



Minutes of the SC Commission on Higher Education
Executive Committee Meeting
January 24, 2023
Via Zoom

In Attendance:

Executive Committee Members Present

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

Executive Committee Members Excused

Mr. Charles Dalton

CHE Staff Present

Dr. Rusty Monhollon, President & Executive Director
Ms. Laura Belcher, Operations Manager
Dr. Mariam Dittmann, Director of Academic Affairs
and Licensing
Ms. Shakara Smith, Executive Assistant
Mr. Georges Tippens, Deputy Director & General
Counsel
Ms. Bunnie Ward, Director of Strategic Initiatives
and 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 November 22, 2022

Wes Hayes

Chair Hayes called for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2022, Executive Committee meeting. Commissioner Horne motioned and Commissioner Satcher seconded to approve the minutes. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Consideration of the May Meeting Schedule

Rusty Monhollon

Chair Hayes called on President Monhollon to discuss the May Meeting Schedule proposal. President Monhollon proposed adjusting the current meeting structure of CHE business meetings to six two-day meetings annually, with the four Standing Committees meeting on the first day followed by the CHE Business Meeting on the second day. He proposed that two meetings be held in the morning followed by lunch, then two meetings in the afternoon and a dinner in the evening. President Monhollon explained that the proposal is not for immediate action, nor implementation, rather to possibly be implemented next fall, if approved. He suggested having a trial meeting in May. Chair Hayes asked how the proposed structure would impact campus visits, to which President Monhollon explained that we could visit one campus, with a tour, lunch and two standing committees in the afternoon on the first day, followed by dinner. President Monhollon said that the remaining two committees could meet on the following day prior to the CHE Business Meeting. He also suggested as an alternative option having four Standing



Committee meetings on the first day, followed by a tour and the CHE Business Meeting on the second day. Commissioner Snyder recommended shortening the length of the campus tours, rather than reducing the number of campuses visited, to which Commissioner Horne agreed.

Chair Hayes asked if there were any further questions or concerns. With there being no further discussion, Commissioner Satcher motioned, and Commissioner Batson seconded to move forward with a trial two-day May meeting schedule. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the motion was approved unanimously. President Monhollon asked whether the CHE Bylaws needed to be modified to accommodate the decision, to which Ms. Belcher confirmed that consideration of modifying the Bylaws would need to be done during the May meeting.

3. Consideration of SC Institutes of Innovation and Information (SCIII) Budget **Rusty Monhollon**

Chair Hayes asked President Monhollon to discuss the SCIII Budget item. President Monhollon explained that CHE has been mandated by proviso to provide oversight over the SCIII. President Monhollon reported that CHE's administrative costs would not be determined until a new executive director is hired for the SCIII board. Commissioner Snyder asked why the SCIII budget is not being considered by the Committee on Finance and Facilities rather than by the Executive Committee, to which President Monhollon explained that the Committee on Finance and Facilities typically considers capital improvement projects and leases. Chair Hayes said that this item can come from Executive Committee for this instance, but future items could come from a Standing Committee. Commissioner Batson motioned and Commissioner Satcher seconded to approve the SCIII budget. Chair Hayes called for the vote and the motion passed.

4. Review of the February 2, 2023, CHE Draft Meeting Agenda **Wes Hayes**

Chair Hayes called on President Monhollon to summarize his upcoming President's report. President Monhollon said that his report will include new CHE staff introductions; an update on higher education focused legislation; information regarding the House and Senate Legislative Oversight Committee reviews; and a few additional updates.

Chair Hayes called on Ms. Ward to summarize her legislative update. Ms. Ward stated that her report will include a workforce development update; higher education related bills; economic freedom; and the Senate budget presentation.

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

Chair Hayes asked Vice Chair Satcher to chair the Business Meeting as he will be traveling and joining the meeting virtually. Chair Hayes reported that there will be two items for action during the report from the Executive Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Consideration of SCIII BudgetB. Consideration of May Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Horne reported that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL) would not have any items for consideration. She announced that the Committee will meet on February 9.

Commissioner Batson reported that the Committee on Access and Equity and Student Services would have one item for consideration, and one informational item. He announced that his committee would have a called meeting on January 26 to consider the SC Need-based Grants: Revision of Part time Fraction Applied to Pell Recipients item. He explained if the item is passed at the committee level, the committee would like to have the item considered during the February CHE business meeting.

<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers (SC-PRRMT) FY2021-22 Fourth Quarter Report B. SC Need-based Grants: Revision of Part time Fraction Applied to Pell Recipients
<p>FOR INFORMATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C. SC National Guard College Assistance Program Report

On behalf of Commissioner Dalton, Mr. Tippens reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities will consider six permanent improvement projects and one lease. He said that there will be three items for information.

<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Permanent Improvement Project Approvals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Francis Marion University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Environmental Sciences/Forestry Building-Land XFR – Phase II Land Acquisition 2. Piedmont Technical College <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Addition for Health Sciences Expansion – Increase Budget, Revise Scope (Phase II) 3. Tri County Technical College <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Transportation and Logistics Hub – Building and Land – Phase I – Establish Project (Phase I) 4. University of South Carolina – Aiken <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Softball Facility Construction – Establish Project (Phase I) 5. University of South Carolina – Columbia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Woodrow College Renovation – Establish Project (Phase I) 6. Winthrop University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Phelps Hall: Auxiliary Building Infrastructure & Building Envelope Upgrade – Increase Budget, Revise Scope (Phase II) B. Lease Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. College of Charleston <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Student Fitness Center – New Five-Year Lease
<p>FOR INFORMATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C. Permanent Improvement Project Staff Approvals during December and January (For information, no action) D. CHE Quarter 2 Budget Report (For information, no action) E. CPIP Analysis (For information, no action)

Commissioner Snyder reported that the Committee on Strategic Initiatives and Engagement would not have any items for consideration. Commissioner Snyder said that for information, the committee will provide an update on current legislation. He asked that the business meeting agenda be modified to reflect the informational item. Commissioner Snyder asked whether an update on the upcoming Senate and

House Legislative Oversight Committee reviews should be included in his committee's report, to which President Monhollon said that he will provide an update during his report.

Commissioner Horne asked for Ms. Ward to send the Governor's budget to her and provide an update on its progress.

5. Other Business

Chair Hayes asked whether there was any other business to consider. There was no other business to consider.

6. Adjourn

The Executive Committee adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

