

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
1333 Main Street, Suite 200  
Columbia, S.C. 29201  
***Minutes of the Meeting***  
**August 4, 2010**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Commission Members Attending**

Mr. Ken Wingate, Chairman  
Dr. Doug Forbes  
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice Chair  
Dr. Raghu Korrapati (by phone)  
Mr. Jim Sanders  
Mr. Bill Scarborough  
Mr. Chuck Talbert  
Mr. Guy Tarrant  
Mr. Hood Temple  
Dr. Charles Thomas  
Mr. Neal Workman

**Commission Members Absent**

Mr. Ken Jackson

**Staff Present**

Dr. Garrison Walters, Executive Director  
Ms. Rita Allison  
Dr. Argentini Anderson  
Ms. Laura Belcher  
Ms. Courtney Blake  
Mr. Anthony Brown  
Ms. Camille Brown  
Mr. Michael Brown  
Ms. Julie Carullo  
Ms. Stephanie Charbonneau  
Ms. Lorinda Copeland  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Mr. Gary Glenn  
Ms. Lane Goodwin  
Ms. Trena Houpp  
Mr. Clint Mullins  
Dr. Mike Raley  
Ms. Beth Rogers  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests**

Dr. Kris Finnigan, USC Columbia  
Ms. Kitty Lewis, Lander University  
Mr. Mike McKenzie, USC Columbia  
Mr. Steve Osborne, College of Charleston  
Mr. Scott Poelker, Trident Technical College  
Ms. Glenda Ridgely, Lander University  
Dr. Darrell Staat, SC Technical College System

**Members of the Press**

none

## 1. Introductions

- Julie Carullo

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

## 2. Approval of Minutes

- Ken Wingate

A **motion** was made (Horne), **seconded** (Mosteller), and **carried** to approve the revised minutes of the May 6, 2010, CHE meeting. A **motion** was made (Horne), **seconded** (Mosteller), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2010, CHE meeting.

## 3. Chairman's Report

- Ken Wingate

Chairman Wingate reported that he and Dr. Walters had presented on the topic of the knowledge economy to the SC Association of Counties in Hilton Head on Monday, August 2. He also stated that the Commission had held a very productive day-long retreat meeting in Columbia on Tuesday, August 3.

## 4. Report of the Executive Director

- Garrison Walters

Dr. Walters began his report by reading his op-ed piece entitled, "China Doesn't Want To Be the Workshop of the World Anymore", which emphasizes the importance of higher education with regard to competition in today's knowledge economy. He stated that, in addition to his and Chairman Wingate's presentation to the SC Association of Counties, he had also recently spoken to the Florence Rotary Club. He offered kudos to the College of Charleston for its community-wide literacy outreach campaign, described in **Attachment I**.

Dr. Walters then yielded to Chairman Wingate who underscored the achievements of the University of South Carolina baseball team for winning the College World Series. He stated that the team had the highest grade point average (3.12) of the 8 teams competing in the series, and also the highest grade point average of all the baseball teams in this year's Southeastern Conference.

Dr. Walters' then called attention to an editorial which had appeared that morning in *The Post and Courier* (**Attachment II**) concerning tuition accountability. He stated that the Commission was very aware of the issue, and had instructed CHE staff to prepare a policy statement about it which, upon the Commission's review and approval, should be ready for release in the very near future. In response to Commissioner Mosteller's remarks about the College of Charleston's recent announcement of a 14.8% tuition increase, discussion took place about the variety of factors involved and the unique institutional characteristics taken into consideration when determining tuition rates. Some details about the tuition increase at the College of Charleston were provided by Mr. Steve Osborne.

## 5. Legislative Report

- Julie Carullo

Ms. Carullo provided a brief summary of actions resulting from the outcome of the 2010 legislative session, noting that during the year all state agencies received a 9% cut in funding and that cuts to the higher education institutions have totaled approximately 45% since 2008. She stated that budget cuts have been offset somewhat this year by the second and last year of the federal stimulus funds. Ms. Carullo reported that, though the state budget situation is still of concern, the Board of Economic Advisors (BEA) is projecting positive trends in revenue numbers which may put the state ahead of the reduced estimates for the upcoming fiscal year. Ms. Carullo stated that the General Assembly continued to fully fund the merit-based scholarship programs, taking into account their anticipated growth, and that other lottery funded programs had been funded similarly as they have been for the past three years. She distributed a chart (**Attachment III**) which provides information on the FY 10-11 budgeted priorities for any unclaimed lottery prize money, noting that the Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries (PASCAL) ranked third on that list and was allocated \$1.5 million. Ms. Carullo also provided a brief explanation about how those priorities are determined as well as some details on other items acted on by the General Assembly in 2010, including: the increase in cigarette tax; the reform of the Employment Security Commission, which has been renamed the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce; and an upcoming referendum concerning the state's reserve account.

## 6. Presentations

No presentations were delivered at this meeting.

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

- Ken Wingate

The Higher Education Action Plan Ad Hoc Committee had no report.

## 8. Committee Reports

### 8.01 Report of the Executive Committee

- Ken Wingate

The draft minutes of the July 29, 2010, Executive Committee meeting (**Attachment IV**) had been distributed to Commissioners for information.

### A. Resolution Consideration: ad hoc Advisory Committee Recommended Best Practice Guidance Concerning Policies for Meningitis Vaccinations for College Students

Ms. Carullo provided background information on the recommendations developed by the ad hoc committee as well as on the resolution which commends the recommendations favorably to the state's public and private higher education institutions, details about which may be found in **Attachment V**. She noted that the recommendations include a provision which allows for the student to sign a waiver to decline the vaccination after reading about its risks and benefits. Brief discussion followed in which Ms. Kitty Lewis, Director of Health Services at Lander University, answered questions and provided information on the cost of the vaccine as well as on the protection it provides.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Chairman Wingate brought forward the **motion** to commend favorably the recommendations of the advisory committee to the public colleges and universities as best practice guidance with regard to the meningitis vaccination, and that the recommendations also be advanced to the state's private colleges and universities. The **motion** was then voted on and **carried**.

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

- Bettie Rose Horne

The Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing had no report.

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

- Cynthia Mosteller

The Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services had no report.

### 8.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities

- Jim Sanders

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### A. Interim Capital Projects

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|---------------------------------|---|---|
| 1. College of Charleston        | - | Hungry Cougar Renovation & Expansion (Phase II) |
| 2. Tri-County Technical College | - | Highway 76 Land Acquisition (Phase II)          |
| 3. Trident Technical College    | - | B940 Roof Replacement (Phase II)                |

### B. Leases

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| 1. Clemson University | - | 103 Technology Drive |
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### C. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for June and July 2010 (For Information)

Commissioner Sanders stated that the Committee on Finance and Facilities had approved the projects and lease listed in Agenda Item 8.04 A & B at its meeting earlier in the morning, details about which may be found in **Attachment VI**. These items were presented to the full Commission by consent.

A **motion** was made (Sanders) and **carried** to approve Agenda Items 8.04A 1, 2, & 3 and 8.04B.

## **9. Other Business**

Chairman Wingate reminded Commissioners that the annual presentations from the presidents of the state's public institutions would begin at 12:00 p.m., last through the afternoon, and resume at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 5. A schedule of those presentations may be found in **Attachment VII**.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:10 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.