

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

1122 Lady Street, Suite 300

Columbia, SC 29201

1:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Called Meeting

June 18, 2015

Commission Members Attending

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

Commissioners Absent

Mr. Louis Lynn
Dr. Evans Whitaker

CHE Staff Attending

Ms. Julie Carullo
Dr. John Lane
Ms. Beth Rogers
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

Guests

Mr. Ed Dyer, Coastal Carolina University
(phone)

The meeting convened at 3:30 p.m.

A called roll of the determined that there was a quorum for the meeting as nine of the fourteen Commissioners were in attendance at that point. During the course of the meeting, additional Commissioners join the call which brought the total in attendance to twelve.

Chairman Finan opened the meeting confirming that it was being held in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) as well as with the CHE bylaws and statute. He stated further that the one purpose of the meeting was to take a vote to establish a committee to conduct a search for a new CHE Executive Director. Background information on establishing this committee as well as the proposed motion to do so has been provided to Commission via email prior to this meeting, a copy of which may be found in Attachment I. A motion was made (Horne) and seconded (Phillips) to establish the committee.

Commissioner Seckinger stated she would like to amend the motion by adding to the following sentence the italicized wording. The committee shall be appointed by the Chair of the Commission and will carry out duties as described herein *and shall be authorized to obtain reasonable internal and external resources including legal counsel and an external search firm that are necessary to fulfill its charge and to ensure the activities of the committee are in full compliance with South Carolina law.*

Discussion followed during which Commissioners debated the necessity of adding the proposed amended language.

At the conclusion of the debate, Commissioner Seckinger's request to amend the motion was voted on favorably with seven Commissioners voting yes, and five Commissioners voting no.

A roll call vote was then conducted and unanimously carried to accept the amended motion.

Following the vote, Commissioner Munns requested the record reflect that the interpretation of this vote requires that the established search committee, must not operate independently of the Commission, and also must follow the appropriate state guidelines and procedures.

Chairman Finan then announced that CHE Executive Director Search Committee would be comprised of Commissioner Allison Dean Love as Chair, Commissioner Dianne Kuhl, Commissioner Tim Hoffeth, Commissioner Charles Munns, and Commissioner Terrye Seckinger. He stated further that the advisory members of the Search Committee would be Dr. Ronnie Booth, President of Tri-County Technical College, Dr. Fred Carter, President of Francis Marion University, Dr. Sandra Jordan Chancellor of USC Aiken, Mr. Chip Jackson, Richland Co. School District Two Board, Mr. Ted Pitts, President, SC Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Austin Smith, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor.

Following Chairman Finan's closing remarks, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth B. Rogers
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Recording Secretary