

**SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

1122 Lady Street, Suite 300

Columbia, SC 29201

10:30 a.m.

***Minutes of the Meeting***

**April 2, 2015**

**Commission Members Attending**

General John Finan, Chair  
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Paul Batson  
Mr. Tim Hofferth  
Ms. Dianne Kuhl  
Ms. Allison Dean Love  
Dr. Louis Lynn  
Admiral Charles Munns  
Mr. Clark Parker  
Mr. Kim Phillips (phone)  
Ms. Terrye Seckinger  
Dr. Jennifer Settlemyer  
Mr. Hood Temple

**Commission Members Absent**

Dr. Evans Whitaker (Excused)

**Staff Attending**

Dr. Richard Sutton, Executive Director  
Dr. Argentini Anderson  
Mr. Clay Barton  
Ms. Laura Belcher  
Ms. Camille Brown  
Ms. Julie Carullo  
Ms. Saundra Carr  
Ms. Elizabeth Caulder  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Mr. Gary Glenn  
Ms. Lane Goodwin  
Mr. Gerrick Hampton  
Ms. Trena Houpp  
Dr. MaryAnn Janosik  
Dr. John Lane  
Ms. Yolanda Myers  
Ms. Trudy Norton  
Ms. Beth Rogers  
Ms. Tanya Rogers  
Ms. Laverne Sanders  
Ms. Peggy Simons  
Ms. Catherine Sturm  
Ms. Leslie Williams  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests**

Ms. Beth Bell, Clemson University  
Dr. Ralph Byington, Coastal Carolina University  
Dr. Charlie Calvert, USC Beaufort  
Dr. Jennifer Cease-Cook, Winthrop University  
Dr. Kathy Coleman, Clemson University  
Mr. Tim Druke, Winthrop University  
Dr. Evelyn Fields, SC State University  
Dr. Kris Finnigan, University of SC Columbia  
Ms. Joelle Forgeng, Florence, SC  
Mr. Earle Holley, University of SC Beaufort  
Mr. Rick Kelly, University of SC Columbia  
Dr. Debra Jackson, Clemson University  
Ms. Nancy Jeter, SC State University  
Ms. Angie Leidinger, Clemson University  
Mr. Mike LeFever, SC Independent Colleges  
& Universities  
Mr. Graham Neff, Clemson University  
Mr. Rick Moul, PASCAL  
Mr. Mike Parrott, University of SC Beaufort  
Dr. Jeff Priest, University of SC Aiken  
Dr. Hope Rivers, SC Technical College System  
Dr. Darlene Shaw, Medical University of SC  
Mr. Adam Taylor, Lander University  
Ms. Reinell Thomas-Myers, SC State University

## **1. Introductions**

**- Argentini Anderson**

Dr. Anderson recorded and announced the names of all those in attendance as listed above. She also stated that the meeting was held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

**- John Finan**

A **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded** (Settlemyer), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2015 CHE meeting.

## **3. Chairman's Report**

**- John Finan**

Chairman Finan provided information about recent activities of the General Assembly which included a House action to defund CHE, stating that the Senate was expected to consider that action when it returned to session the week of April 13. He noted that this would most likely lead to an interesting and worthwhile discussion about the role of CHE and the role of governance in the state. Chairman Finan also commented briefly on the status of the proposed bond bill.

## **4. Report of the Executive Director**

**- Richard Sutton**

### **A. Update on CHE's 2014-15 Strategic Agenda**

Agenda Item 4.A was not presented and there was no report from the Executive Director.

## **5. Legislative Report**

**- Julie Carullo**

Ms. Carullo reported that the House and Senate would return to session during the week of April 13, and that the crossover date for legislation was May 1. She stated that the Senate Finance Committee was expected to make their recommendations on the budget during the week of April 13. Ms. Carullo stated that an agency restructuring and seven-year plan report had been submitted as requested by the House on May 31. She also stated that the Senate bill related to in-state tuition for the military which mirrors the requirements in federal legislation was expected to be considered by the House Education and Public Works Committee after the session resumes. Ms. Carullo reported that regulations related to the SC National Guard College Assistance Program were moving along in the process of House and Senate consideration. She also referenced the regular legislative reports which are distributed to Commissioners on a weekly basis.

Chairman Finan then introduced the five new Commission members present: Mr. Clark Parker of Myrtle Beach, SC, Governor's Appointment At-Large; Mr. Tim Hofferth of Chapin, SC, Governor's Appointment At-Large; Dr. Louis Lynn of Columbia, SC, Public Research Universities Representative; Ms. Allison Dean Love of Columbia, SC, Public Four-Year Universities Representative; and Mr. Paul Batson of Greer, SC, Public Technical Colleges Representative. During the course of their introductions each member provided brief descriptions of themselves and their activities.

Chairman Finan stated that the fifth new member, Dr. Evans Whitaker, President of Anderson University and the Independent Colleges & Universities Representative, had a scheduling conflict which prevented him from being present for this CHE meeting. Chairman Finan commented that the talent and diversity of these new board members brought a wealth of experience and knowledge to the Commission and he thanked them all for their willingness to serve.

## **6. Committee Reports**

**6.01 Report of the Executive Committee**

**- John Finan**

Chairman Finan reported that the Executive Committee had met on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, for the purpose of reviewing the agenda for this meeting.

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

**- Bettie Rose Horne**

There was no report from the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing.

**6.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services**

**- Hood Temple**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Consideration of Year Round Scholarship Policy Guidelines**

**B. Consideration of College Transition Program Policies**

**C. College Application Month (For Information, No Action Required)**

**D. Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014, Section 702 (For Information, No Action Required)**

**E. FY 2015-16 EIA Funded Teacher Recruitment Project: Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers (SC-PRRMT): Schedule for Quarterly Updates**

Commissioner Temple began his report by welcoming Commissioner Settlemyer, who had been recently reappointed to serve a consecutive second term as a Governor’s Appointment At-Large, back from her National Guard deployment in Washington, DC. He also welcomed back Commissioner Lynn, who had served previously on the Commission from 2006 – 2009, as he did all the new Commission members.

For the benefit of the new members, Commissioner Temple described the consent agenda process. He then briefly described **Agenda Items 6.03 A & B**, details about which may be found in **Attachment I**. He stated that these items were presented by consent agenda in the form of a **motion**, which was **seconded** (Seckinger). Chairman Finan commented that recommendations from the colleges and universities had been invited and considered in the development of the Year Round Scholarship Policy Guidelines which will allow students to also use their scholarship awards in the summer months, increasing the possibility of graduation in less than four years. The **motion** was then voted on and **carried**.

Commissioner Temple provided information about **Agenda Items 6.03 C, D, and E**, details about which may also be found in **Attachment I**.

Following Commissioner Temple’s remarks about the success of the College Application Month initiative, Commissioners Kuhl and Seckinger provided information about the progress of their plans to create a duplicable College Application Month model that will build partnerships with school districts and be implemented throughout the state.

Dr. Woodfaulk presented brief comments about **Agenda Item 6.03 D**, stating that Section 702 provides that all covered individuals (veterans and their dependents as well as active duty military) are eligible for in-state tuition and that the passage of legislation currently under consideration in South Carolina will be necessary in order to comply with that provision. Ms. Carullo also clarified that, if this legislation is not passed in South Carolina, only students attending the public institutions would be affected.

For the benefit of the new members, Commissioner Temple provided background information about history and status **Agenda Item 6.03E**, stating that the program was progressing well.

Chairman Finan then also welcomed back Commissioner Settlemyer and he commended her for her service in the National Guard and to the country.

**6.04 Report of Committee on Governmental and Administrative Affairs - C. L. Munns**

Commissioner Munns stated the Committee on Governmental and Administrative Affairs had no formal report but would hold a meeting later in the day following the adjournment of the CHE meeting. He reported that the committee was currently working on a procedures manual to guide the procedures and governance by which the CHE conducts its business. He also reported that the committee, in conjunction with the Committee on Academic Affairs & Licensing, was also in the process working on a procedural paper on the topic of compliance with institutional licensing requirements.

**6.05 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities - Hood Temple**

**A. Interim Capital Projects**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Clemson University	-	Electrical Distribution System Upgrades and Replacements
	-	Football Operations Facility Construction
2. USC Beaufort	-	Hilton Head Island Hospitality Management Facility Construction
3. Greenville Technical College	-	East Faris Road – Land Acquisition

**B. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for February and March 2015**  
(For Information, No Action Required)

Commissioner Temple deferred his report to Commissioner Kuhl who had chaired the meeting on his behalf. She stated that the Committee on Finance and Facilities had met earlier in the morning to consider and discuss **Agenda Items 6.05 A & B**, details about which may be found in **Attachment II**. Commissioner Kuhl provided a brief summary of the projects listed in **Agenda Item 6.05 A**. The **motion**, brought by consent agenda to the full Commission by the Committee on Finance and Facilities, was then voted on and **carried**.

**Agenda Item 6.05B** was provided for information only.

**7. Other Business**

With regard to other business, Chairman Finan shared information about his recent correspondence with the SC Technical College System. He specifically noted a letter he had received from the System's Chairman on April 1 concerning the approval of programs offered at the state's technical colleges and the proposed changes in House Bill 3170 that would remove CHE from the process for certain associate degree programs. Chairman Finan invited Commissioners' comments on this topic.

Commissioner Munns initiated conversation indicating that the results of this discussion should conclude with an overall sense of the Commission on this topic to be shared with members of the General Assembly.

Discussion followed during which Commissioners expressed their views and concerns. A consensus resulted that the CHE does not support the proposed changes outlined in H.3170 for the reason that separation of the academic program approval process for technical colleges is not in the best interest of the state's students or its overall higher education system. At the discussion's conclusion, a group of Commission representatives consisting of Commissioners Munns, Batson, Temple, Kuhl, and possibly Horne, volunteered to meet with representatives of the Technical College System to work collaboratively to resolve differences on this issue.

A **motion** was made (Temple), **seconded**, and **carried** for the meeting to go into Executive Session at 11:55 a.m. for the purpose of considering contract and personnel matters.

## **9. Adjournment of Business Meeting**

The meeting returned to regular session at approximately 1:15 p.m. after which it immediately adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
***Beth B. Rogers***  
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Recording Secretary

### **Attachments (I - II)**

\*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.