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**SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

1122 Lady Street, Suite 300  
Columbia, SC 29201

***Minutes of the Meeting***

**June 5, 2014**

**Commission Members Attending**

General John Finan, Chair  
Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Vice-Chair  
Ms. Natasha Hanna  
Ms. Dianne Kuhl  
Ms. Leah Moody (phone)  
Admiral Charles Munns  
Mr. Kim Phillips  
Ms. Terrye Seckinger  
Dr. Jennifer Settlemeyer  
Mr. Hood Temple

**Commission Members Absent**

Ms. Elizabeth Jackson

**Staff Attending**

Dr. Richard Sutton, Executive Director  
Dr. Argentini Anderson  
Mr. Clay Barton  
Ms. Laura Belcher  
Ms. Courtney Blake  
Ms. Camille Brown  
Ms. Saundra Carr  
Ms. Julie Carullo  
Ms. Renea Eshleman  
Mr. Gary Glenn  
Ms. Lane Goodwin  
Dr. Paula Gregg  
Dr. Rachel Harvey  
Ms. Trena Houpp  
Dr. MaryAnn Janosik  
Dr. John Lane  
Ms. Yolanda Myers  
Ms. Beth Rogers  
Ms. Tanya Rogers  
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

**Guests**

Mr. Clarence Barnett, Denmark Technical College  
Dr. Abdel Bayoumi, USC Columbia  
Ms. Beth Bell, Clemson University  
Ms. Christine Smalls-Brown, Medical University of SC (phone)  
Dr. Truman Brown, Medical University of SC  
Dr. Mary Ann Byrnes, USC Columbia  
Dr. Ralph Byington, Coastal Carolina University  
Dr. Monica Campbell, Lenoir-Rhyne University  
Mr. Dwight Cauthen, Keiser University  
Mr. Tim Drueke, Winthrop University  
Dr. Evelyn Fields, SC State University  
Dr. Kris Finnigan, USC Columbia  
Dr. Maryanne Fitzpatrick, USC Columbia  
Dr. Clif Flynn, USC Upstate  
Dr. Marilyn Fore, Horry-Georgetown Technical College (phone)  
Dr. Lynne Ford, College of Charleston  
Mr. Reynolds Fox, Charleston School of Law  
Dr. Sam Hines, The Citadel (phone)  
Dr. Debra Jackson, Clemson University  
Ms. Nancy Jeter, SC State University  
Dr. Martine Laberge, Clemson University (phone)  
Ms. Kelly Matthew, Charleston School of Law  
Mr. James McCutchen, Charleston School of Law  
Dr. Melissa Moss, USC Columbia  
Dr. Michael Murphy, Coastal Carolina University  
Mr. Tom Nelson, Lander University  
Dr. Judith Neufeld, Lander University  
Dr. Hope Rivers, SC Technical College System  
Dr. Michael Roberts, Coastal Carolina University  
Dr. John Sites, Keiser University  
Dr. Susan Simonian, College of Charleston  
Mr. Nicholas Smit, Charleston School of Law  
Mr. Robert Smith, J.P. Morgan  
Dr. Mark Sothmann, Medical University of SC (phone)  
Mr. Scott Stonestreet, Charleston School of Law  
Ms. Reinell Thomas-Myers, SC State University  
Dr. Hank Weddington, Lenoir-Rhyne University  
Dr. Byron Wine, Florida Tech

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### **1. Introductions**

**- Tanya Rogers**

Ms. Rogers 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 (Horne), **seconded** (Temple), and **carried** to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2014 CHE meeting.

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

**- John Finan**

Chairman Finan stated that he had spent a large amount of this time since the May 1 meeting reviewing information with regard to **Agenda Item 5.02A**. He also reported that the Commission was awaiting the outcome of several pending legislative issues related to higher education.

### **4. Recognition of Y. W. "Bill" Scarborough, III Former Commissioner, 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District**

**- John Finan**

Chairman Finan recognized former Commissioner Bill Scarborough, stating that he had served as a CHE Commissioner from July 2008 until April 2014, and had served on the Commission's Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing as well as on the Committee on Finance and Facilities, most recently as that committee's chair. After sharing other details about Mr. Scarborough's accomplishments, Chairman Finan thanked him for his outstanding service to the state. Commissioners Temple and Horne also offered very complimentary remarks about Mr. Scarborough. Chairman Finan then presented him with a certificate of appreciation, after which he commented briefly about his experience with the Commission and the importance of the Commission's efforts and contributions to higher education. Commissioner Seckinger, who recently replaced Commissioner Scarborough as the Commission's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District representative, then also expressed her appreciation for Mr. Scarborough's service to South Carolina.

### **5. Committee Reports**

#### **5.01 Report of the Executive Committee**

**- John Finan**

Chairman Finan reported that the Executive Committee had met on Wednesday, May 28 2014, for the purpose of preparing the agenda for this CHE meeting.

#### **5.02 Report of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing**

**- Bettie Rose Horne**

##### **A. Consideration of Application for Initial License**

1. J. D., L.L.M., InfiLaw Corporation, Change of Ownership of Charleston School of Law, Charleston, SC

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **B. Consideration of New Program Proposals**

1. The Citadel, M. S., Leadership
2. Clemson University, M.E., Biomedical Engineering
3. Coastal Carolina University, B.S., Information Technology
4. College of Charleston, M.S., Child Life
5. Horry Georgetown Technical College, A.A.S., Sports Tourism
6. Lander University, M. S., Athletic Training
7. Medical University of South Carolina, Ph.D., Biomedical Imaging
8. University of South Carolina Columbia, B.A., Chinese Studies
9. University of South Carolina Columbia, M.E., Biomedical Engineering
10. University of South Carolina Upstate, B.S., Exercise and Sport Science with Tracks in Exercise Science, Medical Fitness, and Strength and Conditioning

**C. Consideration of Application for Initial License**

1. B.A., Business; B.S., Cyber Forensics/Information Security; and M.B.A., Business, Keiser University, Fort Lauderdale, FL, branches in Charleston and Columbia

**D. Consideration of Application for Initial License to Establish a Clinical Site:**

M.A., Professional Behavior Analysis, Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, FL, Clinical Site in Greenville, SC

**E. Consideration of Request for Amendment to License to Offer Programs Leading to the:** M.A., Community College Administration, Human Services, and Leadership, Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory, NC, at its Center for Graduate Studies, Columbia

**F. Consideration of Preliminary Request to Seek Legislative Change to Participate in State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA)**

**G. Consideration of Annual Evaluation of Associate Degree Programs, FY 2010-11**

**H. Consideration of Annual Evaluation of Associate Degree Programs, FY 2011-12**

**I. Consideration of Revised Guidelines for Federal Improving Teacher Quality Competitive Grants Program, FY 2015-2016**

**J. Consideration of Revised Guidelines for EIA Centers of (Teacher Education) Excellence Competitive Grants Program, FY 2015-16**

**K. Presentation of New and Continuing EIA Centers of (Teacher Education) Excellence Competitive Grants Awards, FY 2014-15**

(For Information, No Action Required)

**L. Report on Program Modifications, January 1 – April 30, 2014**

(For Information, No Action Required)

Chairman Finan reported that **Agenda Item 5.02A, Attachment I**, would not be addressed as InfiLaw Corporation's application for initial license had been withdrawn on June 4, 2014.

Commissioner Temple requested that the June 4, 2014, letter from InfiLaw's legal representative, Mr. Kevin Hall, which stated that the InfiLaw application for initial license had been withdrawn, be appended to the minutes of this CHE meeting. As requested, a copy of this letter is included with these minutes as **Attachment II**.

Commissioner Horne offered as a motion from the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing **Agenda Items 5.02 B – L** which were presented by consent agenda. Details about each of these items may be found in **Attachment III**.

Chairman Finan recommended considering each of these items separately after which Commissioner Seckinger requested that **Agenda Item 5.02F** be remanded back to the Committee for further examination. Commissioner Temple concurred with that request.

Discussion followed during which the effects of delaying action on **Agenda Item 5.02F** were considered. Also discussed were the meaning of and procedures related to voting by consent agenda.

The Commission then proceeded to consideration of the other agenda items within the consent agenda for the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing. Commissioner Horne provided brief information on **Agenda Item 5.02B**, after which it was **unanimously approved**. **Agenda Item C** was considered and was **approved** with a vote of 8 in favor and 1 opposed (Phillips). **Agenda Items D and E** were considered individually and were **unanimously approved**. **Agenda Items G - L** were

considered collectively and were **unanimously approved**.

A **motion** was made (Seckinger), to remand **Agenda Item 5.02F** back to the Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing until the Committee's next meeting, after which it would be brought back to the full Commission for consideration.

An amended **motion** was offered (Temple) to allow Commissioners more time for review by delaying consideration of **Agenda Item 5.02F** until the Commission's next regularly scheduled monthly meeting to take place on August 7, 2014 rather than remanding it back to committee. Commissioner Seckinger agreed with Commissioner Temple's modification.

Following further discussion about the necessity of additional review by Commissioners as well as additional CHE staff review of **Agenda Item 5.02F**, Commissioner Temple proposed a revision to his motion to provide that the recommendation as stated in 5.02F be amended to strike the words "to seek legislative change."

The **motion** as advanced and **revised** (Temple) was then voted on and **unanimously approved**.

### **5.03 Report of Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services - Hood Temple**

#### **A. Update on SC Program for the Recruitment and Retention of Minority Teachers (SC PRRMT)**

Commissioner Temple introduced Ms. Reinell Thomas-Myers and Dr. Evelyn Fields who represented SC State University and the SC PRRMT. He provided information about concerns which have been expressed about the progress and possible expansion of this program, details about which may be found in **Attachment IV**. Commissioner Temple reported that the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services would be meeting in July or August to review the May 21, 2014, *Update to the SC-PRRMT Expansion Plan of Action*, details about which may also be found in **Attachment IV**, after which information about the program's budget would be brought back to the full Commission for consideration.

Following discussion about the merits of the program and its value for at-risk students, its future and the evaluation of its performance, Commissioner Temple stated the Committee on Access & Equity and Student Services would continue to work on assessing the progress of the program and well as on options for its future.

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

Commissioner Munns stated that the Committee on Governmental and Administrative Affairs held its organizational meeting following the May 1, 2014, CHE meeting and that the Committee would also be meeting upon adjournment of this CHE meeting. Commissioner Munns reported that the Committee planned to produce a one-page summary of the outcome of each CHE meeting which will be provided to Commissioners shortly after the meetings so that they may use it as a reference to engage their various stakeholders with the work of the CHE. Commissioner Munns also reported that the Committee would be reviewing the CHE by-laws at its afternoon meeting. He stated that the Committee will also consider possible topics for which the Commission should advocate and will bring that information to the full Commission at its September retreat meeting.

### **5.04 Report of Committee on Finance and Facilities - Hood Temple**

#### **A. FY 2013 Agreed Upon Procedures Audit** (For Information, No Action Required)

#### **B. List of Capital Projects & Leases Processed by Staff for May 2014** (For Information, No Action Required)

Commissioner Temple reported and that there had been a slight revision to the **Agenda Item 5.04B** which added the Rutledge Rivers Residence Hall Renovation project at the College of Charleston as an additional capital project processed by staff for May 2014. A document reflecting that revision was distributed to Commissioners. The earlier version of this document has been replaced with the revised version within **Agenda Item 5.04B**.

Mr. Temple stated that the budget for the SmartState program would be considered by the Commission at the next scheduled CHE meeting. He then provided brief background information about the program, emphasizing the very beneficial effects it has had on the state's economic development. Commissioner Temple advocated that support of this important program be considered as a CHE legislative agenda item. Brief discussion followed during which additional positive remarks about SmartState were shared by Chairman Finan and Commissioners Munns and Horne. For the benefit of the most recently appointed Commissioners, Commissioner Horne also recommended that some of the SmartState Endowed Chairs be invited to a future CHE meeting to present information about their activities and accomplishments. Following additional conversation about ways to ensure continued funding for the SmartState program, Commissioner Temple recommended that this topic be included as an agenda item for the Commission's September retreat meeting.

Commissioner Temple then commented briefly on **Agenda Items 5.04 A and B**, which were provided for information. Copies of these agenda items may be found in **Attachment V**.

**6. Six-Month Progress Report on the CHE Strategic Agenda - Richard Sutton**

Dr. Sutton's six-month progress report on the CHE strategic agenda, developed at the Commission's October 2013 retreat and confirmed at the Commission's November 2013 meeting, was delivered in the form of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of that presentation may be found in **Attachment VI**. Following his presentation, Dr. Sutton stated that Commissioners would be invited to attend the gatherings of Presidents by sector to which he had referred during his remarks about Priority #2 in his presentation.

**7. Report of the Executive Director - Richard Sutton**

The report of the Executive Director was incorporated in Dr. Sutton's six-month progress report on the CHE strategic agenda. No further comments were presented.

**8. Legislative Report - Julie Carullo**

Ms. Carullo delivered a legislative update which included highlights about the FY 2014-15 budget as well information on legislation under consideration. The details of Ms. Carullo's report may be found in **Attachment VII**. Ms. Carullo also stated that upon adjournment of the 2014 session of the General Assembly an overall summary of their activities relating to higher education would be compiled and forwarded to Commissioners.

**9. Other Business**

A **motion** was made (**Temple**), **seconded (Horne)**, and **carried** for the meeting to go into Executive Session at 12:20 p.m.

**10. Adjournment of Business Meeting**

The meeting returned to regular session at 2:35 p.m. after which it immediately adjourned.

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