget, legislation, and engagement.

4. Other Business

Commissioner Horne asked when committee assignments would be considered and suggested waiting until the regular schedule in August to which Chair Hayes said that Commissioners would be polled in June or July on their preferences and the assignments would be made after the CHE August Retreat.

Ms. Smith summarized the itinerary for the upcoming visit to Spartanburg Community College and University of South Carolina Upstate scheduled May 31 through June 1.

Commissioner Snyder asked whether all new Commissioners could be invited to all committee meetings to develop a better understanding of each committee's work, to which Chair Hayes agreed.

5. Adjourn

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