



Meeting Minutes

Committee on Strategic Initiatives and Engagement

March 2, 2023

Members

Commissioner Doug Snyder, Chair
Commissioner Bettie Rose Horne
Commissioner Ben Satcher
Commissioner Cleveland Sellars

Commission Staff Present

Dr. Rusty Monhollon	Dr. Mariam Dittmann	Dr. Karen Woodfaulk
Ms. Bunnie Ward	Ms. Ashton Talbert	Ms. Leslie Williams
Mr. Mark Swart	Mr. Christopher Glenn	Ms. Christina Seale
Ms. Shardai Figgures	Mr. Bryce Wilson	Ms. Laura Belcher
Ms. Kenita Pitts-Howard	Dr. Kristin Brooks	Dr. Maggie May

Guests

Trena Houpp, USC Columbia
Elizabeth McInnis Bell, Clemson University
Susan Elkins, USC
John Catalano, USC
Dr. Christina Melton, South Carolina Department of Education

All attended either in-person or via Zoom.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Chairman Snyder called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m., a quorum was not present at the time the meeting began. Commissioner White and Commissioner Teppara were attending the Finance and Facilities tour of USC. Commissioner Sellars arrived at 10:24 a.m. for a quorum.

2. Chair's Report

Chairman Snyder welcomed everyone in attendance and provided opening remarks.

Chairman Snyder stated that voting to approve the meeting minutes from the February 2, 2023, meeting will be deferred.

3. House Oversight Committee Update

Ms. Laura Belcher provided an update regarding the House Legislative Oversight Committee (HLOC) study. The CHE is working to complete the initial request for information which is due by March 20. The HLOC released the public survey in mid February and closes today. On March 9, the full Legislative Oversight Committee will meet where they will take public testimony, invite the Agency head to provide a few remarks, and then questions can be asked of the Agency. The CHE will be provided a date to give a presentation on various topics, most likely in early April.

4. Director's Report

Ms. Bunnie Ward introduced Yarley Steedly, the Legislative and External Affairs Manager.

Ms. Ward provided updates on the following:

- Educator Preparation Report Card: CHE is in the process of working with the Education Oversight Committee to assist with the framework for the data visualization portion.
- Transfer: The report has been posted to our website. The CHE is very excited about this and our role to support the state as much as possible in providing students a seamless path for students to attain their degrees/credentials.
- Events: Thank you to those that participated in the Legislative Breakfast this morning. Higher Education Day will be April 19 and we will be assisting Dr. Woodfaulk's team for College and Career Decision Day in May.

The minutes for the February 2, 2023, meeting were not put to a vote at this meeting. Commissioner Horne requested a few sentences be added to the Director's Report from the February 2 meeting for additional detail.

5. Legislative Update

Ms. Yarley Steedly provided updates on the following:

- H.3726 (Statewide Education and Workforce Development Act): Committee amendment adopted, head to the House floor.
- H.3857 (Doctoral Professional Universities: Will create a new category for doctoral professional universities).
- H.3325 (Out of State Tuition): Adjourned debate.
- H.3448 (TikTok Ban): Recommitted to Judiciary general laws subcommittee.
- H.4060 (Education and Workforce Readiness): Introduced on March 1.
- S. 125 (Scholarship Stipend): Passed Senate March 1.
- S. 138 (LIFE Scholarship Eligibility): On Senate calendar waiting for second reading.
- \$1.5 million recurring for PASCAL
- Nursing Proviso: Amended.

Commissioner Snyder asked Dr. Monhollon to provide an overview of how CHE may change with the Workforce bill. Dr. Monhollon stated that it aligns with *ASCEND 60x30* and the work we are engaging in. The Council of Presidents (32 present in attendance) met and discussed the Transfer initiative and will require the input of all institutions to make this work.

6. Communications and Engagement Update

Mr. Mark Swart provided a presentation of communications and various upcoming engagements.

Commissioner Snyder noted that we need to think through the organization of the information so that we can determine where we are and what constituencies we are serving. Commissioner Snyder would also like it listed that we do not use TikTok and would like Instagram numbers reported even though they are lower than Facebook and Twitter.

7. Other Business

Commissioner Snyder noted that the approval of the minutes from February 2, would be deferred until the next meeting so that staff can make the requested changes and if it would be possible to be provided all the minutes at one time so they are in one place. Commissioner Horne asked if it would be possible to receive the meeting minutes within one week of the meeting being held, similar to how CAAL is handled.

8. Adjournment

Chairman Snyder asked if there was any other business before the Committee. Being none, Chairman Snyder adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.