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HIGHLIGHTS OF CHE MEETING JUNE 5, 2014

The following information is intended to be a brief summary of Commission actions and should not be considered as any form of minutes for the referenced meeting. Blue underlined text is hyperlinked.

Former Commissioner Bill Scarborough Recognized for his Service

The Commission thanked Commissioner Scarborough for his exemplary and faithful service on the board as the 1st Congressional District representative from July 2008 through April 2014.

CHE Approves Ten New Academic Programs at Public Institutions

- **Graduate Programs:** [MUSC, Ph.D., Biomedical Imaging](#); [The Citadel, M. S., Leadership](#); [Clemson University, M.E., Biomedical Engineering](#); [USC Columbia, M.E., Biomedical Engineering](#); [College of Charleston, M.S., Child Life](#); and [Lander University, M.S., Athletic Training](#)
- **Baccalaureate Degrees:** [Coastal Carolina University, B.S., Information Technology](#); [USC Columbia, B.A., Chinese Studies](#); and [USC Upstate, B.S., Exercise and Sport Science with Tracks in Exercise Science, Medical Fitness, and Strength and Conditioning](#)
- **Associates Degrees:** [Horry Georgetown Technical College, A.A.S., Sports Tourism](#)

Licensing Application of InfiLaw Corporation Withdrawn

InfiLaw notified CHE on Wednesday, June 4, that it withdrew its application for initial licensure for the J.D., L.L.M. at Charleston School of Law. [Click Here](#) for the notification.

CHE approves licensing requests of Keiser University of FL, the Florida Institute of Technology, and Lenior-Rhyne of NC to operate programs in S.C.

CHE delays consideration of a recommendation to move forward with preparations for legislative changes that will be necessary for S.C. to participate in SARA (State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement), a national reciprocity agreement concerning authorization of higher education distance education programs. CHE will consider the [recommendation](#) at its next meeting in August.

CHE reviews progress on its strategic agenda: CHE's strategic agenda includes four key priorities: 1) Strengthen Academic Planning, 2) Develop New Higher Education Funding Models/Accountability-Based Funding, 3) Improve P-20 Collaboration; and 4) Improve Monitoring of Non-Public Education Providers. For a copy of the progress report, [Click Here](#).

CHE receives several reports relating to program activity of public institutions

For access to copies of the reports and a legislative update, [Click Here](#).

SmartState® SC Centers of Economic Excellence

Commissioner Temple informed Commissioners that the Finance & Facilities Committee at its morning meeting reviewed the operating budget for SmartState and will bring forward its recommendation for approval in August. The importance of SmartState in building the state's economy was noted. SmartState was started by the General Assembly in FY03 to create incentives for the state's research universities to raise capital from non-state sources to fund endowments for specialized research professorships. For information about SmartState, www.smartstatedesc.org.

Upcoming Commission Meeting: CHE meets next on August 7, 2014, at 10:30 am.