



Meeting of the South Carolina Commission
on Higher Education
12:30 p.m., February 2, 2023
1122 Lady St., Suite 400, Columbia, SC 29201
& Via Zoom Webinar

Members

Commissioner Wes Hayes, Chair
Commissioner Ben Satcher, Vice Chair
Commissioner Paul Batson
Commissioner Jenni Bryson
Commissioner Charles Dalton
Commissioner Linda Dolny
Commissioner Edgar Dyer
Commissioner Bettie Rose Horne

Commissioner Hugh Mobley
Commissioner Terrye Seckinger
Commissioner Cleveland Sellers
Commissioner Doug Snyder
Commissioner Dino Teppara
Commissioner Patrick White

Members Excused

Commissioner Mark Smith

Commission Staff Present

Rusty Monhollon
Laura Belcher
Monica Goodwin
Kathryn Harris
Andrea Latouche
Maggie May
Alfie Mincy
Rick Moul
Yolanda Myers
Kenita Pitts-Howard

Laverne Sanders
Christina Seale
Kara Smith
Mark Swart
Georges Tippens
Bunnie Ward
Tanya Weigold
Leslie Williams
Bryce Wilson
Karen Woodfaulk
Lishu Yin

Guests

Cindy Anderson, Freedom Air
Clay Barton, SC Department of Education
John Capotosti, Francis Marion University
Beth Bell, Clemson University
Gwendolyn Bougie, Medical University of South Carolina
Darryl Bridges, Francis Marion University
Kimberly Burkett, SC Technical College System
Teresa Burns, Coastal Carolina University
Will Carswell, Francis Marion University
Bonnie Carson Durham, University of South Carolina
John Catalano, University of South Carolina-Palmetto College
James Colbert, Lander University
Patrice Davis, Trident Technical College
Ralph Davis, Francis Marion University
Mark Del Mastro, College of Charleston
Timothy Druke, Winthrop University

Bennie Harris, University of South Carolina Upstate
Katie Harrison, SC Tuition Grants Commission
Leslie Holman-Brooks, Denmark Technical College
Trena Houpp, University of South Carolina Columbia
Taylor Hucks, Francis Marion University
Pamela Jones, SC Department of Workforce
Peter King, Francis Marion University
Lori Kinley, Clemson University
Tashion Macon, SC Institutes of Innovation & Information
Kim Monroe, SC International Guard
Sophie Morand, University of South Carolina Upstate
Gwynth Nelson, South Carolina State University



Steve Pankey, York Technical College
Paul Patrick, College of Charleston
Erin Paysinger, Lander University
Jeff Perez, SC Independent Colleges and Universities
Christopher Reagin, University of South Carolina Aiken
Karin Roof, The Citadel
Kimberly Smalls, South Carolina State University
Leroy Staggers, Morris College
Nina Staggers, SC Department of Employment and Workforce
Allison Steadman, Francis Marion University
Pam Steinke, University of South Carolina, Upstate

Suzanne Thomas, Medical University of South Carolina
Reinell Thomas-Myers, South Carolina State University
Jeff Tiddy, McMillan Pazdan
Darren Timmons, University of South Carolina Aiken
Sheryl Turner Watts, University of South Carolina Upstate
Alexandra Weaver, University of South Carolina
Jennifer Wilbanks, Horry-Georgetown Technical College
Angela Williams, Midlands Technical College
Bridajia Wood, Student

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

Vice Chair Satcher convened the meeting at 12:30 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

Vice Chair Satcher introduced the draft minutes of the December 1 CHE Business meeting and asked whether there were any additions or corrections. Commissioner Horne motioned to approve minutes as presented, and Commissioner White seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Satcher reported that the CHE received a favorable budget allotment from the Governor and that the CHE's budget presentations to the SC House and Senate were favorable.

4. President and Executive Director's Report

Vice Chair Satcher called on President Monhollon to give his report. President Monhollon announced that the 2023 Statistical Abstract is now available for Commissioners' review.



President Monhollon reported agency-related new hires: Office of Strategic Initiatives and Engagement welcomed Dr. Kristin Brooks, College Completion Manager, Ms. Jazmine Lara, Legislative Intern, and Ms. Ashton Talbert, Administrative Coordinator; Office of Data and IT welcomed Mr. Christopher Glenn, IT Business Analyst; Office of Internal Operations and Administration welcomed Ms. Elizabeth Robinson, Events Planner; and PASCAL welcomed Ms. Rachel Smith and Ms. Susan Wynne. President Monhollon also explained that the CHE is in the process of hiring several additional positions including: two academic program managers; a college access manager; a senior research analyst; a legislative and external affairs manager; a program coordinator; and an auditor.

President Monhollon made a couple of agency related announcements. He said that the CHE was selected for review by the House and Senate Legislative Oversight Committees. President Monhollon explained that the agency is in the beginning stages of the House review and Ms. Belcher has been assigned as the agency's liaison.

President Monhollon reported that the Office of Student Affairs in collaboration with other key stakeholders has launched a Military Credit Mobility Initiative, which will aid in the transfer of military credits for academic credits for service members. He stated that the taskforce will convene a meeting next week to discuss next steps and strategies of implementation.

President Monhollon revealed that a report will be released by the Transfer Taskforce, which includes representation across SC public higher education institutions, independent colleges, and the SC Technical College System Office. He reported on a few of the taskforce recommendations including committing to a shared vision of transfer and best practices; collecting timely, comprehensive, and disaggregated data; reassessing data and infrastructure requirements; and facilitating interaction and communication among higher education institutions and stakeholders. He also stated that the CHE will drive transfer efforts, with support of the taskforce; and that the CHE will lead efforts for common general education learning outcomes. Commissioner Mobley asked what the anticipated timeline for completion is, to which President Monhollon said that it could be between 12 to 18 months.

In collaboration with the United States Census, President Monhollon reported that the CHE will create new national statistics on earnings and employment information for college and university graduates.



President Monhollon provided an update on the Nursing Initiative. He reported that an MOU has been initiated with the SC Student Loan Corporation. As next steps, President Monhollon said that the agency is seeking approval from the SC Treasurer's Office to deposit the remaining \$5 million in an interest-bearing account.

According to the Lumina Foundation, President Monhollon reported that the attainment rate for SC has increased from 47.6 percent in 2019 to 48.3 percent in 2021. Commissioner Teppara asked whether there is a forecast of how the agency plans to reach 60 percent attainment by 2030, to which President Monhollon said that developing a timeline will be a part of the process.

5. Legislative Report

Vice Chair Satcher called on Ms. Ward to provide the legislative report. Ms. Ward provided a handout to Commissioners outlining key legislation related to higher education. She highlighted the following legislation: S461 directs institutions to collect aggregate data regarding post-secondary transition to the workforce; S316 directs CHE to mandate a pathway for full articulation agreements between technical colleges and four-year institutions; a few bills related to in-state and out-of-state tuition; S128, [related to Act 185, Educator Preparation Report Card]; that directs CHE to work with the SC Department of Education to add additional literacy and reading metrics; and a few bills related to teacher certifications and academic integrity.

6. Committee Reports

6.01 Report of the Executive Committee

FOR ACTION

- A. Consideration of the South Carolina Institutes of Innovation & Information (SCIII) Budget
- B. Consideration of the May Meeting Schedule

Vice Chair Satcher reported that there are two action items for consideration and briefly described each item. President Monhollon added that the CHE was mandated by proviso to provide oversight for the SCIII and has worked with the Board to develop its bylaws. President Monhollon said that the Board has further developed its membership and is currently in the process of hiring its new executive director. Vice Chair Satcher called for the vote to approve the SCIII budget, and the budget was approved unanimously.



Vice Chair Satcher introduced the May meeting schedule item for discussion, to which multiple Commissioners expressed concern with the proposal through extended conversation. Commissioner Mobley motioned to postpone the May meeting schedule item to the March business meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Dalton. Vice Chair Satcher called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

6.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

Bettie Rose Horne

Vice Chair Satcher called on Commissioner Horne to provide a report on the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing (CAAL). Commissioner Horne reported that there were no items for consideration from the Committee.

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

Paul Batson

Vice Chair Satcher called on Commissioner Batson to provide a report on the Committee on Access and Equity & Student Services. Commissioner Batson reported that the Committee has one item for action and one item for information.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers (SC-PRRMT)
FY2021-22 Fourth Quarter Report

FOR INFORMATION

B. SC National Guard College Assistance Program Report

Commissioner Batson summarized the consent agenda and motioned for its approval. Vice Chair Satcher called for the vote and the consent agenda was approved unanimously.

6.04 Report of the Committee on Finance and Facilities

Charles Dalton

Commissioner Dalton reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities reviewed six permanent improvement proposals for consideration and had three items for information. Commissioner Dalton motioned, Commissioner Horne seconded to remove item 6a., Winthrop University's Phelps Hall: Auxiliary Building Infrastructure & Building Envelope Upgrade from the consent agenda to be considered as a separate item.



CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Permanent Improvement Project Approvals
 - 1. Francis Marion University
 - a. Environmental Sciences/Forestry Building-Land XFR
 - Phase II Land Acquisition
 - 2. Piedmont Technical College
 - a. Addition for Health Sciences Expansion
 - Increase Budget, Revise Scope (Phase II)
 - 3. Tri County Technical College
 - a. Transportation and Logistics Hub – Building and Land – Phase I
 - Establish Project (Phase I)
 - 4. University of South Carolina – Aiken
 - a. Softball Facility Construction
 - Establish Project (Phase I)
 - 5. University of South Carolina – Columbia
 - a. Woodrow College Renovation
 - Establish Project (Phase I)
 - 6. Winthrop University
 - a. Phelps Hall: Auxiliary Building Infrastructure & Building Envelope Upgrade
 - Increase Budget, Revise Scope (Phase II)
- B. Lease Approval
 - 1. College of Charleston
 - a. Student Fitness Center
 - New Five-Year Lease

FOR INFORMATION

- C. Permanent Improvement Project Staff Approvals during December and January
- D. CHE Quarter 2 Budget Report
- E. CPIP Analysis

Commissioner Dalton summarized the consent agenda and motioned for its approval, less item 6a. Vice Chair Satcher called for the vote and the consent agenda was approved unanimously. Commissioner Dalton reported that the Committee had concerns regarding item 6a, stating that Winthrop University would be incurring debt rather than using existing funds for the proposal. Commissioner Dalton said that Winthrop did agree to further discuss funding with its board and will provide additional information to the Committee for consideration during the March meeting. Commissioner Dalton motioned to postpone the item; Commissioner Seckinger seconded. Vice Chair Satcher called for the vote and the motion passed. Commissioner Dalton called on Mr. Tippens to provide a brief overview of the Permanent Improvement Projects staff approved in December and January. Mr. Tippens reported that CHE staff approved 11 permanent improvement projects, with the majority establishing projects funded by legislative appropriations. He reported that eight were new projects, two were project closures, and one a scope



revision. Commissioner Dalton asked Mr. Tippens to give an update on the CPIP Analysis. Mr. Tippens reported that a formatting issue was corrected in the appendix. He explained that the report ranks projects in four categories and that a new analysis was added this year. Commissioner Dalton called on Mr. Wilson to provide the CHE Quarter 2 Budget Report. Mr. Wilson summarized the quarterly report highlighting the operating funds, expenditures, and ending balance.

6.05 Report of the Committee on Strategic Initiatives & Engagement

Doug Snyder

Vice Chair Satcher called on Commissioner Snyder to provide a report on the Committee on Strategic Initiatives & Engagement. Commissioner Snyder reported that the Committee has one item for information only. He reported that the Committee is working to identify its key priorities, determining its involvement with the upcoming House & Senate Legislative Oversight Committee reviews, and working to develop engagement metrics.

FOR INFORMATION

A. Update on Current Legislation

7. Other Business Announcements

Vice Chair Satcher announced that the March CHE Meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. He asked whether there was any other business. Commissioner Snyder announced that the Legislative Breakfast will be held at 8:00 a.m. on March 2. Commissioner Batson announced that the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services would meet five minutes after adjournment today. President Monhollon announced that there will be a public input meeting held on March 9 relating to the House Legislative Oversight Committee review.

8. Public Comment

Vice Chair Satcher asked whether there was any public comment. There was no public comment.

9. End of Business Meeting

Vice Chair Satcher and President Monhollon thanked everyone for their work. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.