



Meeting Minutes

Committee on Strategic Initiatives and Engagement

May 31, 2023

Members

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

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Rusty Monhollon
Ms. Bunnie Ward
Mr. Mark Swart
Dr. Jessica Berry

Dr. Mariam Dittmann
Dr. Gerrick Hampton
Dr. Kristin Brooks

Ms. Ashton Talbert
Ms. Laura Belcher
Dr. Corey Gheesling

Guests

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

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 announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. Chairman Snyder called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m., noting that Vice Chairman White had an excused absence and that a quorum was present.

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

Chairman Snyder noted that the Committee did not need to take action on the Statute Review but will do further research on the listed items.

4. Director's Report

Ms. Bunnie Ward provided a brief overview of the Office of Strategic Initiatives and Engagement and provided an update on three positions that are in the hiring process.

5. Communications and Engagement Update

Mr. Mark Swart provided an update on communications and engagements that have recently taken place. Commissioners noted that they would like for future engagements to be posted on the website.

6. Initiative Activities

Dr. Kristin Brooks provided a brief overview and update on Transfer Next Steps focusing on the SC Transfer Leadership Council and the October 4, 2023, Transfer Convening.

Dr. Brooks provided an overview of College Completion and working towards the strategy and alignment with *ASCEND 60x30* regarding pathways, developmental and remedial education, and meeting the needs of students.

7. FY2023–24 Budget Deliberation

Ms. Ward noted that we are currently in a holding pattern regarding the budget; however, H.3726 (Workforce Development Act) passed. The Senate recommended funding for most of CHE's requests (State Scholarships, Educator Preparation Report Card and Data Migration), and there are two provisos related to Transfer.

8. Legislative Update

Legislative updates were discussed with the budget due to time.

9. External CHE Studies

Ms. Laura Belcher provided updates regarding the House Legislative Oversight Committee (HLOC) study, Senate Legislative Oversight Committee (SLOC) study, and the Inspector General inquiry regarding a complaint that was filed.

10. Updates for Information (Ed Prep and Nursing)

Ms. Ward stated that updates for the Educator Preparation Report Card and Nursing Initiative were provided in their packets.

11. Other Business

The Committee did not have any further business to discuss.

12. Adjournment

Chairman Snyder asked if there was any other business before the Committee. Being none, Chairman Snyder adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m.