



Meeting Minutes

Committee on Strategic Initiatives and Engagement

August 2, 2023

Members

Commissioner Doug Snyder, Chair
Commissioner Bettie Rose Horne
Commissioner Dino Teppara

Commission Staff Present

Ms. Bunnie Ward
Dr. Gerrick Hampton
Mr. Mark Swart
Ms. Yarley Steedly
Ms. April Jones
Mr. Rick Moul

Dr. Mariam Dittmann
Ms. Laura Belcher
Dr. Kristin Brooks
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk
Ms. Kathryn Harris
Ms. Ellan Jenkinson

Ms. Ashton Talbert
Ms. Shardai Figgures
Dr. Corey Gheesling
Mr. Chris Glenn
Ms. Leslie Williams
Ms. Monica Goodwin

Guests

Commissioner Mobley
John Catalano, USC Palmetto College
Cam Reagin, USC Aiken
Beth Bell, Clemson
Susan Elkins, USC Palmetto College

Mr. Gary Simrill, Winthrop University
Ms. Jenell Peoples, USC
Dr. Frederick Evans, SC State University

All attended either in-person or via Zoom.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Chairman Snyder opened the Committee on Strategic Initiatives and Engagement meeting. Ms. Ashton Talbert took attendance and noted that Commissioners White and Sellers were not in attendance but that the Committee did have a quorum and that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. Chairman Snyder called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Snyder asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded, minutes were approved.

3. Chair's Report

Chair Snyder began his report with the Statute Review for the House Legislative Oversight Committee. It was noted that there were nine statutes that have been recommended for further review. Ms. Laura Belcher provided background information on those statutes and the Committee recommended the below to present to the Commission and Chair Hayes.

| Law Reference | CSIE Recommendation |
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| 59-101-340 59-104-230 59-104-240 | Refer to Finance & Facilities |
| 59-101-350 59-101-360 59-103-30 59-103-45(4)-(5) | 59-101-360 recommended to be repealed (moved to the first page) 59-101-350; 59-101-30; 59-103-45(4)-(5) Recommended to remain with CSIE |
| 59-103-35 | Refer to Finance & Facilities |
| 59-104-20 | Referred to Access & Equity |

Chair Snyder discussed the Proposed Significant Issues Review Policy and how this can be used as a road map to help guide discussion and recommendations into how initiatives and legislative priorities align with *ASCEND 60x30*.

The next item discussed was the FY2023-24 Accountability Report Measures which were submitted as part of our initial response to the Senate Legislative Oversight Committee. Chair Snyder's hope is that we can drill down on these goals and hopefully report out on various metrics.

Lastly, Chair Snyder noted that the Committee on Strategic Initiatives and Engagement is a standing committee, as established by the Commission, and would like to discuss and draft a charter for our Committee to present formally to the Commission.

4. Director's Report

Ms. Bunnie Ward provided a staffing update to include two new hires: Dr. Corey Gheesling (Workforce Development Manager) and Ashton Talbert (Special Projects Coordinator) as well as an identified candidate for the Transfer position. Ms. Ward shared that the next Transfer Convening would be held October 4 and that her testimony to the House Legislative Oversight Committee would be on Tuesday, August 8 if anyone would like to attend or listen to the livestream.

5. Communications and Engagement Update

Mr. Mark Swart provided an update on communications and engagements that have recently taken place.

6. Legislative Update

Ms. Yarley Steedly stated that the Conference Committee came together with an agreement on the budget and a legislative year end review has been provided to the Commissioners.

7. External CHE Studies

Ms. Laura Belcher provided updates regarding the House Legislative Oversight Committee study, Senate Legislative Oversight Committee study, and the Inspector General inquiry.

8. Other Business

The Committee did not have any further business to discuss.

9. Adjournment

Chairman Snyder asked if there was any other business before the Committee. Being none, Chairman Snyder adjourned the meeting at 4:16 p.m.