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## The S.C. Commission on Higher Education

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### S.C. Commission on Higher Education to Conduct Search for New Executive Director

COLUMBIA, S.C. - The S.C. Commission on Higher Education (CHE) approved yesterday a special committee of the Commission to conduct a national search for a new executive director.

"The Commission is committed to finding the best possible candidate to lead the Commission on Higher Education and fulfill its mission," said CHE Chairman General John Finan.

The CHE Executive Director Search Committee will lead the search for the agency's new director and assist in the identification and solicitation of qualified candidates. The committee expects to hold an organizational meeting on June 25.

Chairman Finan named Commissioner Allison Dean Love as the chair of the search committee. Love said, "The next executive director should be a transformational leader with the strategic vision and experience to guide CHE in the responsibilities demanded of it in today's extremely dynamic higher education environment."

Members of the Commission's search committee and advisors represent a diverse group of higher education and business leaders and include: CHE Commissioners Tim Hofferth, Dianne Kuhl, Charles Munns, and Terrye Seckinger. Also serving as advisors to the committee are: Dr. Ronnie Booth, President of Tri-County Technical College; Dr. Fred Carter, President of Francis Marion University; Calvin "Chip" Jackson, Chair of the Richland School District Two Board of Trustees; Dr. Sandra Jordan, Chancellor of USC Aiken; Mr. Ted Pitts, President and CEO of S.C. Chamber of Commerce; and Mr. Austin Smith, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Office of the Governor.

The search committee will review applications, conduct interviews, and bring finalists to the full Commission for consideration. "We expect the first round of interviews with the candidates to begin later this summer," said Love. Ms. Julie Carullo will continue to serve as Interim Executive Director until a new Executive Director is hired.

The position for executive director will be posted online, at [www.jobs.sc.gov](http://www.jobs.sc.gov) and [www.che.sc.gov](http://www.che.sc.gov).

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*The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (CHE) serves as the state's coordinating board for higher education. Its mission is to promote quality and efficiency in the state system of higher education with the goal of fostering economic growth and human development in South Carolina. Information about current activities of CHE and higher education in South Carolina can be found on the agency's website: [www.che.sc.gov](http://www.che.sc.gov).*