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**Mr. Wes Hayes, Governor's Appointment At-Large, Chair.** Appointed to CHE in 2018.

A graduate of both the United States Military Academy in West Point, where he served as the Class of 1975's president and battalion commander, and the University of South Carolina School of Law, where he served as the president of the Student Bar Association during the 1982-83 academic year, Mr. Wes Hayes has long illustriously served the public through military and civilian activity. Between his graduation from West Point and enrollment at USC, he served in the United States Army's 82nd Airborne Division, and upon his matriculation at law school, served in the South Carolina Army National Guard, which he continued to serve until 2005.

Following his graduation from law school, he established his own law office, Wes Hayes Law Office, which today he operates alongside his son James Creighton. In 1984, Mr. Hayes was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives and served for seven years until his election to the state Senate, a station which he held from 1991 to 2016. During his senatorial tenure, Mr. Hayes held positions on the education and finance committees.

In addition to his extensive involvement in public affairs, Mr. Hayes has been quite active in civilian organizations, having previously served as the chairman or president of the York County Red Cross, the York District Boy Scouts of America, the Rock Hill United Way Campaign, and the Palmetto Council Boy Scouts of America. For his outstanding service and leadership, Mr. Hayes has been awarded by reputable affiliations like the South Carolina Jaycees, the S.C. Chamber of Commerce, and the Riley Institute at Furman.



**Mr. Charles E. Dalton, Governor's Appointment At-Large.** Appointed to CHE in 2018. Committee Assignment: Finance & Facilities (Chair).

A graduate of Clemson University's Class of 1964, Mr. Charles Dalton has led a life of excellent public service and professionalism, with his involvement spanning numerous organizations and causes. In 2018, after 36 years, he retired from Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative, where he ultimately served as president and CEO emeritus. Also during this 36-year period, he chaired various other bodies, like the Better Business Bureau of the Foothills, the Upstate Alliance of South Carolina, Clemson University's IPTAY Board, and the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission. Truly civic, Mr. Dalton's participation in organizations extended beyond his chairmanships, as he also managed involvements with the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce, the Clemson University Foundation Board, and the Peace Center's Board of Trustees.

Today, Mr. Dalton resides in Greenville with his wife Libby, with whom he shares three children and three grandchildren, and continues his public service with the Greenville Health System, Upstate Warriors Solutions, and the Upstate's American Heart Association's Board of Directors.



**Mr. Doug Snyder, Charleston, Governor's Appointment At-Large.** Appointed to CHE in 2022. Committee Assignment: Access & Equity and Student Services and Strategic Initiatives and Engagement.

Mr. Snyder graduated from The Citadel in 1982 and holds a B.S. in Business Administration. In 2019, he received an honorary degree of Doctor of Civic Engagement from The Citadel. Through his professional experiences, Snyder has worked with complex organizations and management structures advocating teamwork and financial leadership as building blocks for successful organizations. Snyder has served as an audit manager in an international accounting firm, a chief financial officer in a SCstate-wide nonprofit organization, and business advisor to many small businesses, nonprofits, and individuals across SC. His higher education involvement includes serving twenty-seven years on The Citadel Board of Visitors, during which he served in numerous positions, including four years as Chair of the Board. He currently serves as a member emeritus and is a member of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges.



**Mr. Ben W. Satcher, Jr.**, Lexington, Governor's Appointment at Large, Vice Chair. Appointed to CHE in December 2018. Committee Assignment: Academic Affairs and Licensing and Strategic Initiatives and Engagement.

Benjamin W. Satcher, Jr., currently serves as the Chief Development Officer for the Kappa Alpha Order Educational Foundation (KAOEF), which is responsible for the fundraising and development of the Kappa Alpha Order national fraternity and providing annual leadership and educational grants to fraternity national, regional and local programs.

Prior to joining the KAOEF in 2008, Mr. Satcher was president of Ben Satcher Motors, Inc. in Lexington, SC. A family business, he began his tenure at Ben Satcher Motors in 1985, shortly after graduating from Clemson University with a B.S. in business administration, and served in numerous capacities until 1995, when he became the business's president.

Mr. Satcher maintains an involved civic life. He is a member of Lexington United Methodist Church, The Rotary Club of Lexington, and is a past board member of the Lexington Chamber of Commerce and the Mid Carolina Electric Coop Operation Round-Up board. Currently, he serves on the executive boards of the Fraternal Government Relations Coalition and the Foundation for Fraternal Excellence. He is also a past national president for Kappa Alpha Order, having served in that capacity from 2003-2007.



**Mrs. Terrye C. Seckinger**, Mt. Pleasant, Governor's Appointment 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Representative. Appointed to CHE in 2014. Committee Assignment: Academic Affairs & Licensing and Access & Equity and Student Services.

Mrs. Seckinger is a native South Carolinian and graduate of Clemson University. She has been involved in South Carolina state government for over two decades serving on The Juvenile Parole Board, The State Board of Education, and the SC Statewide Charter Public School District Board of Trustees an authorizer of public schools of choice in SC. Mrs. Seckinger served on Attorney General Condon's Obscenity and Pornography Commission and Internet Crimes against Children Commission as well as Governor Sanford's Commission on Children. She has assisted in the restructuring of the Department of Juvenile Justice under Governor Beasley and Chaired a Juvenile Justice Youth Council, addressing the issue of Juvenile Crime in SC.



**Mr. Dino Teppara**, Governor's Appointment 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District Representative. Committee Assignment: Finance & Facilities and Strategic Initiatives and Engagement.

Teppara served on staff to U.S. Congressman Joe Wilson (SC-02) for seven years and became the first Indian American to serve as Chief of Staff and Counsel to a Republican member of Congress. He helped Congressman Wilson pass five federal laws: 1) the arming of passenger and cargo pilots; 2) making the adoption tax credit permanent; 3) providing for teacher student loan forgiveness; 4) increasing bonus depreciation for equipment and machinery purchases; and 5) earlier retirement pay for members of the National Guard and Reserve.

Teppara spent nearly six years at the SC Department of Education as Director of Legislative and Public Affairs and later as special education counsel. He advocated for the repeal of the Common Core State Standards before the SC General Assembly, helped oversee the process to implement new state standards, and won a statewide award for best social media campaign. Teppara also served as assistant director of a cabinet agency in the administration of Governor Nikki R. Haley. He is a Public Affairs Officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve, with the rank of Lieutenant, assigned to the U.S. Pacific Fleet. He was previously assigned to the U.S. 6th Fleet and served on active duty in Ukraine, Italy, and Africa.

Teppara received his law degree from Indiana University School of Law and his undergraduate degree from the University of Nebraska, where he was an award-winning NCAA Division One student athlete on the men's tennis team. He is admitted to the South Carolina Bar, the District of Columbia, U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court of the United States.



**Dr. Bettie Rose Horne**, Greenwood, Governor's Appointment 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District Representative. Appointed to CHE in 2004. Committee Assignments: Academic Affairs and Licensing (Chair).

Dr. Horne taught at Lander University for twenty-seven years and spent the last six of those years in administration overseeing such projects as access and equity, tutorial services, academic advising, and student support services. She also spent seven years as an academic vice president and dean at an agricultural college in South Georgia and over three years in Atlanta at the University System of Georgia as Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs. She earned her Ph.D. degree in linguistics at the University of South Carolina. Dr. Horne is active in her church and serves on boards which include Habitat for Humanity, Pathway Homeless Shelter, the Burton Center for special needs, Hispanic Children's Outreach, the Greenwood Flower Festival, Greenwood Performing Arts, and the Lander University Capital Campaign. Dr. Horne was married to the late Coach Finis Horne, has twin daughters, and is the proud grandmother of a fourteen-year-old granddaughter.



**Mrs. Jenni Tindal Bryson**, Greenville. Governor's Appointment 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative. Appointed to CHE in 2022.

Mrs. Bryson is a native South Carolinian from Columbia and now resides in Greenville where she and her husband raised their family. She is a 1985 graduate of Clemson University. She began her career with the Ritz Carlton Hotel Company and then spent several decades in state government. She worked for South Carolina Educational Television, the Office of the Governor, and Clemson University.

In service to others, Mrs. Bryson was the chair of the first Children's Ministry board of Buncombe Street United Methodist Church, as well as founder of the children's library and member of the Youth Ministry board. She has held board positions on all her children's school's improvement councils as well as their PTAs. She served on the board of directors of the Greenville Junior League. Giving back to Clemson since her graduation, Mrs. Bryson served as president of the Young Alumni Council, board member of the Alumni National Council, and most recently completed a six-year appointment to the Clemson University Board of Visitors serving as secretary and chair of the legislative committee.

Eleven years ago, Mrs. Bryson cofounded a consulting business to help young women successfully make the transition from high school to college. She spent 13 years as the primary caregiver of her elderly mother who lived with Mrs. Bryson and her family. She also plans New York Theater trips for women of all ages.

Mrs. Bryson is married to Jody Bryson and they have three children and a daughter-in-law.



**Mr. Patrick White**, Fort Mill. Governor's Appointment, 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative. Appointed to CHE in 2019. Committee Assignment: Finance & Facilities.

Mr. White is a Fort Mill native. He graduated from The Citadel in 1988 with a BA in Political Science, and served twelve years as a commissioned officer in the US Army and SC National Guard. Prior to joining Comporium Communications as its VP of Supply Chain in 2010, Mr. White worked for Spring Industries for more than twenty years in plant manager and supply chain capacities.

Mr. White has served on the Fort Mill School Board from 2002 to 2016, and as the Chairman of the Board from 2010 through 2016. During his tenure on the board, the district was noted as the fastest growing in the state, having almost tripled in size. The district went through a building program during this same time of almost a billion dollars. His proudest accomplishment is the fact that the district ranks in the top 5% academically, even during this period of unprecedented growth.

Mr. White has been married to his wife, Jamie, for 30 years. They have two adult children, and three dogs. His family has been a member of Unity Presbyterian Church his entire life. He is an avid Carolina Panther fan and a part-time resident of Litchfield Beach as often as possible.



**Dr. Cleveland Sellers**, Denmark, SC. Governor’s Appointment, 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative. Appointed to CHE in 2019. Committee Assignment: Access & Equity and Student Services and Strategic Initiatives and Engagement.

Dr. Cleveland Sellers is a native of Denmark, South Carolina, and through his great experience with the various facets of higher education, he has gleaned an incisive knowledge of its administration.

Even before an eight-year period presiding over Voorhees College, Dr. Sellers was already an exceptional force for education within the state. Previously, Dr. Sellers served as director of the African American Studies program at the University of South Carolina. An alumnus of Shaw University, Harvard University, and the University of North Carolina–Greensboro, his affiliations include the Kosmos Club, South Carolina State Board of Education, South Carolina African American Heritage Committee, the Organization of American Historians, and Southern Historical Association. Among his numerous awards are the 2009 “Preserving Our Places in History” Lifetime Achievement Award, South Carolina African American Heritage Commission; 2009 Freedom Flame Award, National Voting Rights Museum and Institute; 2009 Legacy Award, United Negro College Fund; and the 2007 Eagle Scout Award, Boy Scouts of America.

Dr. Sellers and his wife of 38 years, Gwendolyn, are the parents of three children, Dr. Nosizwe A. Sellers, Rev. Cleveland L. Sellers III, and S.C. Representative, Bakari Sellers.



**Mr. Edgar "Eddie" Dyer**, Governor’s Appointment 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative. Appointed to CHE in 2019. Committee Assignment: Finance and Facilities and Academic Affairs and Licensing.

Mr. Edgar Dyer, a native of High Point, North Carolina, has a rich history of service to higher education, and throughout his substantial career, he has exhibited true devotion to academic, athletic, and community advancement.

Receiving a baccalaureate degree from Guilford College and a Master and J.D. from the University of South Carolina, Mr. Dyer has generously deployed his expertise to the benefit of a wide range of organizations and causes. He has served in a variety of capacities at Coastal Carolina University, where he began his career in 1976 as a member of its faculty and retired in 2015 as its executive vice president and chief operating officer. He has supplied his insights to entities such as the Author’s Committee of the Education Law Reporter, a national journal devoted to legal issues in higher education, and the South Carolina Bar Association. And furthermore, he has been an agent for good in his community through involvement in numerous civic causes.



**Dr. Hubert “Hugh” Mobley**, Governor’s Appointment Research University Sector Representative, is a member of the Board of Trustees at the University of South Carolina. Appointed to CHE in 2020. Committee Assignment: Access & Equity and Student Services and Finance and Facilities.

Mr. Mobley was born in Lancaster, South Carolina son of Robert L. Mobley, Sr. and Elizabeth B. Mobley. He is a 1973 graduate of Lancaster High School and a 1978 graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Pharmacy.

Mr. Mobley has been a lifelong resident of Lancaster and has been involved with many organizations including The Lancaster Breakfast Rotary Club, The Sims Foundation, The Matt Blackwell Foundation and The Boy Scouts obtaining the Eagle Scout Rank. He is also a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church in Lancaster. He is married to Donna Crolley Mobley and they have four grown children each with Higher Education degrees.

They also have four grandchildren. He has practiced pharmacy in Lancaster for over 40 years and is Owner of Mobley Drugs, Inc. as well as a partner in other pharmacy-based interests. He has served two separate terms on the South Carolina Board of Pharmacy.



**Dr. Linda L. Dolny**, Greenwood, Governor's Appointment Four-year College & University Sector Representative, is chair of Lander University's Board of Trustees. Appointed to CHE in 2018. Committee Assignment: Finance & Facilities (Vice Chair) and Academic Affairs & Licensing.

In 1986, Dr. Dolny formed PML Associates, Inc., a small consulting and training firm that employed seven full time associates and 50 part time trainers. After selling this business in 2010, she graduated from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in 2014. She is currently serving as Chair of the Lander University Board of Trustees. She is on the HOPE Academy Foundation in Greenville, S.C. and the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.

Previous service includes: the Charlotte Branch of The Richmond Bank of The Federal Reserve System, 2006-2013; the Chair of Greenwood County Community Foundation; and the Greenwood Area Chamber of Commerce.

She was awarded Lander Alumnus of the Year, 1996, and the Grace Iller Norman award in 2013. In 2004, she received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, Lander University and in 2011 she was inducted into the Greenwood Hall of Fame.



**Mr. Paul O. Batson, III**, Greer, Governor's Appointment, Public Technical Colleges Sector Representative. Appointed to CHE in 2015. Reappointed in 2016. Committee Assignments: Access and Equity & Student Services (Chair); Finance and Facilities.

Mr. Batson has operated an accounting and tax practice since 1987. He has served as an Area Commissioner for Greenville Technical College since 1998, has been their Board Chair for 4 years, and currently serves as their Audit Committee Chair. Mr. Batson has also served on the Board of Directors for the SC Association of Technical College Commissioners for several years and is currently that Board's Chair. He has been involved in a variety of ways with the Technical College System since 1972 when he was hired as an instructor at Greenville Technical College. For 40 years, Mr. Batson has also been an adjunct professor in the undergraduate program at Furman University. Mr. Batson earned his BS degree from Clemson University and his MBA from Clemson at Furman University.



**Dr. Mark Smith**, Columbia, Governor's Appointment, Independent Representative. Appointed to CHE in 2019. Committee Assignment: Access and Equity and Student Services

Dr. Mark A. Smith is President of Columbia International University, a growing university in South Carolina. He previously served as President of Ohio Christian University for 12 years where he led a team of experts in growing the University from 380 to more than 4,700 students and helped fund \$30 million in facilities. He has served on the ABHE Board and Columbus 2020 and currently serves on the ELEOS Corporate Board. Dr. Smith has a B.A. from Hobe Sound Bible College, a M.S. from Northeastern State University and graduated from West Virginia University with a Doctorate in Education Administration. Dr. Smith completed Harvard University's Institute of Educational Management for Executive Management. Dr. Smith and his wife, Debbie, have two children.