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## SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

### COMMISSIONERS



**Mr. Tim M. Hofferth**, Chapin, Governor's Appointment at Large, Chair. Appointed by the Governor on 9/15/2015 and confirmed by the Senate on April 6, 2016.

Mr. Hofferth began serving on the Commission in March 2015 as an at-large appointee of the Governor. He is currently the Chairman and CEO of TMH Consulting, LLC and has been involved with higher education for the last 25 years in a variety of capacities. He served as a University Administrator and as the President and COO of one of the nation's largest multi-media rights companies. As President and COO of Nelligan Sports Marketing, Inc., he represented over 40 colleges and universities nationwide. He fueled the creation of this multimillion-dollar startup business for over 14 years which resulted in a strategic acquisition in February 2014, creating the largest collegiate multimedia rights holder in the country with 97 institutions. At 34 years old, he was one of the youngest Division I Director of Athletics in the country at Villanova University. Mr. Hofferth was on the Villanova University Vice President's Council and on the Executive Committee of the Big East Conference. In 2001, he was recognized by Street & Smith's Sports Business Journal as a "40 Under 40" recipient, identifying him as one of the most influential leaders in the sports business industry. Currently residing in Chapin, S.C., he earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of South Carolina, Aiken and his Masters of Education from the University of South Carolina, Columbia.



**Mr. Devron H. Edwards**, Chapin, Governor's Appointment at Large. Appointed to CHE in 2016. Committee Assignments: Access & Equity and Student Services; Governmental and Administrative Affairs

Mr. Edwards, a new member of the Commission on Higher Education, has been in the sports business industry for more than two decades. Throughout his career he has cultivated successful partnerships with organizations and countless blue chip companies. He has worked with many schools, conferences and businesses over the years to develop and grow academic and athletic opportunities. He attended Irmo High School and received his undergraduate and master's degrees from the University of Kentucky. He has been with CBS Sports for 13 years. Devron and his wife Rana have two sons and reside in Chapin, South Carolina.



**Mr. Kenneth W. Kirkland**, Greenville, Governor's Appointment at Large. Appointed to CHE in 2016. Committee Assignments: Finance and Facilities; Governmental and Administrative Affairs

Mr. Kirkland is currently a principal and owner of Premier Insurance Consultants, LLC in Greenville, South Carolina. A full service, independent insurance agency that has grown into a multimillion-dollar operation since its inception in 2001. As a successful businessman and entrepreneur, Mr. Kirkland has the additional experience of having worked in the Banking and Finance industry in various management positions with both Bank of America and National Bank of South Carolina. His volunteer service organizations include United Way of Greenville County, Kiwanis Club of Simpsonville, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina Aiken with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and was a four-year letterman for the baseball team. Mr. Kirkland and his family are members of Praise Cathedral in Greer, SC where he is an active participant in the church orchestra. He is married to Jennifer Carlton Kirkland and has two children, Brittany and Michael.



**Dr. Jennifer B. Settlemyer**, Prosperity, Governor's Appointment at Large. Appointed to CHE in 2011; Reappointed in 2015. Committee Assignments: Access & Equity and Student Services (Chair); Governmental and Administrative Affairs

Dr. Settlemyer has Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Speech Communication Consultancy and Occupational and Adult Education from Oklahoma State University. She is a graduate from the University of South Carolina receiving an Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction. Her background consists of positions within the Curriculum and Instructional Materials Center of the OK State Department of Vocational and Technical Education, post-secondary scholarship administration, development of retention programs, administration of federal education funding programs, and development of military education funding programs and their administration systems. Dr. Settlemyer is vice chair for the National Guard's Education Services Officer Committee. She is active as a mentor for Team in Training—a Leukemia and Lymphoma Society fund-raising program and volunteers for the SC National Guard Youth Camp each year. She and her husband, Brent Settlemyer, are both members of the SC Army National Guard.



**Mrs. Terrye C. Seckinger**, Mt. Pleasant, Governor's Appointment 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Representative. Appointed to CHE in 2014. Committee Assignments: Academic Affairs & Licensing (Chair); Governmental and Administrative Affairs

Mrs. Seckinger is a native South Carolinian and graduate of Clemson University. She has been involved in South Carolina state government for over two decades serving on The Juvenile Parole Board, The State Board of Education, and the SC Statewide Charter Public School District Board of Trustees an authorizer of public schools of choice in SC. Mrs. Seckinger served on Attorney General Condon's Obscenity and Pornography Commission and Internet Crimes against Children Commission as well as Governor Sanford's Commission on Children. She has assisted in the restructuring of the Department of Juvenile Justice under Governor Beasley and Chaired a Juvenile Justice Youth Council, addressing the issue of Juvenile Crime in SC. Recently she assisted in drafting and passing the Charter Public School Law creating public school choice in SC. She has a business background and was on the founding team of *Palmetto Christian Academy*, a K-12 private school in Mount Pleasant where she developed and taught their Character Education Program. As a student athlete she was a 1978 founding member of Clemson's Fellowship of Christian Athletes along with two football players. She is married to R. Stan Seckinger. They have two married boys and a third son who is a TE on Clemson's football team. She has been involved in the Charleston community serving in several capacities including the Charleston County Library Board, as a former Election Commissioner for the City of Isle of Palms, as well as a former Board of Visitor member at Charleston Southern University. Mrs. Seckinger currently serves on the Lowcountry Graduate Center Board of Directors as the CHE Ex-Officio Representative.



**Admiral Charles Munns**, Aiken, Governor's Appointment 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District Representative. Appointed to CHE in 2011. Committee Assignments: Governmental and Administrative Affairs (Vice Chair); Academic Affairs and Licensing

Currently the President of Munns Advisement, LLC, Admiral Munns was formerly the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Savannah River Nuclear Solutions from 2007 through 2009. He served for 35 years in some of the US Navy's most high-profile and challenging positions, including: Commander, US Submarine Force; Commander, NATO Submarines; and Program Manager, Navy Marine Corps Intranet. Admiral Munns received his Bachelor of Science degree from the US Naval Academy, his Master of Science, Computer Science degree from the University of Colorado, and his Corporate Board Directors Continuum Certificate from the University of Chicago School of Business. Admiral Munns is active in his church and serves on various educational and community committees.



**Dr. Bettie Rose Horne**, Greenwood, Governor's Appointment 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District Representative. Appointed to CHE in 2004. Committee Assignment: Access & Equity and Student Services

Dr. Horne taught at Lander University for twenty-seven years and spent the last six of those years in administration overseeing such projects as access and equity, tutorial services, academic advising, and student support services. She also spent seven years as an academic vice president and dean at an agricultural college in South Georgia and over three years in Atlanta at the University System of Georgia as Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs. She earned her Ph.D. degree in linguistics at the University of South Carolina. Dr. Horne is active in her church and serves on boards which include Habitat for Humanity, Pathway Homeless Shelter, the Burton Center for special needs, Hispanic

Children's Outreach, the Greenwood Flower Festival, Greenwood Performing Arts, and the Lander University Capital Campaign. Dr. Horne was married to the late Coach Finis Horne, has twin daughters, and is the proud grandmother of a fourteen year old granddaughter.



**Ms. Dianne Coleman Kuhl**, Greer, Governor's Appointment 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative. Appointed to CHE in 2014. CHE Vice Chair; Committee Assignments: Governmental and Administrative Affairs (Chair); Finance and Facilities (Vice Chair)

Ms. Kuhl is a graduate of Furman University, with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. She served with Governor Carroll Campbell as director of the Governor's Office on Volunteerism, and is currently a partner with CORBIA, a diversified consulting firm in Greenville, where she is responsible for government and public relations. She is also Senior Consultant with the company's international division, working with overseas clients to evaluate and upgrade healthcare systems and medical

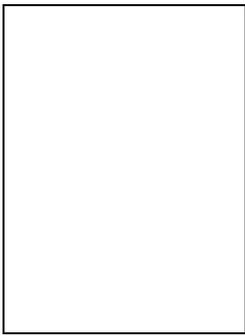
education. Ms. Kuhl is an active volunteer, and has served on numerous boards and committees, including the Greer Memorial Hospital Community Advisory Board, Greenville County First Steps, and the WestEnd Association, where she was deeply involved in the redevelopment of Greenville's Historic WestEnd District. She is a graduate of *Connections: Women Leaders in the Upstate*, and a recipient of Furman's Political Science Advisory Board's Distinguished Service Award. Ms. Kuhl currently volunteers as marketing director for National English Shepherd Rescue and as a certified instructor for the American Red Cross. She is married to Dr. Dana Kuhl, and is a member of the Episcopal Church.



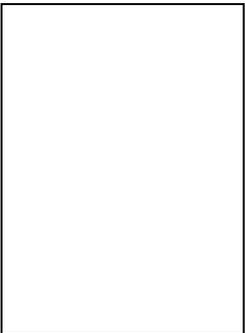
**Mr. Kim Phillips**, Gaffney, Governor's Appointment 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative. Appointed to CHE in 2011. Committee Assignments: Academic Affairs and Licensing; Finance and Facilities

Mr. Phillips is the HR Director at Hamrick Mills, Inc. Active in his community, he is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a board member at the Cherokee Children's Home, a member of the Education Economic Indicators Committee in Cherokee County, a volunteer for United Way, and a former Cherokee County School Trustee. Mr. Phillips is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, with a B.S. in Business Administration. He also has his Professional in Human Resources (PHR) certification. His professional activities include membership in the Society of Human Resources Management (SHRM), the South Carolina Manufactures

Association (SCMA), the Spartanburg Development Association (SDA), and the Cherokee County Human Resources Group. Mr. Phillips and his wife, LeAnn, are the parents of four daughters. He and his family are members of First Baptist Church of Gaffney.



VACANT, Governor's Appointment 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative.



VACANT, Governor's Appointment 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative.



**Dr. Louis B. Lynn**, Columbia, Governor's Appointment Research University Sector Representative, is a member of the Clemson University Board of Trustees. Appointed to CHE in 2015. Reappointed in 2016. Committee Assignments: Academic Affairs and Licensing (Vice Chair); Finance and Facilities

Dr. Louis B. Lynn, Columbia, Research Institution Representative, is Chairman of ENVIRO AgScience, Inc., a 30-year-old family owned construction and landscape firm with offices in Columbia and Atlanta. Dr. Lynn received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Clemson University and his Ph.D. from the University of Maryland. Dr. Lynn currently serves as Adjunct Professor of Horticulture at Clemson University and he has served on the Clemson Board of Trustees since 1988. He previously served on the Commission as the Research Institution Representative from 2006 – 2009. Locally he serves on the Executive Committee of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce and is President of the South Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Minority Contractors. Nationally Dr. Lynn serves on the Corporate Board of BB&T Bank in Winston-Salem, NC, the Board of Trustees of the National Urban League in New York, the board of the American Horticultural Society in Washington, D.C. and the board of the National Association of Minority Contractors in Washington, D.C. In 2012 Dr. Lynn was recognized by the US Department of Commerce as the national Small Businessman of the Year. Dr. Lynn has received numerous awards and recognitions for the work of his company and for his civic service.



**Ms. Allison Dean Love**, Columbia, Governor's Appointment Four-year College & University Sector Representative, is a member of The Citadel Board of Visitors. Appointed to CHE in 2015. Reappointed in 2016. Committee Assignment: Academic Affairs and Licensing.

Ms. Love is a member of The Citadel Board of Visitors where she has served for nearly 18 years. She is the first female and the first graduate of The Citadel Graduate College elected by the SC General Assembly to serve on the board. She is a public relations, media relations and communications consultant with more than 25 years of experience in the fields of communications and marketing spanning of a range of industries. Ms. Love holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Middle Tennessee State University, an MBA from The Citadel Graduate College, and an Associate in Personal Insurance from the Insurance Institute of America. She is chair of the Board of Visitors Communications and Community Relations Committee and she serves on the Executive and Legal Committees. Ms. Love has demonstrated her dedication to supporting higher education in South Carolina as a member of the Board of Directors for the Lowcountry Graduate Center (LGC). She has served on the LGC Board since 2001, previously served as Chair and currently holds the position of Vice-Chair.



**Mr. Paul O. Batson, III**, Greer, Governor's Appointment, Public Technical Colleges Sector Representative. Appointed to CHE in 2015. Reappointed in 2016. Committee Assignments: Access and Equity & Student Services (Vice Chair); Finance and Facilities

Mr. Batson has operated an accounting and tax practice since 1987. He has served as an Area Commissioner for Greenville Technical College since 1998, has been their Board Chair for 4 years, and currently serves as their Audit Committee Chair. Mr. Batson has also served on the Board of Directors for the SC Association of Technical College Commissioners for several years and is currently that Board's Chair. He has been involved in a variety of ways with the Technical College System since 1972 when he was hired as an instructor at Greenville Technical College. For 40 years, Mr. Batson has also been an adjunct professor in the undergraduate program at Furman University. Mr. Batson earned his BS degree from Clemson University and his MBA from Clemson at Furman University.



**Dr. Evans P. Whitaker**, Governor's Appointment Independent College & University Sector Representative. Appointed to CHE in 2015. Committee Assignments: Academic Affairs and Licensing; Access & Equity and Student Services

Dr. Whitaker has served as the President of Anderson University since 2002 during which time enrollment there has more than doubled. He holds a Ph.D. in education and human development from Vanderbilt University, and an M. Ed. degree from George Peabody College for Teachers of Vanderbilt University. He is a member of the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (SCICU) Board of Trustees and a past chair of the SCICU Council of Presidents. Dr. Whitaker also served as a Trustee of the Commission on Colleges of The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SCS-COC) from 2008 to 2013, which is the regional accrediting body for educational institutions in the South. He continues to serve SACS-COC as a member of the Appeals Committee and occasional chair of On-Site Reaffirmation Committees.

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