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Governor Nikki Haley announced that she has appointed Retired USAF Brigadier General John L. Finan as Chairman of the Commission on Higher Education (CHE) for a four-year term. Mr. Finan, whose appointment must be confirmed by the Senate in the upcoming legislative session, succeeds Mr. Ken Wingate of Columbia who resigned earlier this month after completing his term.

Mr. Wingate expressed *"I am so pleased that the Governor has chosen John Finan to lead the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. John has an exemplary career of service to our state and country and a vast experience in higher education. General Finan not only had a stellar military career, but also has excellent experience in the financial management of colleges and universities. He will step in and lead from day one."*

Mr. Finan has a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Connecticut, a Master of Business Administration in Accounting from Michigan State University and attended Harvard University's JFK School of Government, a school for Senior Managers in Government. He served in Governor Haley's cabinet and as the first Executive Director appointed by the Governor to restructure and run the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce. He is a proven manager with an outstanding achievement record in the military, state government and higher education at a senior level. Mr. Finan is married and has one grown son.

CHE is the state's coordinating board of higher education. The board is made up of 15 members from across South Carolina including: one member from each of the seven Congressional Districts; four at-large members appointed by the Governor, including the Chairman; three members each representing one of the public higher education sectors, Research Universities, Four-year Comprehensive Colleges and Universities, and Technical Colleges; and one member, an Independent College President, representing the state's Independent Colleges.

For additional information and picture of Mr. Finan, please see <http://www.che.sc.gov/ExecutiveDirector/COMBIOS.pdf> or visit the Commission's website at www.che.sc.gov.