

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
1333 Main Street, Suite 200  
Columbia, S.C. 29201  
***Minutes of the Meeting***  
**May 26, 2011**  
**(June CHE Meeting)**

**Commission Members Attending**

Mr. Ken Wingate, Chair  
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice Chair  
Ms. Natasha Hanna  
Ms. Elizabeth Jackson  
Ms. Leah Moody  
Admiral Charles Munns (by phone)  
Mr. Bill Scarborough  
Mr. Guy Tarrant  
Mr. Hood Temple  
Mr. Rodney Smolla  
Hon. Lewis Vaughn

**Commission Members Absent**

Dr. Raghu Korrapati  
Dr. Jennifer Settlemyer

**Staff Present**

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director  
Dr. Argentini Anderson  
Ms. Laura Belcher  
Ms. Courtney Blake  
Ms. Camille Brown  
Mr. Michael Brown  
Ms. Julie Carullo  
Mr. Jason Cone  
Ms. Lorinda Copeland  
Ms. Nan Ford  
Mr. Gary Glenn  
Ms. Lane Goodwin  
Ms. Trena Houpp  
Mr. Clint Mullins  
Ms. Trudy Norton  
Dr. Mike Raley  
Ms. Beth Rogers  
Ms. Tanya Rogers  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests**

Mr. Mark Bebensee, The Citadel  
Ms. Kimberly Bingaman, Strayer University  
Dr. Joyce Blackwell, SC State University  
Mr. Ralph Byington, Coastal Carolina  
University  
Ms. Donna Collins, University of SC  
Dr. Anthony Coyne, USC Sumter  
Dr. Kris Finnigan, University of South Carolina  
Dr. Stanley Ihekweazu, SC State University  
Dr. Debra Jackson, Clemson University  
Ms. Keith Lasure, Piedmont Technical College  
Mr. David LeGrande, York Technical College  
Ms. Lisa McGill, Medical University of SC  
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University  
Mr. John Malmrose, Medical University of SC  
Mr. Michael Roberts, Coastal Carolina  
University  
Mr. Eddie Shannon, SC Independent Colleges  
& Universities  
Mr. Adam Taylor, Lander University  
Mr. Ed Walton, University of SC

**Members of the Press**

none

The meeting was held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

## 1. Introductions

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo introduced the guests in attendance, all of whom are listed above.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

- Ken Wingate

At Chairman Wingate's invitation, a **motion** was made (Tarrant), **seconded** (Horne), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2011, CHE meeting.

## 3. Chairman's Report

- Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate called attention to the updated roster of Commissioners which had been distributed at their places, (**Attachment I**), as well as to a packet of materials regarding the proposed expansion of the USC medical school (**Attachment II**) provided for their information. He requested that those new Commissioners who had not yet had their photos taken to be included with their biographical information, please do so at the meetings' conclusion of the meeting.

## 4. Report of the Executive Director

- Garrison Walters

Dr. Walters referred to a document containing basic facts about higher education in South Carolina (**Attachment III**), distributed for Commissioners' information. He then distributed and read his remarks regarding the impact of the Attorney General Opinions of January 5 and May 11, 2011. Dr. Walters also distributed and read his letter to Dr. Michael Amiridis, USC's Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost (**Attachment IV**) pertaining to this topic. Discussion followed regarding clarification of the CHE's authority and responsibility with regard to program approval and possible next steps to seek that clarification.

A **motion** was made (Horne), **seconded** (Moody), and **carried** to include the text of Dr. Walters' remarks regarding the USC medical education program in the minutes of this meeting (**Attachment V**).

Chairman Wingate asked that Dr. Walters and the CHE staff compile recommendations to bring to the full Commission on how to proceed with the next course of action for formal discussion at the next CHE meeting with informal conversation to take place between CHE staff and the Attorney General's office in the interim.

Dr. Walters reported that the Governor has demonstrated support of the Accountability-Based Funding plan developed with the public four-year college and university presidents. He stated that task forces related to the indicators of the plan are in the process of developing recommendations in each of their respective areas with an interim report expected to be delivered to the Governor on June 29, 2011. In response to Commissioners Munns' question about whether the plan includes the state's technical colleges, Dr. Walters responded that, at the Governor's request, the technical colleges presidents were having separate discussions with her on this topic, and that there will hopefully be the opportunity to merge the work of both groups.

## 5. Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo reported that the legislature was expected to pass a resolution allowing them to come back to continue their work after the end of the scheduled legislative session on June 2. She stated that the Senate had completed its draft of the FY 2011-12 state budget and had returned it to the House for consideration before possibly going on to conference committee to resolve any differences between the House and Senate versions. Ms. Carullo provided information on provisos related to the Need-Based Grant Program and the Higher Education Excellence Enhancement Program. She also reported on the status of the Capital Reserve Fund Bill and the Regulatory Reform Bill.

Chairman Wingate noted that former member of the Commission and current SC Superintendent of Education, Mick Zais, had been a very active proponent of need-based aid during his tenure with the CHE. He noted the importance of this much needed program and encouraged Commissioners to also become advocates for it.

## 6. Presentations

There were no presentations delivered at this meeting.

## 7. Report of the Higher Education Action Plan Ad Hoc Committee

- Ken Wingate

There was no report from the Higher Education Action Plan Ad Hoc Committee.

## 8. Committee Reports

### 8.01 Report of the Executive Committee

- Ken Wingate

There was no report from the Executive Committee. Chairman Wingate stated that the minutes of the May 19, 2011, Executive Committee meeting were accepted as information.

### 8.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

- Bettie Rose Horne

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **A. Consideration of New Program Proposal**

1. A.A.S., Diversified Agriculture, Piedmont Technical College
2. B.S., Health Administration, Coastal Carolina University
3. B.S., Professional Land Surveying, S.C. State University
4. M.Acct., Coastal Carolina University
5. Ph.D., Engineering and Science Education, Clemson University
6. Ph.D., Human-Centered Computing, Clemson University

##### **B. Consideration of Amendments to Existing Licenses to Add New Programs**

Strayer University, M.Ed. with four concentrations: Adult Education and Development; Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Teacher Leadership; Instructional Technology to be offered at the campuses in Greenville, Charleston, and Columbia.

##### **C. Consideration of Revised Guidelines for Federal *Improving Teacher Quality* Competitive Grants Program, FY 2012-2013**

##### **D. Consideration of Revised Guidelines for *EIA Centers of (Teacher Education) Excellence* Competitive Grants Program, FY 2012-2013**

##### **E. Informational Report on Awards for Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grants Program, FY 2011-12 and Awards for Centers of Excellence (Teacher Education) Competitive Grants Program, FY 2011-2012, New and Continuing**

Commissioner Horne reported that the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing had met on May 5, 2011, and considered and approved the items listed in **Agenda Items 8.02 A-E (Attachment VI)**. She stated that these items were brought to the full Commission by consent agenda. There being no requests to consider any of these items separately, they were then voted on and **approved**.

### 8.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services

- Hood Temple

There was no report from the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services. Commissioner Temple recognized the hard work of former Commissioner Cyndi Mosteller, who had been the chair of the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services. He thanked Chairman Wingate for the opportunity to act as the committee's current chair and stated he expected to have information to share on activities initiated during Commissioner Mostellers' term at the next CHE meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA****A. Interim Capital Projects**

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|---------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. Clemson University           | - | Indoor Football Practice Facility (Phase II)                   |
| 2. Medical University of SC     | - | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Mammography Clinic Renovation (Phase II) |
| 3. Coastal Carolina University- |   | Science Annex II Construction (Phase I)                        |
| 4. Winthrop University          | - | Owens Hall Fire Damage Reconstruction                          |
| 5. York Technical College       | - | Parking Lot Expansion<br>(Concurrent Phase I & II)             |

**B. Leases**

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| 1. College of Charleston | - | 4750 Goer Drive Units D & E |
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**C. Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plans (CPIPs)**

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| 1. Year One Approvals | - | Projects Requesting Establishment or an Increase to the Budget  |
|                       | - | Projects That Have Been Approved by CHE for Pre-Design (Construction Phase is Expected to Begin FY 2011-12) |
|                       | - | Projects That Can Be Staff Approved and Are Presented as Information  |

**D. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for May 2011 (For Information, No Action Required)**

Commissioner Tarrant reported that the Committee on Finance and Facilities had met earlier in the morning, and had considered and approved **Agenda Items 8.04 A-D (Attachment VII)**.

At the request of Chairman Wingate and in response to Commissioner Munns' question, Mr. Gary Glenn provided a brief explanation on the Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan. He also offered information on interim capital projects, stating that these are projects for which the need had not yet been determined at the time that the Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan is developed. He also explained that any project that affects a state institution and whose cost exceeds \$500,000 must be considered for approval at the state level regardless of whether the funds come from state or local sources.

**Agenda Items 8.04 A-D** were then voted on and **approved**.

Commissioner Horne stated that the review of projects by the Committee on Finance and Facilities before they are presented to the full Commission is a very thorough process, as is the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing Committee's review of academic programs. Commissioner Horne then provided a brief summary of the extensive path on which academic programs travel and are reviewed prior to their consideration by the Commission.

**9. Other Business**

With regard to other business, Chairman Wingate reported that the CHE committee assignment process was almost complete, and that Commissioners would be informed of their assignments as soon as possible. Commissioner Scarborough then volunteered to serve on more than one committee if needed, as did Commissioner Moody. Mr. Gary Glenn requested that Commissioners' travel vouchers, which had been included with their materials, be completed and signed. He also invited Commissioners to feel free to contact

him with any questions they may have about the basic facts on higher education document (**Attachment III**), distributed earlier in the meeting.

## **10. Adjournment**

There being no other business to consider, Chairman Wingate adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Beth B. Rogers*  
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Recording Secretary

## **Attachments (I-VII)**

\*Attachments are not included in this mailing, but will be filed with the permanent record of these minutes and are available for review upon request.