



# South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

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**TO:** Admiral Charles L. Munns, Chair, and Members, Ms. Terrye Seckinger, and Ms. Dianne Kuhl, Committee on Governmental & Administrative Affairs

**FROM:** Julie Carullo, Deputy Executive Director for Administration/  
Director of External Affairs

**DATE:** January 29, 2015

**RE:** Meeting of the Committee on Governmental & Administrative Affairs,  
February 2, 2015

The Committee on Governmental & Administrative Affairs is scheduled to meet on **Monday, February 2, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. by teleconference** with accessibility in the Executive Director's conference room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

To access the call:

Dial: **800 503 2899**  
Access Code: **737 2275**

An agenda and materials are attached.

If you have questions, please contact me at (803) 737-2292.

*Enclosures*

*cc: Chairman John Finan and Members of the Commission  
Dr. Richard Sutton, Executive Director*

**SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS**

**VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Executive Director's Conference Room**

**1122 Lady Street, Columbia, SC 29201**

**10:00 a.m.**

**February 2, 2015**

- 1) **Introductions**
- 2) **\* Approval of Minutes of October 2, 2014**
- 3) **Discussion, Process for Distribution of Stakeholder Communications: CHE Meeting Updates**
- 4) **Discussion, CHE Legislative Agenda Advocacy Items, 2015 Session**  
**(\* Information Item Attached: CHE Correspondence of January 28, 2015)**
- 5) **Discussion, Expectations regarding CHE Procedures**
- 6) **Next Meetings**
  - a. **June 4, 2015, 1:00 pm**
  - b. **October 1, 2015, 1:00 pm**
- 7) **Other Business**
- 8) **Adjournment**

*\*Attachment*

Pending Approval of the Committee

**South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (CHE)**  
**Committee on Governmental & Administrative Affairs**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Main Conference Room,**  
**1122 Lady Street, Suite 300, Columbia, SC 29201**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
**October 2, 2014**

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Admiral Charles Munns, Chair  
Ms. Diane Kuhl  
\*Ms. Elizabeth Jackson  
Ms. Terrye Seckinger

**CHE Staff:**

Ms. Julie Carullo  
Ms. Tanya Rogers  
Dr. Argentini Anderson

*\*Attended via telephone*

Committee Chairman Charles Munns convened the meeting at approximately 1:00 p.m.

**1. Introduction**

**2. Approval of Minutes of June 5, 2014:**

Commissioner Seckinger moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2014. The minutes were approved as recorded.

**3. Consideration of 2015 CHE Meeting Calendar:**

Commissioner Seckinger moved and Commissioner Jackson seconded a motion to approve the meeting. The meeting calendar was approved as presented.

**4. Consideration of Amendments to CHE Bylaws**

Commissioner Kuhl moved and Commissioner Seckinger seconded a motion to approve the amendments to the Bylaws as the first iteration. The motion was approved.

**Under Section I of the Bylaws**

- The Committee agreed to submit amendments to the full Commission for approval.
- Amend Item 3 to allow more flexibility for Vice-chairs to be allowed to serve more than four years by deleting “no more than four consecutive years in that capacity”
- Item 5: Ms. Julie Carullo will review procedures for distribution of meeting materials and give a brief to commissioners at next commission meeting.
- Item 11: Ms. Carullo will review Robert’s rules of order regarding attending executive sessions by phone and provide an update to the Commission.
- Amend Item 14 to include “or a ballot vote”. *“Any member may request a roll call vote or a ballot vote to be recorded provided the request for a recorded call is made prior to the results of the vote being announced.”*

**Under Section II of the Bylaws**

- Item 1: Ms. Carullo will research the “at-will” employee information and report back to the Committee.
- Amend Item 2:
- 2b: Add “implementing” prior to word “procedure”

- 2d: Add “and manage daily operations”. *“recommending a staff organization; and manage daily operations”*

**Under Section IV of the Bylaws**

- Amend Item 1 to *replace “executive director” with “Commission chair”*
- Amend Item 2 to add “chair” and “or executive director”
- Item 3: Ms. Carullo will review Robert’s Rules of Order regarding the 2/3 of the **body** versus 2/3 of the **members present** and also “simple majority”. The Committee will abide by Robert’s Rules for these matters.

**5. Consideration of CHE Legislative Agenda**

The Committee will review the current Commission Roles and Responsibilities for usage as a foundation for what is needed and share thoughts at the next Committee meeting.

Admiral Munns and Commissioner Seckinger will draft a couple of paragraphs for submission to the universities requesting their thoughts about what is most important to them (their top three priorities).

**6. Discussion of Stakeholder Communications**

Commissioner Updates are being made available to members for distribution to constituencies following each Commission meeting. Ms. Carullo is to request feedback from members when sending the update to Commissioners for distribution.

**7. Gubernatorial debates.**

There was no update on this item.

**8. For Information and Comment, CHE Staff Communication Policy**

There was no update on this item.

**9. Discussion of Board Governance:**

Commissioner Seckinger suggested that the Commission hire a consultant to advise and train the Commissioners. She also shared suggested reading, *Reinventing your board: A step-by-step guide to implementing policy governance* by John Carver

**10. Election of Committee Chair:**

Commissioner Seckinger moved and Commissioner Kuhl seconded a nomination of Admiral Munns as the Committee Chair. Commissioner Kuhl moved and Admiral Munns seconded a nomination of Commissioner Seckinger as the Committee Vice-chair. The Committee voted and approved Admiral Munns as the Committee Chair and Commissioner Seckinger as the Committee Vice-chair.

**11. 2015 Committee Meeting Schedule:**

The Committee discussed planning a November meeting, but they will verify that the November meeting will not cause any scheduling conflicts with CAAL or other meetings. (Schedule subject to Committee consideration and Commission approval of CHE 2015 Meeting Calendar)

**January 8, 2015 at 1:00 pm**

**June 4, 2015 at 1:00 pm**

**October 1, 2015 at 1:00 pm**

**12. Other Business**

**13. Adjournment**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:37 pm.

INFORMATION ITEM

February 2, 2015



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January 28, 2015

The Honorable Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr.  
 President, Pro Tempore, SC Senate  
 and Chair, Senate Finance Committee

The Honorable W. Brian White,  
 Chair, House Ways & Means Committee

The Honorable John E. Courson,  
 Chair, Senate Education Committee

The Honorable Merita "Rita" Allison  
 Chair, House Education & Public Works Committee

Dear Senators Leatherman and Courson, Representatives White and Allison:

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education strongly supports state policies that are sensitive to the needs of our military service men and women. We believe that our armed forces—in addition to their primary role in protecting our national security—are important contributors to economic development, civic leadership, and intellectual capital. We believe it is in South Carolina's best interest to maintain and strengthen our reputation as a state that welcomes both those in active service and veterans.

In educational policy affecting military veterans, a new issue has recently emerged that requires legislative action. Section 702 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 ("Choice Act") requires public colleges and universities to charge in-state tuition rates to certain discharged veterans and qualifying dependents in order to maintain eligibility for all enrolled veterans for receiving educational benefits under the Montgomery and Post-9/11 G.I. Bills (Titles 30 and 33). The federal provision is effective for terms July 1, 2015 and after. South Carolina law does not currently allow our public colleges and universities to meet this requirement.

The Commission is asking your support of legislation that would bring our state into compliance with this new federal law. More importantly, we are pledging our assistance in helping to craft language that will satisfy technical aspects of the federal Choice Act. We want to ensure that we design a seamless transition to the new policy that fairly serves all covered persons.

Our public institutions will likely experience some lost revenue as eligible veterans and qualifying dependents who were previously paying non-resident tuition will immediately start paying the lower in-state rates. To the extent that state support can lessen this consequence, we would be most appreciative. Regardless of the level of this assistance, however, we believe that a bill to bring us into compliance must pass during this first regular session of the 121<sup>st</sup> General Assembly to avoid the complete loss of educational benefits for veterans at our public institutions.

Thank you for all you do to lead our great state.

Sincerely,

John L. Finan, Brig. General USAF (ret.)  
 Chairman, SC Commission on Higher Education

cc: Members of the Commission  
 Presidents, Chancellors, and Deans of SC Public Colleges and Universities  
 The Honorable Nikki G. Setzler, Chair, Senate Education Subcommittee  
 The Honorable James H. Merrill, Chair, House Ways and Means Higher Educ. & Tech. Coll. Subcommittee  
 The Honorable Bill Taylor, Chair, House Education & Public Works Higher Education Subcommittee