

**SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

1122 Lady Street, Suite 300  
Columbia, SC 29201

***Minutes of the Meeting***  
**August 8, 2012**

**Commission Members Attending**

Mr. Ken Wingate, Chair  
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice-chair  
Ms. Elizabeth Jackson  
Dr. Raghu Korrapati (phone)  
Ms. Leah Moody  
Admiral Charles Munns  
Mr. Bill Scarborough  
Dr. Jennifer Settlemyer  
Mr. Rodney Smolla  
Mr. Hood Temple  
Hon. Lewis Vaughn

**Commission Members Absent**

Ms. Natasha Hanna  
Ms. Elizabeth Jackson

**Staff Present**

Ms. Julie Carullo, Acting Executive Director  
Dr. Argentina Anderson  
Mr. Arik Bjorn  
Ms. Courtney Blake  
Mr. Michael Brown  
Ms. Camille Brown  
Ms. Saundra Carr  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Ms. Lane Goodwin  
Mr. Rick Moul  
Ms. Beth Rogers  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests**

Ms. Nicole Ford-Jennings, SC Budget &  
Control Board  
Dr. Learie Luke, SC State University  
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent  
Colleges & Universities  
Ms. Beth McInnis, Clemson University

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

**1. Introductions**

**- Tony Brown**

Mr. Brown introduced the guests in attendance, as listed above.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

**- Ken Wingate**

A **motion** was made (Horne), **seconded** (Temple), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2012, CHE meeting.

**3. Chairman’s Report**

**- Ken Wingate**

Chairman Wingate reported that the legislature ended its extended session in July and that Ms. Carullo would provide details about the outcome of the session during her report. He stated that he’s been working with Mr. Craig Garner, President of the SC Higher Education Foundation, on preparations for Phase Two of the Competing Through Knowledge initiative. Chairman Wingate presented October 4 as the tentatively scheduled date for a Commissioners’ Retreat to take place that afternoon following the monthly CHE meeting.

**4. Report of the Acting Executive Director & Legislative Report**

**- Julie Carullo**

Ms. Carullo reported on and provided details about a 2012 legislative session summary document which had previously been distributed to Commissioners and had also been posted on the CHE website. She then distributed a document containing information about the Commission’s FY 2012-13 appropriations by source and purpose (**Attachment I**). Following brief discussion, it was requested that the Commission’s budget information for FY 2011-12 and FY 2010-11 be provided in the same format as this document for the purpose of comparison. Discussion also took place about CHE consideration of the funds that flow through CHE. Commissioner Scarborough stated that the Finance and Facilities Committee would review the CHE’s budget further and bring any recommendations and priority considerations to the full Commission.

Ms. Carullo distributed a document listing opportunities to attend upcoming Grassroots meetings of the SC Chamber of Commerce (**Attachment II**) to be held throughout different areas of the state. She invited Commissioners to participate in any of these meetings. Chairman Wingate commented briefly that the Chamber uses the outcome of these meetings in formulating its annual list of legislative priorities.

**5. 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.

**6. Presentation**

No presentations were delivered.

**7. Committee Reports**

**7.01 Report of the Executive Committee**

**- Ken Wingate**

There was no report from the Executive Committee.

**7.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing**

**- Bettie Rose Horne**

Commissioner Horne stated that there was no report from the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing. She reported that the Committee would meet in the afternoon following the September 6 CHE meeting at which time program proposals will be reviewed as will revisions to the CHE’s Academic Program Review Policy.

### **7.03 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 briefed Commissioners on the national GEAR UP Conference he, Dr. Woodfaulk, and some local SC School District Superintendents as well as representatives of the SC Chamber of Commerce recently attended in Washington, DC, noting that South Carolina was singled out and recognized for outstanding work with its GEAR UP grant.

### **7.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities - Bill Scarborough**

#### **A. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for June and July 2012 (For Information, No Action Required)**

Commissioner Scarborough reported that **Agenda Item 7.04A**, details about which may be found in **Attachment III**, was presented to the full Commission as information only. He stated that the Committee on Finance and Facilities had met earlier in the morning at which time the committee reviewed and renewed the Master Land Acquisition Plans (MLAPS) for Coastal Carolina University and Winthrop University. Following the report of the business of the committee, discussion took place about the possibility of federal sequestration and how that might affect state monies, particularly funds designated for education purposes such as scholarships. The importance of having a very clear understanding of the CHE budget and higher education funding in South Carolina was noted especially in the event that state reaction to federal sequestration becomes necessary.

### **8. Executive Director Search Committee Update - Bettie Rose Horne**

Commissioner Horne reported on the status of the work of the CHE Executive Director Search Committee stating that advertisements had been placed in various publications. She reported that applications and nominations were in the process of being received and that the deadline for applying was October 1, 2012. Information on the candidates will be distributed to the Search Committee the first week of October. The committee will then in mid-October to consider the applicants and schedule initial interviews. Commissioner Horne stated that CHE staff will have an opportunity to meet with the prospective candidate as part of the process after the Search Committee has made its recommendations to the Commission.

### **9. Other Business**

Chairman Wingate reported that presentations from the public colleges and university presidents would begin at noon and proceed until approximately 5:15 p.m., after which a dinner for the presidents, commissioners, and members of the SC Higher Education Foundation would take place at The Inn at USC. He stated that the presidents' presentations would resume on August 9 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

### **10. Adjournment**

There being no other business to come before the Commission, the Commission ended its business portion of the meeting at approximately 11:25 a.m. and recessed pending the commencement of the scheduled presentations as outlined in **Attachment IV**. Following the conclusion of the final presentation on August 9, the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Beth B. Rogers*  
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Recording Secretary

### **Attachments (I - IV)**

\*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.